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EDUCATION

National University of Advanced Legal Studies, Kochi

2018 - 2023

B.A. LLB (Hons.)

Managing Editor (Blog) and Senior Editor, *Law Journal*

Editor, *Constitutional Studies Review*

Member, *Insolvency and Bankruptcy Law Newsletter* (Volume VII)

Member, *Moot Court Society*

Member, *Debating Society*

Director-General, *Model United Nations* (2019)

3rd Best Defense Team, *Asia-Pacific Friendly Rounds, International Criminal Court Moot* (2020)

Best Speaker, National Moot Court Competition, *Christ University* (2019)

Co-authored a paper on [religion jurisprudence](#) in the Indian Law Review.

EXPERIENCE

Vidhi Centre for Legal Policy

New Delhi, India

Research Fellow

July 2023 - Present

- Led a team engaged to assist the Government of India with legal & policy reforms on organ transplant law.
- Advised the Government of Odisha and drafted model orders for states to implement the Supreme Court judgment in *Common Cause v Union of India*.
- Co-authored [research](#) that used eCourts data and other court data to study particular types of healthcare litigation in High Courts, consumer forums, and district criminal courts; research included scraping, cleaning & analysis using Python and NLP libraries (n > 60k), comparative analysis, & literature review.
- Co-authored research that assessed the functioning of [professional regulation](#) and [facilities regulation](#) in many states; research included filing and coding responses to RTI requests, reviewing legislation, comparative analysis & literature review.

Research Associate

June 2022 — April 2023

- Co-authored [institutional comments](#) to the MoHFW on the draft Drugs, Medical Devices and Cosmetics Bill, 2022; research included extensive literature review & a global comparative analysis; presented for public dissemination in op-eds.

The Dialogue

New Delhi, India

Research Intern

July 2021 - November 2021

- Assisted in drafting research reports (e.g., the [digital health report](#) commissioned by Omidyar Network India) and other deliverables (e.g. e-commerce model categorization, economic consequences of draft data protection laws).

Supreme Court Justice (Retd.) K.S. Panicker Radhakrishnan

New Delhi, India

Legal Intern

March 2021 - May 2021

- Drafted extensive legal documentation for a startup arbitration centre & ODR platform (e.g., arbitration, mediation, & ODR rules); research included extensive reviews with international conventions, other arbitration rules, & the Arbitration & Conciliation Act, 1996.
- Conducted negotiations with software development firms, sat in sales meetings with large financial institutions, & assisted management consultants in developing a pitch deck.

INDEPENDENT WRITING

[Tipping the Odds](#)

[Against Searching for Saints](#)

[Microlawsuits](#)

[Authority](#)

[The Second Best is a Formal Order](#)

SKILLS & INTERESTS

Programming/Data

Python, HTML, CSS, JavaScript/TypeScript, L^AT_EX, Git, Shell

Languages

English, Malayalam, Tamil (intermediate), Hindi (basic)

Interests

Economics, applied ontology, modern political history (particularly 1990s-2010)