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Preferred Practice Area: General Corporate

ACADEMIC PROFILE

B.A. LL.B. (Honours)

August 2014-Present

National Law University Delhi (NLUD), New Delhi

- Aggregate GPA (4 Semesters): **6.65** (Maximum GPA: 7) | Class Rank: **8**
- Batch Topper** for the academic year 2015-2016

A & O International Finance and Corporate Course

2017

- Selected as **one of nine students** from the batch to attend the annual International Finance and Corporate Course by **Allen and Overy LLP** held at National University of Juridical Sciences, West Bengal
- Participated in lectures and workshops on Project Finance, Security Arrangements and Corporate Restructuring

HSF-Oxford International Lecture Programme

2016

Herbert Smith Freehills & University of Oxford

- Selected as the **only** second year law student to attend the annual **Herbert Smith Freehills – University of Oxford International Lecture Programme** held at National Law University Jodhpur, Rajasthan
- Participated in lectures and workshops on Constitutional Law, Cross Border Mergers and Acquisitions and Negotiation

AISSCE (Grade 12)

2013-2014

Delhi Public School R.K.Puram, New Delhi

- Aggregate Percentage: **96.4%** (Subjects- English, Economics, Mathematics, Accountancy and Business)
- Awarded the prestigious **Gold Medal** (2013) for 7 consecutive years of academic excellence (90% or above)

AISSE (Grade 10)

2011-2012

Delhi Public School R.K.Puram, New Delhi

- Cumulative GPA: **10 (All Subjects)** | Final Grade: **A1 (91% or above) (All Subjects)**
- Awarded a **Certificate of Merit** by the Central Board of Secondary Education for securing A1 in all subjects

INTERNSHIPS

Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co, Delhi

(January 2017, 3 weeks)

- Worked with the firm's Litigation and Arbitration team on seven matters
- Conducted extensive research on issues dealing with contract law, arbitration, personal laws, civil procedure, and constitutional law
- Assisted in drafting of a written statement and application for a civil dispute
- Prepared case briefs and case compilations for two matters listed before the Supreme Court of India
- Submitted a research paper on the terms of appointment of independent directors under the Companies Act. The same was used for drafting an opinion for a client
- Received an extension as well as recommendation for a second internship with the firm

Dua Associates, Gurgaon

(December 2016, 3 weeks)

- Prepared a response to a client query relating to applicable stamp duty on the issue of compulsorily convertible debentures
- Prepared briefs of recent judgements on the FDI policy regarding downstream investments in India
- Assisted an on-going due diligence by tabulating minutes of board meetings of a company

Link Legal India Law Services, Delhi

(July 2016, 4 weeks)

- Researched for eleven disputes involving nuances of company law, commercial law, evidence law, contract law and civil procedure
- Drafted notes on copyright infringement and passing-off actions, developments in arbitration law in India and admissibility of evidence in arbitration
- Drafted replies to clients' queries pertaining to issue and listing of debt securities and the compliances required therein, appointment of statutory auditors by companies, status of private entities in service concession arrangements and state-specific municipal regulations
- Carried out mapping and cross-referencing of term loan agreements and sanction letters

Mr. Ajay Burman, Delhi High Court Advocate**(January 2016, 4 weeks)**

- Conducted extensive research work in multiple areas of criminal law
- Actively assisted junior counsels through preparation of case briefs
- Selected to attend case hearings on criminal matters slated at the Delhi High Court

Delhi State Legal Services Authority**(July 2015, 4 weeks)**

- Gained an opportunity to visit district courts, tribunals and authorities working in the domain of legal aid to better understand their functioning
- Prepared a report analysing the impediments faced by the concerned institutions while also suggesting possible remedies

World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) India, Delhi**(December 2014 – February 2015, 10 weeks)**

- Successfully completed a 10-week internship at the Centre for Environmental Law (CEL), World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) India
- Wrote a comprehensive research article on the Environment (Protection) Act 1986 discussing its nuances and implementation which shall be used by CEL in one of its publications

PUBLICATIONS AND RESEARCH WORK**Student Fellow, Centre for Innovation, Intellectual Property and Competition (CIIPC), NLU** **Jan 2016 - Present**

- Received student fellowship carrying a monthly honorarium for a period of six months
- Presently working on the on-going 'IP and Startups' research project focussing on policy analysis with special reference to Government of India's initiative 'Startup India'.

Student Associate, CIIPC, NLU**August 2016 – December 2016**

- Selected as Student Associate at one of the most active policy research centres in the University
- Prepared modules on Patent Law and Biotechnology for the on-going 'Open Access Textbooks on Intellectual Property and Competition Law Project'
- Conducted extensive research on TRIPS compliance by 12 countries in Asia Pacific with respect to Access & Benefit Sharing. The same was used as part of a WTO Regional Trade Policy Course conducted in Bangkok in 2016

Research Volunteer, Death Penalty Research Project, NLU**March 2015 – September 2015**

- Selected on the coveted empirical research project to work on the highly contested issue of death penalty in India
- Analysed relevant judgements from trial courts and appellate courts across the country which helped in the long-drawn endeavour of creating prisoner profiles
- Worked on compilation of data for the Death Penalty India Report (released in May 2016)

ACHIEVEMENTS**MOOTING****3rd Indraprastha National Moot Court Competition****2014**

- Secured Researcher Rank 1 in the batch and subsequently represented NLU Delhi at the 3rd Indraprastha National Moot Court Competition on Criminal Law

9th National Law School of India University, Bangalore – Trilegal International Arbitration Moot**2016**

- Represented NLU Delhi at the prestigious NLS-Trilegal International Arbitration Moot
- Extensively researched on a problem involving international commercial arbitration, company law, administrative law and satellite spectrum regulations
- Secured qualification from preliminary rounds as the highest scoring team and finished the tournament as Quarter-Finalist

8th Leiden Sarin International Air Law Moot Court Competition**2017**

- Represented NLU Delhi at the prestigious Leiden Sarin International Air Law Moot
- Adjudged the fourth best team out of 16 participating teams at the national rounds of the competition

COMMUNITY SERVICE**Member, Delhi Chapter, Increasing Diversity by Increasing Access (IDIA)****2015-Present**

- Selected to be part of the teaching team that prepares students from marginalized communities for law-school entrance examinations

- Handling legal aptitude and reasoning for IDIA scholars in the Delhi Chapter
- Member, All India Training and Materials Vertical, IDIA** **2015-Present**
- Responsible for designing training material for all state chapters across India

- Member, All India Disability Vertical, IDIA** **2015-Present**
- Selected to be part of a pilot project seeking to streamline legal education for differently-abled individuals across India

- Teaching Volunteer, Delhi Public School Shiksha Kendra** **2011-2012**
- Taught young children (Grades 3 to 8) Mathematics and English at the DPS Shiksha Kendra, an evening school for the underprivileged

MUSIC

- Received 4 years of formal training in Guitar
- Successfully completed Trinity Rockschoool examinations for Guitar up to Grade 4
- Passed Trinity Musical Theory examination, Grade 1 with distinction

OTHER

- Successfully completed the **GIAN Course on Cross-Border Business Laws and Practice** (October 2016)
- Attended the '**2016 UNCITRAL Asia and Pacific Day**' Symposium on the UN Convention on the International Sale of Goods
- Awarded a **merit scholarship worth \$2000** (Faculty of Arts and Science Dean's Excellence Admission Scholarship) to pursue higher education at the University of Toronto (2014)
- Secured **All India Rank 17** in the Bachelor with Honours in Management Studies Common Entrance Test (BMS CET, 2014)

POSITIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY

- Student Ambassador, LexisNexis** **December 2016 – Present**
- Selected as the LexisNexis certified online legal research expert for NLU Delhi for 2016-2017
 - Received training on advanced legal research platforms provided by LexisNexis
 - Responsible for conducting training workshops for students at NLU Delhi

- Member, Academic Committee, Student Bar Council NLU Delhi** **2016- Present**
- Appointed as Academic Committee Member for **securing the highest scores across the batch** for the academic year 2015-2016
 - Tasked with representing the student body's interests on all academic matters to the University

- Team Leader (Training and Materials), Delhi Chapter, IDIA** **2016- Present**
- Appointed to the position of Team Leader, Delhi Chapter within a year of joining IDIA
 - Responsible for managing and overseeing the work of 65 volunteers

- President, Business Studies Society, Delhi Public School R.K.Puram** **2013-2014**
- Appointed to the coveted leadership position under the ambit of the Commerce Association, a student body comprising over 250 students
 - Conceptualised and successfully implemented the annual inter-school commerce symposium; *Business Melange*
 - Organised over 10 seminars, workshops and competitive events in the areas of business and management

- Director, Social Service Club, Delhi Public School R.K.Puram** **2012-2013**
- Involved in organization of several activities for raising awareness on pressing social issues such as poverty and child labour
 - Organized an inter-school multi-event competition on the theme of 'Ragging in Schools'

SKILLS

- Proficient in the use of major research databases – Westlaw, Kluwer Arbitration, LexisNexis, Manupatra, SCC Online, JSTOR, HeinOnline
- Proficient in major MS Office applications; MS PowerPoint, MS Word, intermediate knowledge of MS Excel
- Proficient in written and spoken English and Hindi