

Cover Letter

Dated: 28th August 2023

Dear Sir/Madam,

This is in reference to the current or future opportunities in your organization, I would like to forward my application for your kind perusal.

My educational background and experience prepare me to tackle legal tasks, but more than anything my genuine willingness and improving capabilities should give me the sense of direction to transform my skills into a meaningful activity.

I am all set to gain qualitative experience in your reputed setup. If given this vital opportunity I would invest best of my abilities to prove worthy.

Best Regards,
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Result oriented Intellectual Property (IP) Lawyer with extensive experience in trademark & copyright law and the management of a large trademark portfolio. Passionately represents client interests, working carefully to examine case merits, limit risk, and promote good outcomes difficult legal situations. Proven track record of obtaining lawsuit dismissals, no-fault judgements, favourable settlements, and favourable verdicts.

Summary of Skills

- 10 years of progressive experience in the mentioned field.
- Knowledge of copyrights, patents, designs, trademarks, GI, intellectual property, legal agreements and related matters.
- Client Advocacy & Trial Preparation
- Ability to handle multiple tasks in a high paced working environment.
- Due diligence & Civil Litigation
- Legal Research & legal drafting
- Litigation Strategy & Management
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills
- Good problem-solving skills and ability to demonstrate sound judgment.
- Good time management and organizational skills.
- Comfortable working in team as well as independently.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY:

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAWYER / 2021 - 2023

GreatWhite Global Private Limited/ Anchor Group of Companies, Mumbai

- Legal Drafting including Trademark, Copyright & Designs Oppositions, Counter Statements, Affidavits under Opposition proceedings, Cease & Desist Notices, Rectifications & Cancellation proceedings, Renewals, etc.
- Liaising with Indian & Foreign Attorneys for Registration and Prosecution IP's including Trademarks, Copyrights, Patents and Designs.
- Preparing responses to examination reports from patent & trademark examiners.
- Preparing drafts for Power of Attorney/ Authorization Letter, User Affidavits / Miscellaneous Applications, Amendments / Withdrawal letter / Post Registration Drafts, Drafting Complaints to be filed before the Police Authorities.
- Drafting transfer deeds (Deed of Assignment) / Licensing of Agreements, Board Resolutions, NOC Certificates.

- Appeal/ Review before the Appropriate Authorities against the Order of the Registrar & Rectification for Cancellation of Trademarks.
- Research: Monitoring the Trademark Applications / Registrations under different jurisdictions viz; WIPO, USPTO, OHIM Offices, etc.
- Attending various Hearings in related to objection matters of Trademarks show cause & Opposition hearings.
- IP Infringement Civil Actions such as suits for infringement & passing off; including drafting of the Plaints, Consent Terms, Collating data, compliance, review, documentation, preparing exhibits, Briefing the Counsels, Preparing Board Resolutions & Letters/ Legal Notices, reply to the Legal Notices.
- Conducting raid and seizure of the counterfeit goods at a national level/ pan India. Organizing and conducting raids with the help of IP Investigation Agencies, Visiting the Police Stations, coordinating with the Officers and agents.
- Preparation of the drafts for inclusion of trademark in the list of well-known marks. Coordinating with the Registry for guidance and removal of objections anticipated in the application, preparing documents in support of the application viz; advertising material, awards achieved by the Applicant, sales figure.

ASSOCIATE PARTNER/ 2019 - 2021

Masand & Masand Legal Solutions, Mumbai

- Legal Drafting including Oppositions, Counter Statements, Affidavits under opposition proceedings, Cease & Desist Notices, etc.
- Appeal in IPAB against the order of the Registrar & rectification for cancellation Trademarks.
- Legal Drafting of Commercial Suits (Infringement & Passing off suits on Original Side before the Hon'ble Bombay High Court)
- Filing/Pursuing various cases Of Trademarks, Copyrights, Design & Patent applications for registrations as well as amendments.
- Legal Research (Court Libraries & Manupatra)
- Attending Various show-cause Hearing in related to objection matters of Trademarks.
- Attending Client meetings, as well as administrative hearings before the quasi-judicial authorities & Hon'ble Courts.

TRADEMARK EXAMINER / 2016 - 2018

Office of Controller General of Patents, Designs, Trade Marks and GI, Mumbai

Work in Examination Section

- Review, approval, Removal and Renewal of various forms filed in Trade Mark Registry.
- Examination of trademark applications for registration mainly under the purview of Trade Marks Act, taking search, raising objections if any, preparing examination report as per Trade Marks Act and Rules and other duties relating to processing of

trademark applications as per the provisions of the Trade Marks Act and Trade Marks Rules.

Work in Examination Section (Examination Controller)

- Scrupulously supervise the examination & to determine its compliance as per the Trademarks Act, 1999 & to send to send for publication in the Trademarks Journal.

Work in PARM Section

- To consider reply filed by the applicant against the objections raised during the examination and process accordingly i.e, to accept or to send back for examination or to set for show cause hearing

ADVOCATE / 2015 - 2016

Atham Legal Adv. Vivek Bhardwaj, Mumbai

- Drafting & vetting of documents (conveyance deeds, contracts, etc.)
- Debt Recovery Tribunal litigations on behalf of borrowers as well as financial institutions.
- Property Disputes (specific performance of contract, rent control litigations)
- Litigations before NCLT (on behalf of operational debtors as well as creditors)

LEGAL ASSOCIATE / 2014 - 2015

Legal Force RAPC (Formerly DBA Sharma Abhyanker LLP)

- Legal Associate at LegalForce RAPC (Formerly DBA Sharma Abhyanker LLP) Worked on US & India Trademark filing, post-filing and post-registration procedures and trademark prosecution drafting which included preparing responses for Office Actions received.
- Handled and solved issues concerned with obtaining or licensing patents, copyrights, trademarks or other intellectual property.
- Acted as a **team lead** for client tagging process.
- Completed client tagging project where I advised clients from US, UK, Europe on protecting their IPs by understanding their business and received trademark registration orders from the clients.

JUNIOR ADVOCATE / 2013 - 2014

Adv. Amol Mardikar, Bombay High Court (Nagpur Bench)

- Litigation Experience: Assisted the Senior for court matters and legal research in drafting of petitions, written submissions & other documents.
- Assisted during pleadings before the Hon'ble Court.
- Interviewed clients & prepared briefs.

INTERNSHIP / 2012 - 2013

Adv. Kalpana Pathak, Bombay High Court (Nagpur Bench)

- Assisted in researching case laws and organizing the daily case schedule apart from observing client counseling done by her in CAT & MAT matters, Appeals before the Hon'ble High Court.

- Drafted Contempt Notices and maintenance of case diary.

Education

2015

LL.M (Business Law) / Nagpur University

(Secured aggregate 68%)

2013

BA.LL.B / Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar College of Law, Main Branch, Nagpur University

(Secured aggregate 68%)

Professional Affiliations

Advocate Bar Council of Maharashtra & Goa

Enrollment Number: - MAH/4853/2013

Personal Details

Date of Birth : February 08th 1988

Employment Status : Employed

Relationship Status : Single

Languages Known : English, Hindi, Marathi

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