Born November 7, 1944 in Hyderabad, India and spending the greater part of his childhood and young adult life in Pakistan, Rafique Ahmed migrated to the United States in 1969 with the educational goal of obtaining a Masters in Business Administration (MBA) and building a better life for him and his newly wedded wife, Shahana Ahmed.

Within one week of his arrival in the United States, Rafique Ahmed's dedication to community service and the love for the game of Cricket led him to being elected as the first Vice President of a sports organization formed by the local Pakistanis in Los Angeles. In 1969, he was inducted as the first Pakistani and Muslim to serve as Director of the official Southern California Cricket Association since its inception in 1935 and provided excellent services promoting the game for several years.

Through the early years in the United States, Rafique Ahmed's passion for writing, literature and poetry led him to hold the first Urdu Mushaira in the history of California in Hollywood in 1974.

As Rafique Ahmed, after acquiring his MBA, continued to hold increasingly responsible positions in finance with some of America's leading corporations, a very prestigious career opportunity with one of Canada's largest banks led Rafique Ahmed and his family to relocate to Montreal, Canada for a few years. Again, while in Canada, Rafique Ahmed played an active role in the local community and served as Vice President of Pakistan Cricket Club of Montreal, edited and published several cultural magazines, wrote articles on regular basis for various publications in Toronto and Montreal, and actively participated on community radio and television programs before moving back to sunny California.

Upon his return to the United States in 1984, Rafique Ahmed decided to establish his own tax, accounting and consulting practice and also to follow on his passion for community service and publishing. He has served as the Editor-in-Chief of Nida-ul-Islam for many years and had taken this publication from a newsletter to a well-respected and very popular Islamic magazine in North America. Realizing an urgent need to address the contemporary Islamic issues faced by American Muslims, Rafique Ahmed collaborated in 1988 with world-renowned Islamic scholar and Chairman of the Fiqh Council of North America, Dr. Muzammil H. Siddiqi and introduced and published a highly informative Islamic series, “Issues and Questions” for years in Nida-ul-Islam. This series became so popular throughout the United States and Canada that a number of publications reproduced “Issues and Questions” and after more than two decades, Dr. Muzammil Siddiqi is still addressing and publishing new “Issues and Questions” on a regular basis in Pakistan Link and other electronic media for the benefit of millions of Muslims in America.

Rafique Ahmed also served as the Editor of Religious Affairs for the Pakistan Link, the largest Pakistani newspaper in America and served on the Board of the Islamic Center of San Gabriel Valley. He also served as Vice President of Hyderabad Association of California and edited and published several cultural magazines. In 1991, he is also credited with editing and publishing “Imran Vs Cancer” magazine helping Pakistan's legendary cricket captain Imran Khan's pursuit to raise substantial funds in Los Angeles to build the first cancer hospital in Pakistan. Together with Imran Khan, he was also instrumental in introducing the late legendary Pakistani Qawwal, Nusrat Fateh Ali to North America in 1991.

Rafique Ahmed established Muslim Monitor Foundation in 1993 as a California based tax-exempt non-profit religious organization and has since been striving hard not only to project an accurate image of Islam, but also to promote the positive contributions of Muslim Americans to the humanity at large. Muslim Monitor was initially endorsed by three former Presidents of the United States, Ronald Reagan, Gerald Ford, and George Bush Sr. along with the greatest boxing champion, Muhammad Ali, Governor of California, Mayor of Los Angeles and Ambassadors of all the Islamic countries in Washington D.C.

In Pakistan, Rafique Ahmed was deeply involved in sports playing and organizing first class cricket. He was the youngest member of Karachi Cricket Association in the sixties and served for many years on various committees including the prestigious Test Match Organizing and Publication committees. He also served as the Sports Secretary of West Pakistan Industrial Development Corporation. After the tragic death of Aftab Ahmed, a dashing Pakistani cricketer and his childhood friend at the young age of 24 due to cancer, Rafique Ahmed decided to perpetuate his friend’s memory and established Aftab Ahmed Memorial Cricket Club and also organized Aftab Ahmed Memorial Cricket Tournament every year until he moved to the United States. Aftab Ahmed Memorial Cricket Club has since become a very formidable cricket team and has not only perpetuated his friend’s name since 1967 but also is now producing Test Cricketers like Mohammad Sami.

In December of 2009 Rafique Ahmed suffered a devastating tragedy losing his loving wife and best friend of forty years, Shahana to a difficult battle with cancer. Their happily married journey together started on the historic day of July 20, 1969 when Apollo 11 landed on the moon for the first time in history and lasted until December 15, 2009. Rafique Ahmed is extremely grateful to both Almighty Allah and Shahana for giving him the best forty years of his life. May Allah rest her in eternal peace. Ameen!

Rafique Ahmed continues his practice of tax and accounting applying his more than 35 years of professional experience. He has been recognized within the industry and by his peers. He has also contributed several professional articles on taxation issues to major newspapers and industry publications.

Rafique and Shahana have three children (Shiraz, Shehzad and Sumrina married to Lubna, Naila and Omar respectively) and six beautiful grandchildren (Savera, Rayaan, Umair, Aleesa, Ameena and Ayla).