

SEJAL GUPTA

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EDUCATION

2020- 2025: Institute of Law, Nirma University, Ahmedabad

4th year, B. Com LL. B (Hons.); CGPA: 8.7/10 (5th semester)

Areas of Interest: Intellectual Property Rights

2021- 2024: Indira Gandhi National Open University: 2nd year, B.A. (Hons.) Political science

2020: Vishal Bharti Public School, New Delhi: AISCE; 95.5% in Humanities with Math

INTERNSHIPS

UPCOMING INTERN: Krishna & Saurashtri Associates [IPR Team]; TMT Law Practice [IPR Team]

Wadhwa Law Chambers, Delhi | January 2023 (*IPR Team*) (4 weeks)

- Drafted Para-wise Reply in a third party impleadment application; Application under S.12A of the Commercial Courts Act; Examination Report Replies under Section 11(1) of the Trade Marks Act, 1999; Cease-and-Desist Notice against the use of a trademark and Notice of Oppositions under S.9 & S.11 of the Trade Marks Act, 1999, etc.
- Researched on establishment of territorial jurisdiction through interactive website; consequences of contempt in case of trademark infringement; whether private hidden sales constitute knowledge; protection of usage of sub-brand; use of the mark as a 'non-trademark'; Trans-border reputation of trademarks; who owns the goodwill of a mark; whether plaint can be amended to incorporate plea of invalidity w.r.t. S.124 of the Trade Marks Act, 1999, etc.

NSA Legal- CA Advocate Nipun Singhvi, Ahmedabad | July 2022 (*Commercial & Corporate Team*) (4 weeks)

- Assisted Singhvi sir in his lecture on 'Case studies and Learnings from Landmark Judgments in IBC' in the ICAI seminar from 5th – 6th August 2022 hosted by the WIRC by summarising landmark case laws related to Insolvency
- Researched on S.7(5)(a) of IBC analysing NCLT's power to admit applications for initiation of CIRP; payment of employees during CIRP; replacement of RP due to misconduct; CIRP initiation in the presence of dues in the balance sheet; waiver on the part of the petitioner on the plea of bias; previous regulations of the IBBI regulating IPA and did a comparative analysis of retrenchment and layoffs under the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947

Sim and San Attorneys-at-Law, Delhi | June 2022 (*IPR & Disputes Resolution- Litigation Team*) (4 weeks)

- Assisted the partner in building up the PhonePe v. Resilient Innovations Pvt Ltd. (PostPe & BharatPe) case by researching on several aspects of deceptively similar trademarks
- Drafted a legal notice for recovery of money; Reply to Order VII, Rule 11 application in a matter concerning ancillary probate of a will in UAE; Notice of Opposition for rectification by cancelling the registration of a trademark for MakeMyTrip; Affidavit in support of a trademark filing for a restaurant, etc
- Researched on continuous cause of action for a trademark dispute between Google and MakeMyTrip, 'Bayana receipt being an agreement' for a property dispute, doctrine of amity or comity, Stay of suit under S. 10 of CPC, etc

OTHER INTERNSHIPS: *Spice Route Legal (Fintech & Data)*, *Scriboard [Advocates & Legal Consultants] (IPR)*, Chambers of Senior Advocate Pradeep Rai; Chambers of AOR Jeetendra Gupta; Chambers of Adv Amrit Singh Thapa, Rohini Court; BSK Legal; Parashurami Legal; Centre for Consumer Rights and Marketing, Symbiosis Law School; Centre for Human Security Studies, Hyderabad

EXPERIENCE

Founder- Lawocals (*May 2021- Present*)

Lawocals (<https://lawocals.com/>) is a law student-friendly portal for any aspiring or current law student without any connections within the legal field by providing answers to all their law related queries in the form of blogs. It has been ranked 53rd out of the top 100 Indian legal blogs and is read in more than 25 countries including the US, UK, etc.

PUBLISHED RESEARCH PAPERS AND ARTICLES

1. Research Paper titled '*Intellectual Property Rights: Start-Ups, Investors and M&A*' selected by CNLU's CIRF-in-IPHD for publication in the Journal of Academic Innovation & Research in Intellectual Property Assets (Mar 2023)
2. Research Paper titled '*Net Neutrality: Steadying the wrong foot*' selected for publication by MNLU's Centre for Information, Communication and Technology Law (January 2023)

3. Research Paper titled '*Disputes, Democracy and Citizens: Inter-State Water Conflicts*' published by DSNLU in the book titled 'MANAGING THE BLUE' (ISBN: 978-81-954254-0-2) (September 2022) [Presented paper in the National Conference on Water Management Law: Life, Livelihood and Environment at DSNLU]
4. *From money laundering to cleaner energy: The legality of NFTs*, The Daily Guardian (Nov 2021)
5. Research Paper titled *Urban Refugees: The Intersection* published in The Jurat International Law Journal (Mar 2021)
6. *Separation of the two wings of police: Law and order and Investigation* and *Censorship of certification: How to regulate OTT platforms?*, Indian Review of Advanced Legal RESEARCH (June 2021) [Cited in [Latest Laws](#)]
7. *Obama 3.0?* - 'Vichar Manthan' by Think India (ISBN: 9798578972072) | 17th National Article Writing Competition (Jan 2021)

CONFERENCES AND PAPER PRESENTATIONS

1. **3rd Best Paper Award at the RGNLU-SAM Conclave** on Emerging Trends in Banking & Finance in India- Presented paper titled '*Confronting the NPA Crisis: Battling for Economic Stability with an Arsenal of Legal Jargons*' | April 2023
2. **Best Paper Award at the Jindal Forum for International and Economic Laws' Student** Conference on 'Making International Law Relevant: Promises and Challenges for India' - Presented paper titled '*Cloud Computing: Interplay of National and International Laws vis-à-vis Jurisdiction, Contract and Privacy Laws*' | April 2023
3. **2nd Runners Up at 2nd GNLU International Conference** on Business, Law & Public Policy- Presented paper titled '*Beyond the 9-to-5: Exploring the Legal Implications of Moonlighting vis-à-vis Gig Economy & GenZ*' | March 2023
4. Panelist at the International Conference on Challenges and Trends of Migration by IFIM Law School & North South University, Bangladesh- Presented paper titled '*Extremist migration: Do citizens want to accommodate these 'foreign fighters'?*' | Nov 2021
5. Panelist at Gujarat Maritime University's International Conference on Maritime Dispute Resolution by - Presented research paper titled '*Warranties in Marine Insurance: A comparative study*' | October 2021
6. Presented paper titled '*Ambush Marketing: Is sports now the part of entertainment industry?*' at RGNUL & JLU's Conference on Regulation of Sports and Entertainment Law | August 2021
7. Presented paper titled '*Victims of crime: Those on the side-lines*' at the National Seminar on Reparative and Restorative Justice for Victims of Crime by UILS, Panjab University, Chandigarh | April 2021
8. **3rd Best Paper at RMLNLU-Spice Route Legal's** National Seminar on 'Law and Technology: Issues and Perspectives' - Presented paper titled '*Net neutrality: steady the wrong foot*' | March 2021 ([Bar & Bench](#))
9. **2nd Best Paper** at PCGT Conclave, 2021 in association with Pravin Gandhi College of Law- Presented paper titled '*Urban Refugees- The Intersection*' | Feb 2021

MOOT COURT

- Researcher, **Winners and Best Researcher Award** at the 18th Nani Palkhivala Tax Moot Court Competition, 2023 (*Direct Tax- Taxability of expenditure incurred for patent technology development and deductible allowances*)
- Researcher, **13th Best Team and 9th Best Memorial** at the 2022 Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition (*Public International Law*)
- Speaker, **Runners up** at the 2021 GIBS National Virtual Moot Court Competition (3rd edition) in collaboration with District Legal Services Authority- North ([Bar & Bench](#)) (*Constitutional Law & Competition Law*)
- Speaker, **5th Best Team and Best Memorial** at the 2021 ILNU's *Constitutional Law* Intra Moot Court Competition

HONORS & AWARDS

1. 2nd Runners Up at ICAFI University's National **Quiz Competition** on Refugee Rights & Migration Laws | Mar 2021
2. Best Speaker at the World Wildlife Day Conventional **Debate Competition**- ILNU Debate Society X Centre for Environmental Law | March 2021
3. Top 10 Teams to qualify for the finals out of 330 teams in the **Case Study competition** of Invicta'21 by Shaheed Sukhdev College of Business Studies (SSCBS), Delhi University | April 2021

POSITIONS OF RESPONSIBILITIES

Co-Head- *Centre for Artificial Intelligence & Law, ILNU [Research & Editorial Wing]* (2022-2023)
 Core Member- *Centre for International Humanitarian Rights & Human Rights, ILNU* (2022-2023)
 Editor- *International Agora, Jindal Society of International Law* (Mar 2022- Dec 2022) & *Legis Sententia, University of Calcutta* (May 2022- Jun 2022)
 Research Volunteer- *Centre for Research in Criminal Justice, MNLU* (June 2021- Dec 2022)
 Writer- *Libertatem Magazine* (Feb 2021- July 2021) & *Indian Review of Advanced Legal Research* (April 2021)