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**EDUCATION Hidayatullah National Law University,** Raipur

Candidate: Semester VI, B.A. LL.B. (Hons.)

CGPA: 6.50/10

Rank: 35/180

Honours: Corporate Law and Intellectual Property Rights

**Vishwa Bharati Public School,** Noida

12th Standard, CBSE – 2013 Percentage: 93.33%

10th Standard, CBSE – 2011 Percentage: 79.8%

**SCHOLASTIC** I’ve obtained **All India Rank 23** in Company Secretary Foundation Exam.

I had undertaken a **3 day Certificate course on Leadership held at IIM Ahemdabad**.

I am also a member of the **Student Editorial Board** and an editor of the HNLU Student Bar Journal

I’m currently enrolled in the **GNLU Diploma Programme on Intellectual Property** **Rights**

**INTERNSHIPS**

1. **Saikrishna & Associates, Delhi** May 2016

*Intellectual Property Law Firm, New Delhi*

A four week internship at a leading IPR-Competition Law based firm wherein I had the opportunity to draft replies to Trademark Oppositions and Trademark Objections. I had also conducted thorough research on nominative use of trademarks, doctrine of exhaustion and the protection of foreign works in India.

1. **MHRD IP Chair IIT Madras, Online** January- May 2016

I was engaged in a four month online internship under the Ministry of Human Resource Development IP Chair at IIT Madras under which I had assisted Dr Feroz Ali in the next edition of his book **‘The law of Patents- with a special focus on Pharmaceuticals in India’.**

1. **Wadhwa Chambers** December 2015

*Intellectual Property Law Firm, New Delhi*

A four week internship at an IPR-Cyber Law based firm under the guidance of Mr Kapil Wadhwa, a Stanford alumnus. I had been engaged in extensive research related to the Designs Act, 2000 wherein I researched on the tests of “Fraudulent imitation and obvious imitation” for infringement of Designs. Furthermore, I was engaged in research on Trademarks, piracy of designs and Novelty of designs. I had also assisted in drafting complaints under the Uniform Domain Name Dispute Resolution Policy (UDRP).

1. **Scriboard**   June 2015

*Intellectual Property Law Firm, New Delhi*

A four week internship at an IPR-Cyber Law based firm under the guidance of Mr Rodney Ryder. Under this internship I had been asked to prepare a report upon the broad topic of ‘IP Licensing’ which covered all aspects of Licensing under the various IP Instruments such as Trademarks, Patents, Copyright, Trade secrets etc. The study included a comparative analysis of the licensing regimes of India and of UK, US and the EU.

1. **Chambers of Hon’ble (Mr.) Justice(Retd.) SB Sinha** December 2014

*Former Judge, Supreme Court of India, New Delhi*

4 week internship from 23rd November 2014 till 20th December 2014 during which I was exposed to the process of arbitration by being taken to arbitral proceedings and perusing arbitration matters while making briefs of the same. I was assigned research on several provisions of the Factories Act, FEMA etc in relation to various judicial opinions and arbitration matters. I also contributed in a Supreme Court assigned commission wherein I attended the commission hearings and helped in researching and drafting the orders of the same.

1. **Bharuka & Associates** May 2014

*Litigation Law Firm, New Delhi*

4 week internship from 1st May 2014 till 31st May 2014 during which I made an analysis of all the judgements relating to section 9,12,16,34 and 36 of the Arbitration and Conciliation act 1996 that had been given from 1st January 2013 till 31st January 2014. I also undertook research on several Latin maxims which focussed on their statutory incorporation and their Indian Judicial Usage. I was also assigned brief related research on propositions concerning the civil procedure code.

**MOOTS**

* + 1. **3rd Best Written Submission at 7th Symbiosis- B Krishna Memorial National IPR Moot Court Competition** which was held at Symbiosis Law School, Pune, from 6th – 8th February, 2015 wherein I had participated as a speaker.
    2. **Quarter-finalist** at the **8th Herbert Smith Freehills-NUJS National Corporate Law Moot Court Competition** which was held at NUJS, Kolkata from 24th to 26th February 2016.
    3. **Semi-finalist** at the **2nd National Law School Mediation Competition (India rounds for the International Chambers of Commerce Mediation Competition)** which had been held at NLSIU, Bangalore from 14th to 17th April 2016.

**PAPERS**

* + 1. A research paper authored by me titled “**A Critique of the Indian Patents Assignments Regime: Pre-Invention Assignments and Employee’s Inventions”** has been selected for **publication** in the prestigious **‘CSIR-Journal of Intellectual Property Rights.’**
    2. A research paper authored by me titled **“Forced Mergers & Amalgamations in Public Interest: An incomplete policy”** **has been published in a book commemorating the NLIU-Trilegal Summit** **on Mergers and Acquisitions** which was held on 4th-5th March 2016. The research paper has also received the **best research paper award** at the summit**.**
    3. Presented a research paper titled **“Patents: Limiting access and innovation in technology’** at the National Seminar on “Public Health, Medicine and Law: Growing Concerns and Challenges” organised by All India Law Teachers Congress from 10th to 12th December 2015. **The same has been selected to be published in a book commemorating the conference.**
    4. Presented a research paper titled **“Indian Whistleblowing Policies: Prone to Victimisation”**, at the 5th International Conference of the Indian Society of Victimology held at the WBNUJS on the 22nd-24th January 2016. The same has also been published in a book titled “**Right to Information and Good Governance”**  by **NLSIU Bangalore.**
    5. Presented a research paper titled, **‘United Nations Peacekeeping Force: A failed mandate’**, at National Seminar on United Nations and world Peace, organised by Amity University, Lucknow from 24th – 25th September, 2014.
    6. Presented a Paper titled, **‘Uniformity in Personal Laws**, at the Lucknow Conclave, organised by Adhrit Foundation, and held at IIM Lucknow between 26h – 28th June, 2014. **The same has been published in a book titled “The Lucknow Conclave Review” by Adhrit Foundation**.
    7. Published a paper titled, **“Revival of the Indian Gubernatorial Office”** in International Journal of Legal Research (IJLR), Volume 2, Issue 2 (October- December, 2015) ISSN No 2395-5988.

**ADDITIONAL** Speaker at 8th NUJS Parliamentary Debate

Novice Round Finalists as a speaker at the 6th MS Ramiah Parliamentary Debate

Quarterfinalist as a speaker at NH65 NLU Jodhpur PD

Speaker at 1st Jamia National Parliamentary Debate

Special Mention at SENSE International MUN

2nd Position in Times of India ‘Make your mother smile’ Essay Writing Competition