

# JUSTICE SUCCESS STORY

## Acquitting Aliya Begum of charges for a murder she did not commit

**Aliya Begum, 40 years old, lived a content life with her husband and 10 children. Her husband worked as a driver to provide for the family. Their life took a turn for the worse when Aliya was arrested in a fabricated murder case. She was arrested and sent to Women's Prison Karachi.**

She faced a long trial – it concluded and Aliya was sentenced for life with a PKR 100,000 compensation to the legal heirs of the deceased. Aliya's appeal had been pending in Sindh High Court. Her case was referred to the Committee by the Prison Authorities.

Her appeal was assigned to CWP-LAO Advocate **Habib ur Rehman Jiskani** (M&E and litigation manager) who filed Aliya's vakalatnama on 14 th April 2022.

The case proceeded on fast track. During case proceedings it was highlighted that Aliya's statement was recorded 10 days after she was detained, the mobile phone used as evidence to establish a relationship between Aliya and co-accused was not supported by a forensic report, and the statement of the complainant who insisted that the deceased was poisoned was found conflicted with the forensic report.

Based on the loopholes highlighted during the proceedings, the Honorable Sindh High Court acquitted Aliya of all charges.

The appeal was concluded in 7 months and 18 days.

