

# SHASHANK CHAWATHE

IFIM LAW SCHOOL, CLASS OF 2026 [IV YEAR, BBA LLB]

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## INTERNSHIP & WORK EXPERIENCE

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### **M. Neerav & Associates, Advocates & Consultants**

**Feb 2025 – March 2025**

*Specializing in Indirect Taxation (GST & Customs)*

- Assisted in high stakes matters involving GST and Customs litigation.
- Gained practical exposure to litigation processes, including Court procedures and drafting legal pleadings.
- Drafted replies to Show Cause Notices (SCNs), appeals, and written submissions before adjudicating authorities and appellate forums.
- Conducted in-depth legal research on indirect tax statutes, circulars, and Judicial precedents.
- Collaborated with seniors in strategizing case approaches and preparing arguments for hearings.
- Observed proceedings before Tribunals and Courts to understand real-time advocacy in tax matters.

### **Scales Law Firm, Advocates & Consultants**

**Sept 2024 – Oct 2024**

- Assisted in Legal Drafting and Documentation:
  - Drafted a complaint to the Cybercrime Department addressing cyber offences under the Information Technology Act, 2000.
  - Prepared a Vakalatnama authorizing legal representation for clients.
  - Drafted an inspection application for document review under the Civil Procedure Code.
  - Composed a cease-and-desist notice addressing trademark infringement, emphasizing the client's intellectual property rights.
  - Drafted a plaint for a suit for recovery of money under the Civil Procedure Code and Commercial Courts Act.
- Conducted Legal Research to Support Case Strategies:
  - Researched laws relating to cybercrime, focusing on statutory provisions and recent case precedents.

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- Analyzed intellectual property rights and their application in trademark and copyright disputes.
- Examined the procedural framework for money recovery under the CPC and Commercial Courts Act.
- Investigated the impact of artificial intelligence on intellectual property rights, exploring global trends and challenges.

## **Chambers of Adv. Ajinkya Udane, Bombay High Court**

**April 2024 – May 2024**

- Assisted in the process from client intake to trial phase, gaining insights into case progression within the legal system.
- Briefed Advocate Ajinkya Udane on case details, facilitating effective representation.
- Conducted legal research to support case strategy and arguments.
- Participated in various aspects of case preparation, including drafting legal documents and service.
- Observed court proceedings to understand practical applications of legal principles.
- Collaborated with legal team members to ensure thorough case analysis and preparation.

## **Association of Indian Students**

**April 2023 – June 2023**

- Conducted in-depth research on prevalent issues faced by students in both academic and personal spheres.
- Analysed data from surveys, interviews, and literature reviews to understand the root causes and impacts of these issues.
- Created comprehensive articles addressing specific student challenges, such as time management, stress management, career planning, and interpersonal relationships.

## **Edge Law Partners, Advocates and Consultants**

**Nov 2022 – Dec 2022**

- Conducted comprehensive research on Indian Penal Code (IPC), Criminal Procedure Code (CrPC), and Indian Evidence Act (IEA).
- Analysed various provisions of the IPC related to different types of criminal offenses.
- Studied procedural aspects outlined in the CrPC.

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- Examined the principles of evidence admissibility and exclusion under the IEA.

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Sept 2022 – Oct 2022

- Research on Benami Transactions (Prohibition) Amendment Act, 2016
  - Studied the objectives and implications of the 2016 amendment.
  - Analyzed the expanded definition of "benami transactions" and its impact on legal disputes.
  - Reviewed the enforcement mechanisms and penalties for violations under the Act.
- Case Research: Shri Chitragupta Welfare Trust v. Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) and Ors., 2022
  - Examined the facts and legal issues involved in the case.
  - Analyzed the court's judgment regarding CBFC's decisions on censorship and certification.
  - Identified key takeaways for future cases involving welfare organizations and film certifications.
- Research on Hindu Laws
  - Reviewed significant provisions of the Hindu Marriage Act, 1955, including grounds for divorce and restitution of conjugal rights.
  - Studied related statutes, such as the Hindu Succession Act, 1956, and the Hindu Adoption and Maintenance Act, 1956.
  - Prepared briefs on landmark judgments and their interpretation of these laws.
- Drafting an Affidavit
  - Drafted an affidavit for a client based on provided facts and legal requirements.
  - Ensured accuracy, clarity, and adherence to procedural norms.
  - Reviewed and finalized the document under the guidance of a senior.

## PUBLICATIONS

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- **Research Paper** – Gender Inclusivity in Sports: Indian Context – *in Jus Corpus Law Journal*, ISSN(O):2582-7820

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- **Blog** – Malicious Prosecution and False Imprisonment-The Perfect Anti-couple? – *in International Journal for Legal Research and Analysis, ISSN [2582-6433]*
- **Blog** – The Curious Case of Male Prostitution: Indian Context – *in Jus Corpus Law Journal, ISSN(O):2582-7820*
- **Blog** – Juvenile Delinquency: Indian Context – *in Legal Lore*

## SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS

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- **Best Researcher** – IFIM Annual Ranking Moot Court Competition
- **Runners-up** – IFIM Intra Crime Scene Investigation Competition
- **50% Scholarship** – Recipient of the ‘Super Scholar Scholarship’ offered by the Padode Foundation at IFIM Law School.

## POSITIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY

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### Convenor, Centre for Legal Advocacy

November 2023 – Present

- Develop long-term and short-term strategic plans for the Centre for Legal Advocacy, including setting goals, objectives, and timelines.
- Organize trial advocacy competitions and crime scene investigation competitions, including planning logistics, securing venues, managing budgets, and coordinating with participants, judges, and sponsors.
- Recruit, train, and manage a team of volunteers & committee members to assist in organizing and executing events and initiatives.

### Member, Admissions Committee

January 2023 – April 2023

- Serve as a key point of contact for potential admissions candidates, providing information and assistance throughout the admissions process.
- Facilitate the smooth transition of admitted students into the institution, guiding them through the necessary paperwork, orientation programs, and introductions to relevant faculty and staff.

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## Member, Internship Committee

June 2022 – December 2022

- Conduct research on potential internship opportunities, including companies, industries, and NGO's.
- Serve as a primary point of contact for students seeking internships and employers offering intern positions.

## CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

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| • Participated in the 21 <sup>th</sup> K.K. Luthra Memorial Moot Court Competition, 2025<br>held at the Campus Law Centre, Faculty of Law, University of Delhi | January 2025  |
| • Participated in the 1st National Labour Law Conciliation Competition, 2024   | December 2024 |
| • Participated in the 1st Annual National Trial Advocacy Competition<br>by Symbiosis Law School, Hyderabad.  | January 2024  |
| • Participated in the Inter-College Annual Ranking Moot Court Competition<br>organized by the Moot Court Committee of IFIM Law School.                         | January 2024  |
| • Participated in the 20 <sup>th</sup> K.K. Luthra Memorial Moot Court Competition, 2024<br>held at the Campus Law Centre, Faculty of Law, University of Delhi | January 2024  |
| • Participated in the IFIM Annual Intra Debate<br>Competition (British Parliamentary)  | August 2023   |
| • Participated in the Inter College Annual Negotiation & Mediation<br>Competition organized by Centre for ADR of IFIM Law School                               | June 2023     |
| • Participated in the Inter-College Annual Ranking Moot Court<br>Competition organized by the Moot Court Committee of IFIM Law School.                         | February 2023 |
| • Participated in the Inter College Annual Sports Negotiation<br>& Mediation Competition organized by Centre for ADR of IFIM Law School                        | January 2022  |

## EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

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| • Member of the organizing team for Concordat 3.0, a National ADR<br>Competition hosted by IFIM Law School | December 2023 |
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- Collaborator – Lawful Talks November 2023
- Organized Crime Scene Investigation Competition for the incoming batch August 2023
- Member of the organizing team for the IFIM's National Moot Court Competition July 2023
- Online workshop on Cricket Analytics by Mad About Sports January 2023
- Founder & Content Creator – CricBlogs August 2022
- Runner-Up – IFIM Law School's Cricket Tournament, as Captain August 2022
- Participated in the Youth Policy Consultancy Conference to provide inputs to the Karnataka Youth Policy, 2022 June 2022
- Speaking and Presenting: Pitches and Persuasion by University of Michigan (Course) August 2021
- Best Cadet – Aryans Commando Training Camp, Pune May 2019

## ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

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IFIM Law School, Bengaluru, India

Currently in the IV year of the Five Years B.B.A., LL.B. course

Grade Point (Semester VI) : 7 on a scale of 10

Mithibai College, Mumbai

Class XII [Maharashtra Board] [2021] : 90.33%

Holy Family Convent High School, Mumbai

Class X [Maharashtra Board] [2019] : 87.60%

## LANGUAGES

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- English – Professional Proficiency
- Hindi – Native Proficiency

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- Marathi – Native Proficiency