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**Xadicha Sulaymonova: influential figure in the legal landscape of Uzbekistan**

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**Annotation;** Xadicha Sulaymonova (1913-1965) was an exceptional legal scholar and influential figure in the legal landscape of the UzSSR. Her groundbreaking achievements and unwavering commitment to justice and equality have left an indelible mark on the history of law and governance in Uzbekistan. This article provides a comprehensive overview of Sulaymonova's extraordinary career, her significant contributions to the field of jurisprudence, and the lasting impact of her pioneering work.

**Key words:** Xadicha Sulaymonova, legal system, justice, career, professorship, progress, Uzbekistan, impact.

Born on July 3, 1913, Sulaymonova's intellectual prowess became evident early on, culminating in her graduation from school in 1931. Her journey in the legal profession commenced with her appointment as a people's judge and member of the Supreme Court of the UzSSR from 1935 to 1938, where she displayed exceptional legal acumen and dedication to upholding the principles of justice and fairness. 22-year-old Xadicha Sulaymonova, while working as a court, spent her days learning criminal affairs with diligence. At that time, E.M. Udriy, who was the Chief Justice, provided her with guidance and encouragement, despite the challenging circumstances. Her mentor, Professor Ivan Ivanovich Krislev, advised her "to study in graduate school, and if you act, you will become a great scholar". Following this advice, she was admitted to the graduate program of the Criminal Law Department of the Moscow Legal Institute in 1938. The period of Sulaymonova's graduate studies is noted by the jurist Y.J. Pesin, who served in Uzbekistan, stating, "This strong-willed girl, lacking nothing but warmth of feeling for learning and discovering, won the hearts of all of us.

Xadicha Sulaymonova's commitment to enriching our nation's knowledge and fostering the development of law, particularly through her work in the legal field, is evident. For instance, her academic work, dissertations, and scholarly activities during her undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral years served as evidence of her engagement in complex and challenging subjects. Specifically, during her graduate studies, she set about preparing an academic work titled "Criminal Laws of Uzbekistan during the Period of Military Intervention and Civil War". However, due to the Second World War, many graduate students, including Sulaymonova, returned to Tashkent and continued their academic and pedagogical activities amidst various difficulties. Each instance of struggle and hardship in their education, scholarly research, found its reward. For in 1945, she successfully defended her dissertation at the Institute of Legal Sciences under the People's Commissariat of Justice of the USSR, becoming the first Uzbek woman to attain a doctoral degree in legal sciences. This remarkable accomplishment exemplified her pioneering spirit and laid the foundation for future generations of women in legal academia. She was appointed as the head of the Criminal Law Department at the Tashkent Law Institute. Subsequently, Xadicha Sulaymonova pursued her academic vocation at the USSR Academy of Sciences' Law Institute. After two years of study and scholarly research, she defended her doctoral dissertation on the topic of "The Emergence and Development of Criminal Law in Uzbekistan". She returned to Tashkent with the rank of professor after her dissertation was approved. Sulaymonova's academic pursuits showcased several distinctive features, particularly her significant contributions to the complex and challenging topics of Uzbekistan's criminal law. For instance, her scholarly and practical suggestions regarding the

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development and completion of criminal laws in Uzbekistan were recognized with her election as a full member of the Academy of Sciences of the USSR in October 1956, and she was duly awarded the title of academician. Sulaymonova's leadership and vision were further evident in her role as the Director of the Legal Institute and her prestigious title as "Honored Scientist of the UzSSR," underscoring her influential role in shaping the legal education landscape. As Minister of Justice of the UzSSR from 1956 to 1958, Sulaymonova played a pivotal role in shaping legislative frameworks and upholding the principles of justice and equality. Her enduring commitment to the advancement of legal systems and governance was further evident in her role as chairman of the legal commission under the USSR Council of Ministers from 1959 to 1964, where she contributed to the development of essential legal frameworks and regulations. In 1964, Sulaymonova made history once again as she assumed the position of Chairman of the Supreme Court of the UZSSR, leaving a lasting legacy as a trailblazer and visionary leader within the legal system.

As emphasized above, we acknowledge Xadicha Sulaymonova not only as a legal expert, scholar, and academician, but also as a prominent stateswoman. For example, it is possible to highlight her participation as the delegate representing Uzbekistan at prestigious international forums. In 1956, she participated as a delegate of Uzbekistan during the Third International Assembly of sociologists in Amsterdam, and in 1961, she delivered a speech at the first conference of Asian and African women in the United Arab Republic. Sulaymonova's groundbreaking achievements and unwavering commitment to justice and equality continue to inspire generations of legal professionals, particularly women, who aspire to follow in her footsteps and make significant contributions to the realm of law and justice. Her influence as Chairman of the Supreme Court of the UzSSR and her tireless dedication to the pursuit of justice and equality within the legal system have firmly established her as a trailblazer and visionary leader in the legal landscape of Uzbekistan.

In conclusion, Xadicha Sulaymonova's extraordinary career and groundbreaking accomplishments have left an enduring legacy in the field of law and governance. Her pioneering spirit, scholarly contributions, and unwavering commitment to justice serve as a testament to her indelible impact on the legal landscape of Uzbekistan, inspiring future generations to continue her legacy of progress and equality within the realm of law and justice.

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