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*Professional summary*: 5+ years’ experience in drafting and prosecution of patent applications of pharmaceutical, chemistry, and life science including preparation of various opinions as well as in filing and defending in opposition.

*Skills:* prosecution of patent applications of pharmaceutical, chemistry and life sciences domain; preparing opinions like non-infringement, invalidation, patentability, freedom-to-operate; liaising with foreign patent agents/attorneys for prosecution of applications in India, US, EP, JP; drafting patent applications; drafting oppositions, revocations, invalidation in counter claim to infringement suits, reply statement in opposition; preparation of expert affidavits in consultation with the subject matter experts, drafting of complete specification.

*Work Experience:*

1. Presently working as **Senior Patent Associate in Anand and Anand**, **Noida** since **Feb 2022 till present**. My responsibilities include:
* **Detailed reporting** of FERs.
* preparation of **draft responses**.
* finalizing of **FER responses**.
* **drafting of complete applications** from various domains not restricted to chemistry and life sciences.
* Preparation of **opposition reply statement/rejoinder**.
1. Worked as **Senior Patent Associate in Rajeshwari and Associates**, **New Delhi** since **June 2019 till Jan 2022**. My responsibilities included:
* **prosecution** of patent applications of pharmaceuticals, chemistry and life sciences – for Indian applications my responsibilities include **drafting of detailed observations on the examination report**, **preparing response to the objections** raised by Patent Office, **attending hearings** **before the Patent Office** in defence of the invention; - for **applications** being prosecuted in **US, EP, JP** my responsibilities include **co-ordinating and collaborating with foreign attorneys** **and** the **inventors** to **formulate best arguments against the objections** raised by corresponding Patent Offices;
* **development** of **system for effective management of timelines and actions required** **in** all the allotted **portfolios**;
* **development** of **strategy** regarding **an invention** to be patented and its various aspects – **whether it can be filed as multiple applications**, various scientific **data/aspects** that can **be built into the specification of each such application** so it **results into a bouquet of related patents**;
* **handling client queries** regarding various aspects of patentability, prosecution, freedom-to-operate etc;
* **preparation of opinions** like **freedom-to-operate, patentability, invalidation, non-infringement**;
* **drafting of patent applications**;
* drafting of oppositions, reply statements to oppositions, revocation, counter claim to infringement suit;
* drafting of expert affidavits in consultation with the subject experts;
* **reviewing work of two junior patent associates**.
1. Worked as **Patent Associate in Remfry and Sagar**, Gurugram from **June 2018 to June 2019**. My responsibilities included:
* **prosecution of patent applications** of pharmaceuticals, chemistry and life sciences – for **Indian** applications responsibilities include **drafting of detailed reporting** of the examination report, **preparing response** to the objections raised by Patent Office, **attending hearings** before the Patent Office in defence of the invention; - for applications being prosecuted in **US, EP, JP** my responsibilities include **co-ordinating and collaborating** with **foreign attorneys and** the **inventors** to formulate best arguments against the objections raised by corresponding Patent Offices;
* **handling client queries** regarding various aspects of patentability, prosecution, freedom-to-operate etc;
* preparation of **freedom-to-operate opinions**.
1. Worked as **Patent Associate Trainee** (paid position) in **IPR Firms** Rajeshwari and Associates, New Delhi and Rahul Chaudhary and Partners (formerly known as Lall Lahiri & Salhotra), Gurugram from **May 2017 to June 2018**. The selection for Patent Associate Trainee was through a Government of India scholarship program for women scientists known as WOS-C, TIFAC under the aegis of Department of Science and Technology, GOI. My responsibilities included prosecution of patent applications of pharmaceuticals, chemistry and life sciences.
2. Worked as **Pharmaceutical Research Scientist** in **Product Development** for **three years** in Panacea Biotech and Centiss Pharma as well as worked for **three years** in Central Drug Standards Control Organization, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, **Govt. of India** in **Medical Device Regulatory** before entering the field of patents.

*Qualifications:*

* Masters in Pharmacy from Jamia Hamdard University, New Delhi with 79.74%.
* Bachelors in Pharmacy from Jamia Hamdard University, New Delhi with 69.92%.
* Certificate of one year IPR Training from TIFAC, Department of Science and Technology, Govt. of India

*Academic achievement:* secured 99.5 percentile in All India General Aptitude Test in Engineering, GATE (Pharmacy) conducted by Indian Institute of Technology, Mumbai with rank 68 of 14277 candidates.