

TARIKA JAIN

Address - 1/16 Rani Jhansi Road, New Delhi-110055, India • Email - tarika.jain93@gmail.com • Phone - (+91)9909793872

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

- B.A. LLB (Hons.), Gujarat National Law University (GNLU), Gandhinagar, Gujarat, India, (2012-2017).
- Aggregate – 70.73%.
- Recipient of GNLU Scholarship for Research Assistance (2016-17).
- Advocate: Enrolled in Bar Council of Delhi since November, 2018 with registration number: D/8254/2018.
- Received 92.8% in Higher Secondary from St. Thomas' Girls Senior Secondary School, Mandir Marg, New Delhi, 2012.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Justice, Access and Lowering Delays in India (JALDI), Vidhi Centre for Legal Policy, Legal Policy Think Tank, New Delhi

Vidhi-Tata Trusts Fellow (15th October, 2018- currently employed) (40 hours per week) (Research Position)

- Judicial Transparency Project: Developed a scoring index to evaluate the performance of the High Courts in proactively disclosing information under Right to Information Act, 2005. Researching on public access to pleadings in High Courts as a part of a white paper on 'Judicial Transparency and Open Data'.
- Gender Diversity Project: Co-authored a paper titled "Breaking through the Old Boys' Club: Women's Rise in the Lower Judiciary," Economic and Political Weekly, Vol. 55, Issue No. 4, 25 January, 2020. Organized a Panel Discussion on the subject in March 2019.
- Judicial Funding Project: Co-authored a report on evaluation of the Centrally Sponsored Scheme for Development of Infrastructure Facilities for the Judiciary.
- Judicial Data Portal: Conceptualized and developed the Portal to visualize statistics on judicial funding, judicial vacancy and gender diversity to make them easily understandable and accessible.

Gujarat State Petronet Limited (GSPL), Gandhinagar

Senior Officer, Legal and Secretarial Department (1st July 2018 – 29th September 2019) (44 hours per week)

- Negotiated and drafted commercial agreements and reviewed tender documents.
- Enforced the implementation of Legal Compliance Management System by all departments of the Company.
- Advised the departments of the company on legal matters.

Management Trainee, Legal and Secretarial Department (1st July 2017 – 30th June 2018) (44 hours per week)

- Assisted in arbitration proceedings in a contractual dispute with an Engineering-Procurement-Construction Contractor regarding delay in construction of a Gas Compressor Station.
- Assisted senior advocates in representing the Company before Supreme Court and Gujarat High Court in a dispute on laying of natural gas pipeline in a Special Economic Zone.

PLR Chambers, New Delhi (Public Policy Law Firm)

Intern (4 weeks, July 2016)

- Collected secondary data on injuries and deaths of constructions workers on site and researched on laws and policies governing the same.
- Prepared a research note evaluating the need for a national internal trade policy in India.

Hon'ble Judge of Supreme Court of India, Justice N. V. Ramana

Judicial Clerk (6 weeks, November-December 2015)

- Attended court proceedings and prepared briefs on civil and criminal admission matters.

Law Commission of India, Ministry of Law and Justice, New Delhi

Intern (4 weeks, December 2014)

- Prepared a report on Right to Housing in India and researched on reforming Media Laws in respect of trial by media, defamation, opinion polls and methods of regulation.

Mr. K.V. Visvanathan, Sr. Advocate, Supreme Court

Intern (4 weeks, November 2014)

- Prepared a note on powers and duties of the spiritual and religious leaders as protected under the Indian Constitution.

Hon'ble Judge of High Court of Delhi, J. Kailash Gambhir

Intern (4 weeks, May 2014)

- Assisted in preparing judgments and researched on criminal cases specifically dealing with dowry deaths, circumstantial evidence and dying declarations.

PUBLICATIONS:

Web-based Publications and Opinion-Editorials

- Tarika Jain and Shreya Tripathy, "Composition Terribly Skewed, Higher Levels Bastion Of Upper Caste Males", *Outlook* (3 February, 2020) <<https://www.outlookindia.com/magazine/story/india-news-70-years-of-indian-judiciary-opinion-composition-terribly-skewed-higher-levels-bastion-of-upper-caste-males/302658>>.
- Prashant Reddy T and Tarika Jain, "Open Data for Justice", *Live Law* (11 December, 2019) <<https://www.livelaw.in/columns/open-data-for-justice-150701>>.
- Chitrakshi Jain and Tarika Jain, "The Myth of the Underfunded Judiciary", *Bloomberg Quint* (8 October, 2019) <<https://www.bloomberquint.com/opinion/the-myth-of-the-underfunded-judiciary>>.
- Prashant Reddy T and Tarika Jain, "Whose count of judges is it anyway?", *The Economic Times* (21 July, 2019) <<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/blogs/et-commentary/whose-count-of-judges-is-it-anyway/>>.
- Tarika Jain and Vaidehi Misra, "Provision in RTI Act allowing transfer of application to 'appropriate' department gives authorities easy escape route", *Firstpost* (30 April, 2019) <<https://www.firstpost.com/india/provision-in-rti-act-allowing-transfer-of-application-to-appropriate-department-gives-authorities-easy-escape-route-6546551.html>>.
- Tarika Jain, "Tackling FGM in India: Is It Time for a New Law?", *Oxford Human Rights Hub Blog* (20 March, 2018) <<https://ohrh.law.ox.ac.uk/tackling-fgm-in-india-is-it-time-for-a-new-law/>>.

Journal Articles

- Tarika Jain and Komal Jatav, "*Economics of Eminent Domain in India: A Battle for Efficiency*", Amity Law School, Delhi, Student Journal, Vol. V. (2016).
- Atharva Sontakke and Tarika Jain, "*Analyzing Production: Sowing The Seeds For Sustainable Food Systems*", NLU Assam Student Law Review Vol. 1 Issue 2. (2016).
- Sujoy Sur and Tarika Jain, "*The Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures (ASCM): The Need for Amendments*", Amity Law School, Delhi, Student Journal, Vol. IV. (2016).
- Harshita Rathore and Tarika Jain, "*Crowdsourcing: An Effective Tool For Strengthening Democracy And Enhancing Governance*", Indian Social Institute's journal Social Action, Vol. 64 No.4 (ISSN 0037-7627). (2014)
- Tarika Jain, "*Protection of Underwater Cultural Heritage: A Challenge for International and Indian Law*", NUJS' International Journal of Legal Studies and Research (ISSN (O): 2278-4764). (2014).

CONFERENCES:

- Panelist, "*Opening up the Justice System*", organized by Vidhi Centre for Legal Policy in collaboration with Agami and Indian Kanoon, Constitution Club, New Delhi (6 September, 2019) <<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fDyvwJ9de5I>>.
- Paper presentation: "*Children at War: The Dilemma of Child Soldiers*" at the 5th ILNU National Students Conference on International Humanitarian Law, Ahmadabad. (2016).

CERTIFICATE COURSES

- Summer Course on Business and Human Rights organized by Indian Law Institute. (2016).
- Summer Course on International Law organized by Indian Society for International Law. (2014).

VOLUNTEERING EXPERIENCE:

- Education Support and Public Relations Volunteer at Make A Difference, NGO. (2015-16).

POSITIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY:

- Student Editor & Student Research Assistant, GNLU Journal on International Trade and Competition, Volume 1, Issue 1, December 2017.
- Member, Editorial Board, Gujarat Journal of Law Development and Politics. (2013-2017).
- Founding member (2014-2017) and Editor-in-Chief (2016-17), Jury's Out: GNLU Student Magazine.
- Member, Student Activities Committee, GNLU. (2014-2016).