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Preferred Practice Area: Corporate • **Preferred Location:** Mumbai • **Start Date:** July, 2017

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATION

- National Law Institute University, Bhopal (NLIU), B.A. LL.B. (Hons.), Currently in Fourth Year, XII trimester, (secured 69.57% aggregate in IX trimesters).
- Obtained a Diploma in '*Freelance and Feature Writing*' from London School of Journalism. February, 2012

INTERNSHIPS

- **TRILEGAL, DELHI** 24 December, 2015 – 22 January 2016
 - Prepared a presentation on “The Commercial Courts, Commercial Division and Commercial Appellate Division of High Courts Act 2015 – Old Wine in a New Bottle?”.
 - Prepared a research note on the legal regulation of the pass-through component of electrical tariffs under the Maharashtra Electricity Regulatory Commission (Multi-Year Tariff) Regulation, 2011.
 - Researched on the statutorily required Board Committees for public listed companies under the Companies Act, 1956 and the Companies Act, 2013.
 - Researched on the grant of interim relief in the nature of final relief under Section 9 of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act 1996.
 - Researched on the place of execution of a contract where parties are situated in different places.
- **KANGA AND COMPANY, MUMBAI** 01 June – 26 June, 2015
 - Assisted in drafting a notice under Section 138 of the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881.
 - Assisted in preparing an affidavit-in-reply to a notice under Section 433 and 434 of the Companies Act, 1956.
 - Assisted in drafting a general Power of Attorney under the Power of Attorney Act, 1882.
 - Researched on the scope of a company's inability to pay its debts as ground for winding up under Section 433(e) of the Companies Act, 1956.
 - Researched on the scope of the term 'conveyance' under the Maharashtra Stamp Act, 1958.
- **TANIKELLA RASTOGI ASSOCIATES, DELHI** 05 January – 27 January, 2015
 - Assisted in drafting an opinion on the tax liabilities incurred on employee stock option schemes in India.
 - Assisted in drafting Employment Agreements for Senior Executives.
 - Assisted in drafting the Memorandum of Association of a society under the Societies Registration Act, 1860.
 - Prepared a research note on the RBI Regulation governing Small Finance Banks.
 - Researched on the global legal framework governing robotics.
- **D.H. LAW ASSOCIATES, MUMBAI** 05 May – 27 May, 2014
 - Prepared a note on the scope of Related Party Transactions under the Companies Acts 1956 and 2013.
 - Prepared a research note on the labeling of products containing genetically modified contents.
 - Researched on the legality of non-compete clauses in contracts of employment vis-a-vis Section 27 of the Indian Contract Act, 1872.
- **VIDHII PARTNERS, MUMBAI** 03 May – May 31, 2013
 - Researched on the jurisdictional aspect of Section 138 of Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881.
 - Researched on whether the remuneration to a director includes dividend paid to him in his capacity as a shareholder.
 - Researched on the scope of 'charitable purposes' under Chapter III of the Bombay Public Trusts Act, 1950.
- **STREE MUKTI SANGHATANA, MUMBAI** 27 December, 2012 – 25 January, 2013
 - Prepared a report on the implementation of Domestic Violence Act, 2005 in Mumbai.

- Researched on the registration of medical equipments for sex determination under Section 18 of Pre-Conception and Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques Act, 1994.

CO-CURRICULAR

Moot Courts

- Represented NLIU in the **2015 Manfred Lachs Space Law Moot Court Competition** organized at the Padjadjaran University, Indonesia. May, 2015
- Winner, **1st Maritime Law Moot Court Competition** organized by National Law University, Odisha. March, 2014
- Semi-Finalist, **10th K K Luthra Memorial Moot Court Competition** organized by Faculty of Law, Campus Law Centre, Delhi. January, 2014

Parliamentary Debates

- Quarter-Finalist, **1st CBS Parliamentary Debate** organized by Shaheed Sukhdev College of Business Studies, Delhi University. August 2015
- Octa-Finalist Adjudicator, **2nd Indian National Debating Championship** organized by Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi. March, 2014
- Semi-Finalist, **3rd Vox Vocis Parliamentary Debate Competition** organized by University of Petroleum and Energy Studies, Dehradun. February, 2014

ESSAY WRITING & PAPER PRESENTATION

- Co-authored an article titled **How India can become a Star in the Space Tourism Industry** published by Huffington Post. November 2015
- Co-authored a research paper titled **Battening down the Hatches – A Legal Perspective on the Response to Piracy in the Murky Waters of East Asia** published by Lawz magazine. November, 2015

POSITIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY

- Joint Secretary, Jus Cultura: Literary, Debating and Quizzing Society, NLIU. July, 2015 – Present
- Senior Member, Cell for Research in International Law, NLIU. July, 2015 – Present
- Senior Member, Cell for Studies in Intellectual Property Rights, NLIU. July, 2015 – Present
- Member, Moot Court Association, NLIU. July, 2014 – April, 2015
- Member, Cell for Human Rights and Access to Justice, NLIU. July, 2012 – April, 2014

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- Research Assistant, AIR Law Academy and Research Centre, Nagpur. October, 2014 – Present
- Winner, Badminton (Girls), **Virudhaka Sports Fest**, NLIU. October, 2014
- Participated in the **Advocacy Workshop** organized by George Washington University Law School and Campus Law Centre, Faculty of Law, Delhi University. January, 2014
- Member, Organizing Committee, **Run for Bhopal** event in memory of victims of the Bhopal Gas Tragedy, People United for Law, Education and Rehabilitation, NLIU. December, 2012

REFERENCES

- Prof. (Dr.) S. S. Singh, Director, National Law Institute University, Bhopal, Email: director@nliu.com, Ph.: 0755-2696965.
- Dr. Raka Arya, Faculty Co-ordinator, Placement Coordination Committee, National Law Institute University, Bhopal, Ph.: +91-93011-89616.
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