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## SUMMARY:

Experienced Intellectual Property (IP) Lawyer with a strong background in IT Law. Proven skills in copyright advisory, contract compliance, patent advisory, and open-source licensing. Known for conducting thorough IP audits and developing effective copyright and trademark protection, and patent filing strategies. Seeking to leverage this expertise in a dynamic legal team in the IP field.

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## SKILLS:

Registered attorney in New York | Contract Compliance & Negotiation | Cross-functional collaboration | IP Advisory & Audits | Open-Source Licensing | Patent Advisory | Stakeholder management

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## EDUCATION:

Fordham Law School Aug 2022 – May 2023

LLM Intellectual Property & IT Law | GPA: 3.67/4.0

**Coursework:** Copyright, Patent, Contracts, Constitutional Law, Professional Responsibility, Legal writing and Research, Doctrinal Analysis

Indian Institute of Technology – Rajiv Gandhi School of Intellectual Property, India July 2015 – July 2018

LL.B. with Honors in Intellectual Property Law | CGPA: 3.9/4.0

University School of Biotechnology July 2010 – July 2014

Bachelor of technology, Biotechnology

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## WORK EXPERIENCE:

Lynn, Gartner, Dunne & Frigenti LLP, New York Aug 2023- Present  
Litigation Associate

- Successfully negotiated an out-of-court settlement that led to the dismissal of a patent lawsuit, avoiding the need for a trial.
- Drafted pleadings, motions, and responses in alignment with client objectives and overarching legal strategies.
- Prepared detailed client updates and memoranda, focusing on case developments, relevant legal precedents, and potential risks.
- Collaborated closely with senior associates to draft discovery documents, including interrogatories and requests for production.
- Conducted in-depth analysis of complex patent law issues, such as claim construction, infringement, and validity, to provide well-informed legal recommendations.
- Assisted in client deposition preparation and attended the deposition to refine our subsequent course of action.
- Spearheaded comprehensive intellectual property due diligence for a client's strategic acquisition, identifying critical IP assets and potential risks; facilitating a well-informed purchase that mitigated post-acquisition legal disputes
- Negotiated and drafted IP licensing agreements and assignment contracts to safeguard client interests

Quest Software, NYC

Legal Intern Aug 2022 – Dec 2022

- **Patentability analysis:** Performed patentability search for various computer related inventions and provided written opinions to development teams.
- **Analysis of patent infringement claims:** Analyzed potential patent infringement claims brought against the company and developed a mitigation strategy.
- **Patent prosecution strategy:** Developed a patent prosecution strategy to counter objections raised during office actions.
- **Contract negotiations:** Conducted successful negotiations with customers regarding SLAs, limitation of liability, and indemnity clauses.
- **Contract Reviews:** Conducted meticulous contract reviews in collaboration with supervisors, scrutinizing customer contracts and supplier's standard contractual clauses to identify potential risks and benefits.
- **Developed a copyright policy:** Provided guidance on copyright issues and minimized liability by advising the marketing teams on copyright compliance frameworks.
- **Risk identification and mitigation:** Identified various risks in using copyrighted material and consequential liabilities and developed a comprehensive framework to minimize the same.
- **Open-source Licensing:** Reviewed license restrictions on the use of open-source software and provided guidance to developers.
- Advised on patentability of technology and worked closely with developers to understand the technology.

Gartner, India

Senior Associate July 2020 – June 2021

- **Patent Strategy:** Devised patent filing strategies after conducting a techno-commercial evaluation of patents, considering market assessment, technical strengths, and competitive advantage.
- **Stakeholder management:** Cultivated long-term partnerships by managing relationships with key clients and ensuring their compliance with content-related legal requirements, including copyright, trademark, and open-source licensing.
- **Technology Contract Analysis:** Conducted thorough reviews of DPAs, SaaS contracts, and SLAs, pinpointing standard and non-standard

terms for client negotiation.

- **Contract Benchmarking:** Performed contract benchmarking to assess performance, identifying areas for improvement and ensuring optimal outcomes.
- Collaborated closely with the sales team to comprehend client leverage and devise effective negotiation strategies..
- Conducted thorough reviews of technology contracts, including technology partnership agreements and joint research agreements, pinpointing key terms for client negotiation.

KPMG, India

Associate

June 2018 - June 2020

- **IP Portfolio management:** Managed intellectual property portfolio of more than USD 1 bn, and advised on filing new patents and trademarks in USA, Europe, and India.
- **Risk Assessment:** Scrutinized a range of client documents, including non-disclosure agreements, employment agreements, exit policies, IP policies, data sharing policies, and IT policies, highlighting material risks.
- **Patent Advisory:** Guided clients on patent filing strategies and executed patentability and FTO searches, enhancing their IP protection.
- **Patent Filing:** Collaborated with US-based law firms in filing patent applications at USPTO, coordinating responses to examiner's objections.
- **Intellectual Property Audits:** Conducted comprehensive Intellectual Property audits by scrutinizing contracts, employment, IT, and IP policies, and procedures to detect and mitigate risks of IP theft and leakage. Analyzed the legal compliance, engaged with legal experts, identified vulnerabilities, and benchmarked organization's existing policies against industry standards.
- **Trainings on IP for non-lawyers:** Conducted trainings to for non-lawyers to apprise them of various IP protection and theft issues

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#### VOLUNTEER:

**Garbo Technology Corporation**

Oct 2021 – Feb 2022

- **Content Writer Volunteer-**Writing blogs on gender and social issues

**New York Legal Assistance Group**

Jan 2022 – Jun 2022

- Provided critical assistance to attorneys in the Immigration Protection Unit, contributing to effective case management.
- Facilitated the filing of asylum requests and naturalization applications, aiding clients in their immigration journey.
- Played a key role in filing adjustment of status applications, T and U visa applications, and prosecutorial discretion requests for U visa, supporting clients' immigration status transitions.
- Crafted compelling character affidavits for asylum seekers, supporting their cases and enhancing their chances of success.

**Fordham IP Institute**

Jan 2023 – May 2023

- **Research Assistant-** Led comprehensive research on diverse IP issues such as fair use, moral rights, technological protections measures, criminal and civil liability in cases of copyright infringement, safe harbor provisions, and informing decision-making processes.

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#### INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

VII International Summer School on Cyber Law, Moscow

- Presented Article, '*Cyber security Concerns with Internet of Things*' that explained the challenges and risks associated with IoT and need for legal regulation

Students exchange program, *George Washington Law University, USA*

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#### ACHIEVEMENTS

- Registered attorney in the State of NY, US; Reg no.-6079511
  - Registered Indian Patent Agent- IN/PA 3575
  - All India Rank 01 in the professional category of India's first IPR Olympiad (2019)
  - Appeared for the July 2023 UBE
  - Appearing for the USPTO exam
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