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- **Fifth year** (Semester 9th) B.A. LL. B (Hons.) at NLU, Ranchi | **6.64 CGPA**
- **12th Standard** (CBSE) | Secured **68%** [Commerce]
- **10th Standard** (CBSE) | Secured **9.8 /10 CGPA**

INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCE

- 1) **SAIKRISHNA & ASSOCIATES (LAW FIRM), NOIDA** [1 month]
 - **Drafted** Search Opinions, Search Reports, Reply to Provisional Refusal by the Examiner, Notice of Opposition, Counter-Statements and Affidavits under Rules 45 and 46.
 - Conducted Public Search, and Proprietor Search and **researched** on use of various marks.
 - **Researched various propositions** such as licensing of a trademark, dishonest adoption of a mark, whether consent order passed by court is enforceable, whether High Court in appeal decide a right to be a fundamental right, whether rendition of accounts be filled for in summary proceedings and analysed the IT Rules regarding online gaming.
- 2) **SINGHANIA & CO. LLP (LAW FIRM), NEW DELHI** [1 month]
 - **Worked** and experienced in arbitration, civil and commercial matters. **Worked** as a part of **Arbitration, Civil and IBC Team**.
 - **Drafted** Statements of Claim and Defence, while also drafted affidavit of various ongoing arbitration cases of the firm. Also, **drafted** a Certificate of Authentication under **Section 66 B** of Indian Evidence Act, 1872.
 - **Attended** various Civil Matters at **Delhi High Court** and a matter at **Small Causes Court**, while also **assisted** associates in various **research**.
- 3) **INTTL ADVOCARE (LAW FIRM), NOIDA** [1 month]
 - **Collected evidences in support of both the marks** including e-register search, TM View for any international registration, MCA master data, WhoIs domain name search, listings on e-commerce website in India as well as international use and its presence on social media, etc.
 - **Drafted Notice of Opposition** for opposing an identical mark of applicant i.e., applied on *proposed to be used* basis; where opponent (client) has international registrations and is prior user & adopter of mark in India, where opposition was made on grounds under S. 11(1), 11(2), 11(3)(a) and 11(10). Also, **assisted in drafting an opinion and affidavit under Rule 45**.
 - Did **research** on service of document to an authorised agent, with relation to Rule 15, 19, 21 & 105 of the Trademarks Rules 2002 and Rule 17, 18, 19, 109 of the Trademarks Act 1999. Also **researched** on extension of time by the registrar and when as well as in what cases it is allowed, with relation to Section 131 of TM Act 1999, Rule 105 of 2002 Rules and Rule 109 of 2017 Rules, etc.
- 4) **BERUAR & BERUAR LLP (LAW FIRM), NEW DELHI** [1 month]
 - **Extensively researched** on recent judgements on Trademark infringements, limitation period for filing a WS during court's vacations and COVID-19 (as per Delhi High Court IPD Rules, 2022), transformation of IR to National Application w.r.t Article 9quinquies of the Madrid Protocol, etc.
 - **Drafted** a counter-statement to the notice of opposition against the application for registration of Trademark and also a cease-and-desist notice of copyright infringement of a cinematograph film.
 - **Presented an article** titled "*Exploring the Metaverse: The Intellectual Property Rights in the Virtual Realm*" written by me.
- 5) **OSTARA LEGAL (LAW FIRM), NEW DELHI** [1 month]
 - **Drafted** Search Opinions, Search Reports, Reply to Provisional Refusal by the Examiner, User Affidavit Under Rule 25(2), Cease and Desist Notice, Notice for Transfer of Copyrights, Notice of Opposition, Counter-Statements and Affidavits under Rule 45 and 46.
 - Conducted Public Search and **researched** on use of various marks.
 - **Researched** on various propositions such as whether use by a predecessor will qualify as use by the current proprietor, whether Rights of commissioned work are given to the person at whose instance the work was made, whether a Publisher Be Sued for Trademark Infringement Committed by its Authors.
- 6) **THOMAS GEORGE & ASSOCIATES (LAW FIRM), HYDERABAD** [1 month]
 - **Drafted** memorandum of Caveat Petition under Section 148A of the Civil procedure Code along with the Schedule of the property.
 - **Researched** on the proposition wherein the property regarding partition suit can be registered not only by court auction but by way of private agreement in favour of a third party who is not a party to that suit.
 - Also, **researched** on **case laws** related to Section 498 A of Indian Penal Code, 1860; in the event where Divorce has been granted with no alimony and the wife has married consequent to the Divorce.
- 7) **PATRONS LEGAL (LAW FIRM), NEW DELHI** [1 month]
 - Extensively **researched** on the matters related to Motor Accident Claims Tribunal, Quashing of FIR and over the voting rights in an IBC matter, etc.
 - **Drafted** a complaint and a bail application, as well as multiple legal documents including Plaints and Written Statements.
 - **Interacted** with clients and assisted during the **case proceeding** at the **Delhi High Court**.
- 8) **SAHEJ UBAN & ASSOCIATES (LAW FIRM), NEW DELHI** [1 month]
 - Assisted in **drafting** of plaint, written statement, transcripts and true-typed copies.

- Preparation of various **legal documents** along with **extensive research** on matters relating to Criminal, Consumer, matrimonial matters, S.138 of Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881, etc.
 - Attended **Court proceedings** at **Delhi High Court**, various **District Courts of Delhi**, **National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission** and **District Consumer Disputes Redressal Forum, New Delhi**.
- 9) **CHAMBER OF ADVOCATE KHURSHEED ANWAR, CIVIL COURT, BETTIAH (W. CHAMPARAN), BIHAR** [1 month]
- Assisted in drafting** of plaints, written statements and other relevant legal documents.
 - Visited court and attended **court proceedings**.
 - Extensively researched** on the principles of law relevant with the fact of the case and also **prepared case briefs** on the same.

PUBLICATIONS

- Publication of article** titled '*Inventing Inventors: Rethinking IP Protection for AI Creations*' in the ACIPR Blog by the **Alliance Centre for Intellectual Property Rights (ACIPR), Alliance School of Law, Alliance University**.
<https://www.alliance.edu.in/committees/acipr/blog/2023-09-15-inventing-inventor.php>
- Publication of paper** titled "*Women in Blue: Making Strides in a Male-Dominated Field*" by **Centre for Advanced Legal Studies, Training And Research (CALSTAR), Maharashtra National Law University (MNLU), Mumbai**.
- Publication of paper** titled "*Social repression and associated victimisation entailing Homosexuality in India: A perspective on its societal validation in Indian judicial context*" in the **Book- "Global Thoughts and Opinions"** as part of **Justice Dipak Misra Call for Papers 2023** (The book bearing a **Foreword by Hon'ble Justice Dipak Misra, Former CJI** and edited by **Hon'ble Justice A.K. Sikri and VCs of top NLUs**).
- Publication of paper** titled "*Protection of Maternity rights of the working women: The Laws and Issues regarding Maternity benefits*" in the **Book- "Global Thoughts and Opinions"** as part of **Justice Dipak Misra Call for Papers 2023** (The book bearing a **Foreword by Hon'ble Justice Dipak Misra, Former CJI** and edited by **Hon'ble Justice A.K. Sikri and VCs of top NLUs**).
- Compilation of selected articles on Law and Film - Article titled "*12 Angry Men- The Film and its legal perspective*" **published by ProBono India**. <http://probono-india.in/research-paper-detail.php?id=827>

PAPER PRESENTATIONS

- Presented paper** titled "*Exploring Metaverse: The Intellectual Property Commercialization in Virtual Realm*" at **INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE** on Commercialization of Intellectual Property Rights organised by **Maharashtra National Law University (MNLU), Nagpur, Maharashtra**.
- Presented paper** titled "*Unveiling the Technological Underworld: Exploring the Complex Interplay Between Technology and Crime*" at one-day **INTERNATIONAL E-CONFERENCE** on Technology Law and Public Policy organised by the **West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences (NUJS), Kolkata**.
- Presented paper** titled "*Redefining Boundaries: India's Legal Response to Elevating Animals Beyond Property*" at **2-days Interdisciplinary INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE** on Human-Animal Conflict and Compensation by **Centre for Research in Environmental Law, Dharmashastra National Law University (DNLU), Jabalpur** in collaboration with **CEERA, NLSIU, Bengaluru**.
- Presented paper** titled "*Beyond the Pillars of Society: The Interwoven Threads of Law, Justice, Ethics, and Humanity*" at **3-days INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM** organised by the **Intersection of Law, Humanities & Social Sciences (LHSS) Collective of Maharashtra National Law University (MNLU), Mumbai**.
- Presented paper** titled "*Protection of Maternity rights of the working women: The Laws and issues regarding Maternity benefits*" at **2-days INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR** organised by **Dharmashastra National Law University (DNLU), Jabalpur** and **Law Mantra Trust**.
- Presented paper** titled "*Attaining Optimal Work-Life Balance for Women in Executive Decision-Making Roles within Corporate Sectors*" at a **NATIONAL SEMINAR** on Women in Decision-Making Roles in Corporates by **Centre for Women and Law** organised by **National Law University Odisha (NLUO), Cuttack**.

MOOT EXPERIENCE

- Represented the university in the prestigious **2nd DEO MANGAL MEMORIAL NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION, 2023** conducted by **Gopal Narayan Singh University in All India Rounds**.
- Participated in **INTRA MOOT COURT COMPETITION** conducted by Moot Court Committee, National University of Study and Research in Law, Ranchi.

ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

- Certificate course on **Intellectual Property** by **WIPO eLearning Centre, World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)**. [Ongoing]
- Successfully completed a certificate course on **Trademarks and Copyrights** by **IndusLaw and SimuLegum** with marks of 80.22/100.
- Successfully completed a certificate course in **Introduction to Legal Drafting: Contracts, Petitions, Opinions & Articles** by **LawSikho** in collaboration with **National Skill Development Corporation** with a grade of A+.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Participated in **2nd Edition of Article Writing Competition** on Law and Film organised by **Pro Bono India**.
- Participated in **Intra-college Debate Competition**, National University of Study and Research in Law, Ranchi
- Did **rapporteur**ing for a seminar on **Witch-branding** organised by **Centre for Child Rights, National University of Study and Research in Law, Ranchi**