**Rajiv Gandhi School of Intellectual Property Law**

IIT Kharagpur



**INTERNSHIP REPORT**

**THIRD SEMESTER**

**LL.B. (HONS.) IN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW**

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**DECLARATION**

This declaration is made regarding the internship report which has been prepared and drafted by AMIT KUMAR under the supervision of DR. BALRAJ K. SIDHU. It contains the work accomplished during the internship which was assigned during the internship. This work was done in respect of the partial fulfillment of the requirement for the award of the degree of LLB.

This internship report has not been submitted either in whole or in part to any other Law University or affiliated Institute under IIT Kharagpur, recognized by the Bar Council of India for the award of any law degree or diploma within the territory of India.

AMIT KUMAR Dated: June 8, 2020

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**ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

At the outset, I would like to thank God for his blessings and benevolently granting me vigour and audacity to complete my internship successfully. Before submitting my detailed report/ diary on the internship, I find an opportunity to place on record my warm gratitude towards DR. BALRAJ K. SIDHU to encourage me towards internship and how to perform my duty under internship. I would like to place my warm gratitude towards him under whom, I completed my internship and I gained a detailed and useful experience for the purpose of internship as well as for professional advocacy in legal research in the near future. This is to express gratitude towards a person whole guided and motivated me throughout my internship period. It gives me immense pleasure to acknowledge my indebtedness and a deep sense of gratitude and respect to all the law professors in our school to provide an in-house internship during this pandemic, where performing an offline internship in any law firm was impossible. Without my mentor's constant guidance, this internship would not have been possible, I am thankful to him for his invaluable teachings and advice given to me, for helping me in exploring and understanding the key points required in performing the quality of research work in the field of law and methodology to be used to perform legal research in a better way.

**INTRODUCTION**

An in-house internship program was made available for law students by our school, Rajiv Gandhi School of Intellectual Property Law, during this period of the pandemic. The objective of such a program is to provide an understanding of the human, social, and policy contexts of law and legal practice.

Internship fulfills an important component of both academic and practical education in law. The integration of professional experience into the learning process is highly effective in developing one's understanding of law in actions, as one is able to observe and perceive the relevance and application of the theory of practice. Consequently, the program is not simply 'work experience' but a significant educational experience.

Since the inception of the LLB program at the Rajiv Gandhi School of Intellectual Property Law, IIT Kharagpur, a practical experience component, that is, the internship has been part of the compulsory subject and thus of the LLB degree. The In-house internship Program is not designed to teach students how to be good lawyers (or how to be lawyers at all) it takes more than study at University to do that. The objectives are to:

• Enable one to relate the different areas of legal practice to the importance of developing skills of legal research, communication, drafting, practice management, and problem-solving; and

• Enable one to observe and reflect upon the values, ethical standards, and conduct of the legal profession in practice and to develop one's own attitudes of professional responsibility.

The classroom study and practical training in the research in the field of law is considered as two sides of a coin. The legal profession is one of the professions which are considered incomplete without practical training. An additional benefit of the internship program is that it provides one with an opportunity to observe the way in which law operates in a practical milieu, and may assist one in making future career choices.

**WEEKLY INTERNSHIP DUTIES**

1. In 1st week, I was assigned to prepare a short note of 1000-1200 words on the International Tribunal for Law of the Sea. In my note, I covered the structure of the Tribunal, current cases, and appraise the strength and weaknesses of it.

2. In the 2nd week, I was assigned to prepare a short note of 1000-1200 words on the trials of the dictator Omar Hassan Ahmed Al-Bashir.

3. In 3rd week, I was assigned to reading the following cases

o European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR), Behrami and Behrami v France & Saramati v France, Germany and Norway, Grand Chamber, Decision on Admissibility, 2 May 2007

o ECtHR, Al-Jedda v the United Kingdom, Grand Chamber, Judgment, 7 July 2011

o Supreme Court of the Netherlands, Netherlands v Nuhanovic, Judgment, 6 September 2013

o Supreme Court of the Netherlands, Netherlands v Mothers of Srebrenica.

4. In the 4th week, I was assigned a problem based on the above decisions.

**SHORTCOMINGS**

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, I faced a lot of difficulties in fulfilling my obligations under the internship.

Few of the shortcomings are enumerated as-

* Lack of access to reading materials.
* Lack of access to library resources.
* Lack of practical experience.
* Lack of one-to-one interaction with the mentor.
* Non-conducive social environment.
* Lack of adequate social infrastructure.
* Lack of proper internet facilities.

In a nutshell, I found it a challenging task to complete my internship in COVID-19 pandemic.

Internship

11 May – 07 June 2020

Schedule

Week 1 (11-17 May)

* Look at International Courts and Tribunals
  + International Court of Justice (roll no.04)
  + International Criminal Court (roll no.05)
  + International Tribunal for Law of the Sea (roll no.07)
  + Permanent Court of Arbitration (roll no.08)
* Write a short note of 1000-1200 words on the Court (as per your roll no.). In your note you should cover the structure of the Court, current cases and appraise the strength and weaknesses of it.
* Website of the respective courts provide all important information. Scholarly articles available on internet could also be referred to.
* Submission on 17 May

Week 2 (18-24 May)

* Trying the Dictators
  + Adolf Eichmann
  + Charles Taylor
  + Al Bashir
  + Milosevic
* Write a short note 1000-1200 words on the trials of the dictators at various international/national courts. List is acc. to roll no.
* Headings could be introduction, factual background, legal questions, analysis and conclusion
* Submission on 24 May

Week 3 (25-31 May)

* Reading cases
  + European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR), Behrami and Behrami v France & Saramati v France, Germany and Norway, Grand Chamber, Decision on Admissibility, 2 May 2007
  + ECtHR, Al-Jedda v the United Kingdom, Grand Chamber, Judgment, 7 July 2011
  + Supreme Court of the Netherlands, Netherlands v Nuhanovic, Judgment, 6 September 2013
  + Supreme Court of the Netherlands, Netherlands v Mothers of Srebrenica, Judgment, 19 July 2019
* All of you should read all the judgements. In the next week, problem based on the above decisions would be given to you.

Week 4 (01-07 June)

* Problem solving
* Problem would be given to you after two weeks.
* Submission 07 June

All the submissions was made on the day specified. On email address [balraj.jnu@gmail.com](mailto:balraj.jnu@gmail.com)