Biography

Hussain Shameem, Prosecutor General of Maldives

Hussain Shameem is the Prosecutor General of Maldives, appointed to this position in December 2019 for a five-year term.

Mr Shameem read law at Al-Azhar University of Egypt. Later, in 2012, completed a Masters in Criminal Law and Criminal Justice from University of Sussex, England, as a recipient of the Chevening Scholarship.

Mr Shameem started his career as a State Attorney at Attorney General’s Office of Maldives in September 2004. In 2008 with the new Constitution of Maldvies, an independent Prosecutor General’s Office was established and Mr. Shaemem was appointed as Senior Public Prosecutor at newly established Prosecutor General’s Office in August 2008.

He was appointed as the Deputy Prosecutor General on 4th February, 2009. He continued to serve as Deputy Prosecutor General until his resignation in 2012 to continue further studies. In 2013, upon completion of his Master’s degree, he was reappointed as Deputy Prosecutor General in November 2013. He later resigned from his position in May 2014 and started his own private practice.

During this time, he also served as the President of Family Protection Authority, responsible to oversee issues relating to Family Protection related matters within the judicial and criminal justice system. From 2014-2016, Mr Shameem acted as Lead Consultant for UNDP-Maldives in the implementation of the new Penal Code of Maldives, where he lead a team of 6 lawyers in creating and delivering an elaborate rollout plan of the new Code.

He continued in his private practice until December 2019 when he was appointed as Prosecutor General, by the Maldives Parliament.