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About me: I am a fervent law student and a seasoned mooter. I involve myself in intellectual conversations that would enable me to understand different perspectives of an issue. My interest copiously inclines towards intellectual property rights laws. Three words that best describe me are social, creative, and determined. I have an eye for detail and a good memory for faces. I am a person who believes in living with morals and values.

WORK EXPERIENCE

4 OCT 2021 – CURRENT – Chennai, India

JUNIOR ADVOCATE - AAG CHAMBERS - MADRAS HIGH COURT – ADDITIONAL ADVOCATE GENERAL OF TAMILNADU, MR. J. RAVINDRAN.

Assisting and working in various legal matters including but not limited to electricity laws, tender laws, encroachments, PILs, Co-operative societies laws, registration laws etc.
Drafting legal opinions, grounds and briefs for cases.

2 AUG 2021 – 30 SEP 2021 – Chennai, India

JUNIOR ASSOCIATE – LR. SWAMI. CO- TRADEMARK AND PATENT ATTORNEYS

Conducting search and drafting opinions for trademark registrations.
Drafting replies to copyright examination reports from Registry.
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Drafting legal notice for IPR infringement.
Journal watch activities.
Assisting in filing opposition.
Filing TM forms at the IP India Online Portal.

11 MAY 2021 – 9 JUL 2021 – Chennai, India

LEGAL INTERN – SHARDUL AMARCHAND AND MAGALSAS & CO.

Corporate Due Diligence.
Title Due Diligence.
Research on Succession.
Research on Mergers and Acquisitions.
Research on company laws.

6 JUL 2020 – 31 JUL 2020 – Chennai, India

LEGAL AIDE – PUTHRAN & ASSOCIATES

My roles and responsibilities in this internship include:

- Drafting legal opinions for clients regarding the registration of trademarks.
- Using IP websites to do carry out patent and trademark searches.
- Writing articles and content for IP blogs.
- Write case summaries and present them to the employer.

11 JUL 2019 – 31 MAR 2020 – Chennai, India

LEGAL AIDE – MADRAS HIGH COURT: ADVOCATE GENERAL OF TAMIL NADU, MR. VIJAY NARAYAN.

My roles and responsibilities in this internship include:

- Research on case laws.
- Read judgments and summarize them.
- Finding precedents.
- Observing and following the court process.

1 MAY 2020 – 31 MAY 2020 – Delhi, India

LEGAL INTERN – COMPETITION COMMISSION OF INDIA (CCI)

Qualified in an highly selective application process to take up the research based internship program which required us to work on approved topics and submit a research paper on it. The topic I worked on was: **Intersection of Competition Dynamics with Standard Essential Patents-An Indian Perspective.**

This required me to:

- Read judgments,
- Read research papers and other scholarly works,
- Discuss with my guide, and
- Present and communicate the content I gather.

1 APR 2020 – 20 MAY 2020 – Prayagraj (Allahabad) , India

LEGAL INTERN – INDIAN SOCIETY FOR LEGAL RESEARCH (ISLR)

Selected out of 100+ applicants from all over India for the post of research intern in the field of International Law. The nature of work was to read and summarize the cases decided by the Permanent Court of International Justice (PCIJ) and International Court of Justice (ICJ) till date.

1 MAY 2018 – 31 MAY 2018 – Chennai, India

CORPORATE LEGAL ASSISTANT – VAKIL SEARCH PRIVATE LIMITED

My roles and responsibilities in this internship include:

Connecting with the clients and drafting the following according to their needs:

- Legal Notice
- Demand Notice
- Recovery of Money Due Notice
- Consumer Complain Notice
- Trust Deed
- Memorandum of Understanding
- Contract of Terms of Services
- Privacy Policy
- Partnership Deed

5 JUN 2018 – 20 JUN 2018 – Chennai , India

LEGAL INTERN – DISTRICT LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY

In this internship I did the following:

- Visited central jail and prepared a write up on the improvements to be made.
- Assisted Legal Aid Attorney in managing the cases and communicating with the clients.
- Visited Juvenile Home and interacted with and educated the juvenile law offenders about law and order.
- Visited Sub-Jail and learned about various aspects of the prison.
- Observed Lok- Adalat Proceedings.
- Observed mediation and counseling process.

4 MAY 2018 – 23 MAY 2018 – Chennai , India

LEGAL AIDE – KING AND PARTRIDGE ADVOCATES & SOLICITORS

My roles and responsibilities in this internship include:

- Drafting legal opinions.
- Learned to use IP websites of the Indian Government.
- Assisted in preparing a claim statement for arbitration proceedings.
- Visited and observed proceedings in the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT).

15 MAY 2017 – 6 JUN 2017 – Chennai , India

LEGAL INTERN – REGISTRAR OF COMPANIES(ROC)

My roles and responsibilities in this internship include:

- Learned to use the website of the ministry of corporate affairs.
- visited and observed proceedings in the economic offenses court.
- Researched company law and insolvency and bankruptcy code.

● **EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

4 JUL 2016 – 27 JUL 2021 – MGR Salai, Perungudi, Chennai, India

B.COM.LLB (HONS) – School of Excellence in Law (SOEL), The Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University.

I am a University Rank Holder- secured the 1st rank in the 1st and 7th Semester Examinations.

74% | India | <http://tndalu.ac.in/>

2014 – 2016 – 29 Alagiri Sami , , PT Rajan Rd, K. K. Nagar,, Chennai, , India

HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL CERTIFICATE (HSC- CLASS 12) – Padma Seshadri Bala Bhavan Senior Secondary School (PSBB)

By studying a combination of the following subjects:

Accountancy
Economics
Entrepreneurship
Business Administration
English

I gained much insight into the economical aspects of trade and business. I picked up skills such as negotiation and business forecasts as early as in high school itself. I played a prime role in the event "Business Battle" that is organized by my school for the commerce department. It enabled me to take part in mock share markets and mergers and acquisitions. By taking up these electives I learned as to how one may start and run a business successfully.

1st Ranker in Accountancy & Entrepreneurship.
Awarded an All-Rounder and Proficiency title in 12th grade.

Field(s) of study

- Commerce

96.6% | Indian | <http://www.psbbschools.ac.in/>

2001 – 2014 – 29 Alagiri Sami, , PT Rajan Rd, K. K. Nagar, , Chennai, , India

SECONDARY SCHOOL LEAVING CERTIFICATE (SSLC- CLASS 10) – Padma Seshadri Bala Bhavan Senior Secondary School (PSBB)

Science - Biology, Physics and Chemistry

Mathematics - Arithmetic and Geometry

Social- History, Civics and Geography.

English

Tamil

CGPA- 9.0 | India | <http://www.psbbschools.ac.in/>

8 FEB 2021 – CURRENT

WIPO INDIA SUMMER SCHOOL ON INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY (ONLINE),2021. – Organised by World Intellectual Property Organization, RGNIPM, Nagpur and MNLU, Nagpur.

28 JAN 2021 – 9 MAY 2021

HARVARDX- COPYRIGHTX 2021 – Harvard Law School with Berkman Klein Center for Internet and Society.

<http://ipxcourses.org/>

1 NOV 2020 – 30 NOV 2020

IP- PANORAMA – World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)

By taking up this course (IP PANORAMA), I learnt how to help small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) utilize and manage the intellectual property (IP) in their business strategy. It was developed jointly by the Korean Intellectual Property Office, the Korea Invention Promotion Association and WIPO from 2004 to 2007.

19 OCT 2020 – 23 OCT 2020

BEYOND IP (BEIP)- MASTER COURSE LEGAL TRACK – Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines.

Qualified from among 700 applicants to be a part of the 100 participants who could attend the comprehensive and stimulating legal track of IP course.

29 JUN 2020 – 10 JUL 2020

WIPO- KOREA SUMMER SCHOOL ON INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS (WKSS) – World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and Korea Intellectual Property Organization (KIPO)

Selected for a two weeks intensive course on IP organized jointly by WIPO in cooperation with The International Intellectual Property Training Institute (IIPTI) of Republic of Korea with the assistance of Korea Intellectual Property Office (KIPO). It was an insightful program with about 100 motivated participants from all across the globe. It was a highly interactive program with simulation exercises, group discussions, informal sessions and group presentations

15 JUN 2020

DL-701 PROMOTING ACCESS TO MEDICAL TECHNOLOGIES AND INNOVATION - WHO, WIPO, WTO EXECUTIVE COURSE ON THE INTERSECTIONS BETWEEN PUBLIC HEALTH, INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND TRADE. – World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)

10 FEB 2020 – 6 APR 2020

DL-101 - GENERAL COURSE ON INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY (VERSION 2) [DL101E20S1] – World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)

Topics Studies:

Introduction to Intellectual Property Rights

Trademarks

Copyrights

Related rights

Patents

Geographical Indications

Industrial Designs

Traditional Knowledge

International System for Registration

Unfair Competition

New Plant Varieties

IP and Development

89/100

15 JAN 2020

DL-101-PCT- DISTANT LEARNING COURSE: INTRODUCTION TO PATENT COOPERATION TREATY – World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)

100/100

15 JAN 2020

DL-001:PRIMER ON INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY – World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)

● **HONOURS AND AWARDS**

21 SEP 2019

WINNERS of PRIST NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION, 2019. – PRIST University Law College- Madurai Campus

A national moot court competition in which more than 30 teams participated from law schools all around the country. The theme/ subject matter of the moot was : Reservation for Economically Weaker Section of the erstwhile Unreserved Category. There was a constitutional amendment to this effect in my country regarding this in the year 2019. My team, consisting of three (one researcher and two speakers) emerged victorious after pleading and convincing the moot court on the questions of laws raised. Our team was felicitated by the Hon'ble members of the Madras High Court- Madurai Bench.

21 SEP 2019

BEST SPEAKER in PRIST NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION, 2019. – PRIST University Law College- Madurai Campus

I was adjudged in all rounds starting from the Preliminary, Quarterfinals, Semifinals and Finals. My cumulative score for mootng was the highest among all the participants and I was awarded for the same.

21 SEP 2019

BEST MEMORIAL AWARD in PRIST NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION, 2019. – PRIST University Law College- Madurai Campus

Our team had the best-written submissions(memorial along with the compendium materials). The memorial prepared for the respondents as well as the petitioners followed the 19th Blue Book Edition format for footnotes.

The flow of the memorial and the style in which the arguments were presented enabled us to receive this award.

26 JAN 2020

Best Speaker of the University - 71st Republic Day Elocution Competition. – The Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University, School of Excellence in Law.

This was an elocution competition in which students from all years of law study participated. It was judged by prominent public speakers of our University and included three rounds in order to qualify as the best speaker.

28 MAR 2021

Ranked 1st in Philip C Jessup, India and Asia Regional Preliminary Rounds, 2021. – Amity Law School Noida, Jessup 2021.

50 teams from across India and Asian countries represented their law schools. The highly competitive preliminary rounds were judged by experts in the field of International Law. My team was ranked in first place after the preliminary rounds in which had argued for both the applicant's and respondent's case.

Qualified to Round of 48 (Advanced rounds) in Philip C Jessup International Moot Court Competition, 2021. – ILSA- International Law Student Association

1st Rank Holder in University in the 1st and 6th semester. – The Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University, School of Excellence in Law.

I was awarded the academical proficiency certificate and medal for securing highest grades in my University in the 1st as well as 6th semesters of law school.

● **MOOTING AND COMMUNICATION SKILLS**

8 FEB 2019

Ajeenkya DY Patil Law School Moot Court Competition

Ranked 5th out of 32 teams in the moot competition which was about media laws.

2018

Murtaza Hussain National Moot Court Competition, Unity and Degree College Lucknow.

Quarter Finalist of Murtaza Hussain National Moot Court Competition, Unity and Degree College Lucknow: stood **3rd** out of 40 teams from across the country. The subject matter of the moot was about inter-state river water dispute. This was a current issue in my country at the time of the competition.

2018

Late Shree Hashu Advani Memorial, National Moot Court Competition VES College of Law, Mumbai.

Participated and represented University in a national level moot court competition regarding health laws and privacy.

2017

4th National Moot Court Competition, Seshadripuram Law College, Bangalore.

Qualified as Quarter Finalist among 35 teams in a moot regarding laws governing education policy and private institutions.

2017

6th Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law (RGNUL) National Moot Court Competition, Patiala.

Participated and represented my University in a the moot hosted by a national law school. The subject matter of the moot was about criminal defamation and its constitutionality.

2016

National Moot Court Competition - AMINOVA: Amity University, Mumbai.

Participated and represented by University in a national moot court competition which was about corruption laws.

2020

Comparer in International Conference in Research Outlook, Innovations and Research Trends (ICROIRT).

Presentation of Paper- Two-day National Conference On: Role of Law Enforcement Authorities and Government in Upholding Justice.

Host University: School of Law, Pondicherry University (A Central University).

Paper Title: Political Parties: Pitch In or Plunder the Societal Welfare.

● **BLOGS- IPR**

2020

Pressing Need to Clear the Muddy Waters- SEP Litigation in India.

An article on the evolving jurisprudence of standard essential patents (SEP) in India. The article also analyzes the existing position of fair, reasonable and non-discriminatory (FRAND) terms in a SEP licensing agreement. The link to the blog is attached hereunder.

<https://www.bananaip.com/ip-news-center/pressing-need-to-clear-the-muddy-waters-sep-litigation-in-india/>

2020

Protection of Traditional Knowledge that exists in Biodiversity - The Indian Experience.

An article in which I have discussed about the scope of protection given to the traditional knowledge that exists in bio-diversity. The mechanisms used by India regarding the same and its nexus with the Convention on biodiversity has been dealt in detail in the article.

<https://www.intepat.com/author/meena-annamalai/>

2020

Recent Trend of CCI's Jurisdiction over Innovation Bride v. Competition Bridegroom Cases.

An article which broaches about the overlapping jurisdiction between the competition commission and civil courts over cases which involves elements of both competition laws and intellectual property laws.

<https://blog.ipleaders.in/recent-trend-ccis-jurisdiction-innovation-bride-v-competition-bridegroom-cases/>

● PUBLICATIONS

National Conference - LEGAL EDUCATION IN 21st CENTURY: CHALLENGES, CONCERNS AND REFORMS.

2016

Host University: VIT School of Law, VIT University, Chennai.

Paper Title: Legal Aid and Speedy Justice – A Myth or Reality?

National Seminar - PROTECTION OF WOMEN'S RIGHTS: ISSUES AND CHALLENGES.

Host University: SRM School of Law, SRM University, Kattankulathur.

Paper Title: Gender and Privacy in Cyberspace A Critical Analysis.

International Conference on Emerging Trends in Constitution.

Host University: Saveetha School of Law, Chennai.

Paper Title: Bemuse About One's Orientation Not a Barrier to Constitutional Rights: With Reference to the LGBT Queer.

● MANAGEMENT AND LEADERSHIP SKILLS

Member of Moot Court Association

■ **Moot Court Association** of School of Excellence in Law (MCA,SOEL)

Member (Year representative) - 2017-2021.

This is a student association consisting of 50 highly regarded mooters of the University chosen amongst the most qualified from the college to effectively organize and conduct several flagship events of the University. The association is also responsible to spread the mooting culture by mentoring juniors and implement activities to encourage mooting.

Events Organized:

1. Organizing committee: 11th Pro Bono Enviro National Moot Court Competition, 2017 and 2018
2. Organizing committee: K.R.*Ramamani* Memorial National *Moot Court* Competition, 2017 and 2018
3. Headed the Registration Committee for the 10th KR Ramamani Tax Moot Competition, 2020.
4. Judged the Fresher's Moot Court Competition in School of Excellence in Law.
5. Mentor for moot court competitions from 2018-Present.

<https://mcasoel.wordpress.com/>

Founding member of Moot Court Mentoring Committee-2020.

A pro bono initiative by three final year students in order to cultivate the mooting spirit in our University. This committee works for the welfare of the students by providing them a mentor who will guide them through the journey of the respective moots for which they get selected. There has been a tremendous increase in the number of mooting teams since this initiative started.

Lawctopus Campus Ambassador for the year 2019-2020

This is an online platform run by a legal fraternity to help the legal fraternity in large by updating all opportunities worldwide and helping the budding lawyers to make use of them all to bring out their talents. Being a campus ambassador my work was to help contribute a lot to this website by means of completing different tasks that aims at creating more awareness of opportunities emerging in this field.

Member of Organizing Committee- Debate Club

● HOBBIES AND INTERESTS

Professional Keyboard Player- certified by Trinity College London.

I have taken up grade exams for both paying and theory. I am also a good Carnatic music (system of music in South India) keyboard player. I can decipher songs and can play them once I listen to them few times .I enjoy composing my own tunes.

Trained Signer.

I am a trained singer can can sing songs in languages such as Tamil, Hindi, Sanskrit, Punjabi and English.I have sung in various Open Mic programs and taken part in music and cultural fests.

Artist

I am a firm believer in innovation and creativity being the elixir that keeps life going. I enjoy sketching, painting and exploiting new ways of art. I am a supporter of waste art and have done many that way. <https://bonny-bonnier.business.site/>

Trained Veena Player

An Indian music string Instrument.

Athlete

I am a good carrom board player, badminton player and table tennis player. I am also a good free style swimmer. I enjoy cycling and running.

● LANGUAGE SKILLS

Mother tongue(s): **TAMIL**

Other language(s):

	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken production	Spoken interaction	
HINDI	C2	B2	B2	B1	A2
ENGLISH	C2	C1	C1	C1	C1

Levels: A1 and A2: Basic user; B1 and B2: Independent user; C1 and C2: Proficient user

● **DIGITAL SKILLS**

Microsoft Word | Microsoft Excel | Microsoft Office | Google Drive | Instagram | Google Docs | Microsoft Powerpoint | Zoom | Social Media | LinkedIn | WhatsApp | Skype | Gmail

Personal Skills

Analytical skills | Written and Verbal skills | Reliability | Presenting | Team-work oriented | Decision-making | Organizational and planning skills | Motivated | Creativity | Responsibility | Strategic Planning | Excellent writing and verbal communication skills | Flexibility | curious | Good time management | Teamwork | Cross cultural skills | positive thinking | Project management | Excellent organizational planning and solving problems in short time | Ability to Work Under Pressure | leadership | integrity | Excellent team player

Legal Skills

Research and analytical skills | Good listener and communicator | Critical thinking | Detail-Oriented | Conflict resolution | Data analysis | Research | Problem-solving | Efficient multi-tasking | Presentation and negotiation skills