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Ahmad Rafay Alam is a Pakistani environment lawyer and activist. After a decade of practice, ending as Senior Associate to Dr. Parvez Hassan (YLS 1963), in 2013 Rafay merged his experience in civil, corporate and constitutional law with his passion for public interest environment litigation and co-founded Saleem, Alam & Co., a law firm that specializes in energy, water, natural resources, and urban infrastructure.

Rafay is a regular op-ed columnist on environment, local government and urban issues and has contributed to The News, The Express Tribune, The Friday Times and has been published in Dawn, The Nation, The Daily Times, Tehlka, Vogue India and Libas International. Rafay's Partition story – which he shares with Martand Khosla - A House Partitioned, has been included in This Side, That Side, a graphically illustrated anthology of Partition literature and his essay, The Last Mughal of Shalimar, described by Tehlka as “superb piece of writing”, was included in The Life's Too Short Literary Review.

Rafay has lectured property and environment law at the Lahore University of Management Sciences since 2006. He has also lectured urban development at the Architecture Department of the University of Punjab and climate change and environment economics at the Lahore School of Economics; and is a frequent Review Panelist at the National Management College, Lahore and a regular lecturer in higher education institutions throughout Pakistan. His research and policy papers on law, climate change, trans-boundary water, sustainability, environmental economics and regulation have been published in The Pakistan Law Journal, Pakistan Law Digest, The Pakistan Development Review and by Chatham House, The Population Association of Pakistan and LEAD Pakistan. Rafay serves as a Director on the Boards of the Lahore Waste Management Company, the Urban Unit and the Punjab Saaf Paani (Clean Water) Company.

He served as Chairman of the Lahore Electric Supply Company from 2011 to 2013. He is a Member of the Punjab Environment Protection Council, the Parks and Horticulture Authority of Lahore and the Lahore Canal Heritage Park Advisory Committee. Rafay is also is a Member of the Board of Directors of the Citizens Archive of Pakistan, Vice-President (Punjab) of the Pakistan Environmental Law Association, General Secretary of the Public Interest Law Association of Pakistan and Secretary of the Lahore Biennale Foundation. He frequently appears as amicus curiae before the Lahore High Court and is the Secretary of the River Ravi and Fire Safety Commissions.

In 2014 Rafay was a Yale World Fellow, in 2013 he was a Fellow at New America Foundation South Asia, and in 2012 he was a Fellow of the Asia Society India-Pakistan Young Leaders Initiative. On the weekends, Rafay helps organize Critical Mass Lahore, a cycling group that raises awareness about sustainable cities, the right to mobility and the right to participate in public spaces.