SIDDHANT KHETAWAT

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ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE

- Average Percentage (Up to VII Semester): 72.66%
- Current Percentage (Semester VII): 75.5%
- Class XII: 91%
- Class X (CGPA): 10

AREAS OF INTEREST

- General Corporate Law
- Competition Law

WORK EXPERIENCE

1. Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co., Mumbai. (December 5, 2016 to December 30, 2016)

- Assisted in drafting a memorandum on the manner in which a US citizen, being a resident in India for tax purposes, may invest in the securities of an Indian company.
- Prepared a detailed note on the process of conversion of an LLP into a private limited company.
- Prepared an exhaustive checklist of all the Central, State and Municipal laws governing licenses and registration of a company operating diagnostic centres in India.
- Researched on the provisions of the Companies Act, 1956 pertaining to winding up and the treatment of premium paid by the shareholders on the face value of shares upon liquidation.
- Assisted in conducting due diligence of a target company involved in the healthcare sector.
- Part of the team that conducted an on-site review of documents in relation to a prospective acquisition of a company.
- Submitted a research assignment on the issue of "Arbitrability of Oppression and Mismanagement Disputes in India".

2. Luthra and Luthra Law Offices, Mumbai. (June 1, 2016 to June 29, 2016)

- Assisted in drafting a Draft Red Herring Prospectus by researching on the various laws, regulations and schemes governing the IT/ITeS sector.
- Researched on, and compared the scope of the term 'encumbrance' under the SEBI (SAST) Regulations, 2011 and the SEBI (LODR) Regulations, 2015.
- Researched on the nature of a negative pledge agreement and the remedies for its breach.
- Researched on the concept of agency by estoppel under Sections 187 and 237 of the Indian Contract Act, 1872.
- Researched under various provisions of the Companies Act, 2013, particularly under Sections 2(11), 77, 89 and 197.
- Researched and prepared a note on the distinction between a lease and license.
- Assisted in conducting due diligence of a company engaged in the solar-power sector.

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- **3.** Chambers of Advocate Ratan K. Singh, New Delhi. (December 4, 2015 to December 24, 2015)
 - Researched extensively on the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996, specifically under Sections 7, 9, 11(6), 18 and 31(6).
 - Prepared a note on the arbitrability of fraud in India and the position of law in foreign jurisdictions.
 - Researched on clauses relating to liquidated damages and penalties (specifically, earnest money) under Sections 73 and 74 of Indian Contract Act, 1872.
 - Researched on various aspects of writs under Article 226 of the Constitution of India.
 - Drafted a reply to a notice of winding up under Sections 433(e) and 434 of the Companies Act, 1956.
- 4. Tanikella Rastogi Associates, New Delhi. (November 03, 2015 to December 1, 2015)
 - Researched on the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 relating to independent directors.
 - Researched on the fiduciary duty of a nominee director and the potential conflict of interest between the company and the nominees.
 - Made a presentation on the salient features of the draft Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code.
 - Assisted in drafting an opinion on the law of defamation in India for the ECCHR.
 - Researched on the evidentiary value of an instrument under Section 35 of the Indian Stamp Act, 1899.
- 5. Chambers of Advocate K. K. Manan, Sr. Advocate, New Delhi. (November 3, 2014 to November 30, 2014)
 - Researched on the power of a High Court under Section 482 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 to quash an FIR after the filing of charge sheet.
 - Drafted a petition for quashing of summons under Section 482 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973.
 - Researched on the doctrine of precedent and the status of conflicting decisions delivered by benches of equal strength on the same question of law.
 - Prepared a questionnaire for the purpose of cross examination of evidence produced by the opposite party in a case concerning grievous hurt.

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES (Moots, Publications, Courses & Conferences)

Moots:

- Winners, Surana & Surana National Judgment Writing Competition on Corporate Law, 2015.
- Winners, Overall Championship Trophy, Christ University's 1st National ADR Competition, 2016.
- Semi-Finalist, 6th M. S. Ramaiah Memorial National Moot Court Competition, 2016.
- Quarter-Finalist, Surana and Surana National Corporate Law Moot Court Competition, 2015.
- Participant, FDI International Arbitration Moot (South Asia Rounds), 2016.
- Participant, Oxford India Moot on Constitutional Law, 2014.

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Publications:

- Article titled "The Harshad Govardhan Case: Performing the Balancing Act", published in the NLIU Law Review, Vol. 5 Issue II.
- Article titled "Permissible and Impermissible Tax Avoidance A Test for Bridging the Dichotomy", slated to be published in the *GNLU Book on International Taxation*.
- Article titled "Human Trafficking in India: A Social and Legal Analysis", published in *Lex Revolution: Journal of Social & Legal Studies*, ISSN 2394-997X, Volume-I, Issue-1, pp: 111-125.

Courses:

- Completed Certificate Course on Distress M&A Deals and The Bankruptcy Code conducted by Mr. Souvik Ganguly, Managing Partner, Acuity Legal, organized by Gujarat National Law University, September 2016.
- Completed Certificate Course on Jurisdiction, Choice and Enforcement Interface of 'Conflict of Laws' in 'Competition Law conducted by Mr. Manas Kumar Choudhury, Partner, Khaitan and Co., organized by Gujarat National Law University, September 2016.
- Pursuing one year Certificate Course on Applied Insurance Laws and Prevailing Industry
 Practices conducted by ICICI Lombard General Insurance Co. Ltd.
- Pursuing Diploma in Entrepreneurship Administration and Business Laws conducted by West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences (WBNUJS) and ipleaders.
- Completed Certificate Course on Intellectual Property Rights conducted by Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI), May 2014 to July 2014.
- Completed Certificate Course on **Sports Law and Management** organized by Gujarat National Law University, India, September 2014.
- Completed Certificate Course on **Infrastructure Contracts** organized by Gujarat National Law University, India, July 2015.
- Completed One Year Credit Course on **Peaceful Settlement of International Disputes** conducted by Prof. (Dr.) Bimal N. Patel, Director, Gujarat National Law University.

Conferences & Seminars:

 Presented a paper titled "Changing Face of Judicial Appointments in India: A Critical and Comparative Analysis" in Christ University's National Conference on "Constitutional Appointments: Vignettes and Vicissitudes", January 2015.

POSITIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY

- Member, Centre for Law and Society, 2015 to present.
- Member, Centre for Banking and Financial Laws, 2015 to present.
- Member, ONGC Student Research Group, 2015 to present.
- Member, Mess Committee for the year 2015 to present.
- Member of Research Group, CCEL's Fellowship on Real Estate Laws, Policies and Practices for the year 2015-16.

Date: March 5, 2017 Place: Gandhinagar