

RISHITA KALA

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AREA OF INTEREST

- Intellectual Property Rights

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATION

- **Institute of Law, Nirma University, Ahmedabad, Gujarat**
PPI: 8.5 - B.A. LL.B. (Hons.) (Till 8th Semester).
- **Sanmati higher Sec. School, Indore, M.P.**
Percentage Obtained in 12th Grade: 70% (P.C.M and Physical Education)
- **Sanmati higher Sec. School, Indore, M.P.**
CGPA obtained in 10th Grade: 9.2 out of 10.

INTERNSHIPS

Singh and Singh Law Firm LLP, New Delhi (July 2023- Present)

- Drafted counter statement, reply to examination report and notice of opposition.
- Researched on Section 13 of the Trade Marks Act as a ground to oppose an application of a mark similar to an international non-proprietary name, and analyzed relevant case laws.
- Research for the case laws on section 9 of the trademarks act where refusal was based on non-compliance of the rules.

ALG Law Offices LLP, New Delhi (June 2023)

- Drafted counter statement, reply to examination, notice of opposition, analysis of notice of opposition.
- Drafted an affidavit in support of an Application under Section 65B of the Indian Evidence Act, 1872.
- Prepared portfolio report for various brands including Paramount pictures, Pearson INC and Openstack.
- Authored a comment piece on the topic "Does targeted advertisement models dilute the value of a trademark?"
- Delivered a presentation on "When Can a Proprietor of a Composite Mark Enforce their Rights over Parts of Registered Mark?"

Scriboard Advocates and Legal Consultants, New Delhi (February 2023)

- Conducted public searches for several marks and researched counterfeit products for specific brands on e-commerce platforms.
- Researched the topic of Personhood for Artificial Intelligence and its implications in the judiciary, as well as piracy in the Indian film industry through an empirical survey.

Inttl Advocare, Noida (January 2023)

- Provided opinion on Trademark Examination Reports and prepared search opinions on various trademarks.
- Drafted several Affidavits under Rule 45, Rule 46, and Rule 47 of the Trademark Rules 2017.
- Conducted research and collected evidence on the use and presence of **trademarks**, including news articles, reports, social media presence, and financial statements.

Scriboard Advocates and Legal Consultants, New Delhi (July 2022)

- Researched and prepared a document on Start-up and Intellectual Property Rights.
- Researched and prepared a brief article on "How to Save Face & the Fourth Amendment: Developing an Algorithmic Accountability Industry for Facial Recognition Technology in Law Enforcement."

Juris Legal Practitioners, Ahmedabad (June 2022)

- Researched on Copyrightability of videos used in training sessions and publication of same research twice by the same author.
- Researched on Personality Rights and its interface with Copyright and Trademark Law.
- Researched research on judicial precedents that have enabled transwomen to file a complaint under the PoSH (Prevention of Sexual Harassment) Act.

A & S Legal Partners, Indore (January 2022)

- Researched on research notes on issues pertaining to Copyrights and trademarks.
- Drafted Commercial Agreement, Software developers Agreement, Lease Agreement.
- Researched basics of IPR, patentable subject matter, history of patenting life, copyrights, and Traditional Knowledge.

Veer Kumar Jain and Associates, Indore

(June 2021)

- Drafting and research work on matters pertaining to IPC, CrPC.
- Drafting and research work on matters pertaining to Family Laws, Scheduled Caste, and Scheduled Tribe (Prevention of Atrocities) Act 2016.

Additional Advocate General, Vivek Dalal, Indore

(December 2021)

- Research work on diverse areas of law including code of Civil Procedure, Contract Act
- Research work on Arbitration and conciliation Act, MSME Act, Constitutional law, Criminal Law, Property Law, etc.

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

• **Publications**

- Published blog titled “*unmasking algorithmic bias in facial recognition technology*” in Legal prism. [link](#)

• **Extra Varsity Courses**

- Pursued a certificate course in “*General Course on Intellectual Property*” by WIPO.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- **Winner** Inter- Institute Volleyball Competition, 2022.
- **Runners-Up** Open Challengers of client counseling competition organized by Institute of Law, Nirma University.
- Poetry recitation competition INDRADHANUSH, 2020.
- Volunteered in ILNU first Regional Conclave: Global Alliance for Justice Education.
- Volunteered and Organized ILNU National Students Conference on Humanitarian Law and Refugee Laws.

POSITIONS OF RESPONSIBILITIES

• **Member of center for intellectual property rights, ILNU (2020-2021)**

- Pursued a certificate course in “*General Course on Intellectual Property*” by WIPO.
- Organize: Webinars/Panel Discussions/symposiums on contemporary IP topics.
- The IP Blog: Launched and created a blog site to promote research and writing in IPR.
- Newsletters: Launched monthly newsletters comprising relevant developments in IP.
- Promoting social media presence of the Centre.