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WORK EXPERIENCE

Aletheiaa Legal, Bangalore

[March 2023 - July 2023]

Legal Associate

- Drafted replies to examination reports, evidence affidavits, notice of oppositions and reply to provisional refusal application. Advised client on potential consequences arising from ownership changes in the Madrid Filing process due to the assignment of the mark in basic application. Drafted replies to discrepancy letters by copyright office for copyright applications.
- Managed Trademark and Copyright Portfolios. Represented firm at weekly open house sessions at IP India website and addressed client grievances.
- Reviewed Unilateral and Mutual NDAs (Non-Disclosure Agreements) for Startups, Employment Agreements, Leave and License Agreements and Term of Use Agreements.

CERTIFICATIONS

- Pursuing Diploma Course in IPR and Media and Entertainment Laws by LawSikho. [Feb 2020-2021]
- Certificate Course in Fashion Law and IPR by Dr Ram Manohar Lohiya National Law University, Lucknow [2020]

INTERSHIPS

Dodd & Co, New Delhi

[November 2022]

- Drafted reply to provisional refusal application under Section 9(1) (a) of the Trademark Act, 1999 for a UK based Company.
- Conducted public & common law trademark searches for three gaming applications.
- Drafted affidavit of evidence in support of application for a luxury brand dealing in perfumes.
- Drafted user affidavits for online dating website and gaming application.

Fox Mandal & Associates, Bangalore. (IP Dep.)

[October 2022]

- Researched on (a) position of intermediary liability by analyzing the case Flipkart v State of Delhi NCT. [2022 SCC Online Del 2439] (b) Handling IP Assets in an Insolvency Proceedings, (c) Web 3.0-Decentralization of Business Models, (d) synonyms in rival trademarks leading to trademark infringement through the case Vanita Gupta v Amit Arora. [CS(COMM) 395/2022]
- Drafted evidence in support of application under for UK based multimedia company.
- Drafted RTI application for Design Registration.
- Prepared a research article and presented on Disney losing its Copyright Registration on 'Steamboat era Mickey' in 2024 and analyzed legal implications for third parties on derivatives of the original character on their copyrighted works.

Quasar Legal, Bangalore

[September-October 2022]

- Drafted legal opinion in copyright infringement claim by a foreign brand for 'lamp design.'
- Contributed to the Copyright and Media and Entertainment Newsletter for August- September 2022 featured in the firm's website.
- Prepared extensive research article and prepared presentation on the Issue of territoriality: Nexus between Copyright and IT Act through the lens of Neetu Singh v Telegram FZ LLC 2022 LiveLaw (Del) 822.

Lex Praxis, New Delhi (IP Dep.)

[May- June 2022]

- Drafted five replies to cease and desist notice. Drafted three user affidavits, replies to counter statements, replies to examination report by Copyright Office, replies to examination report under Section 9 and 11 of Trademarks Act, 1999. Drafted two evidences in support of application under Rule 46 of Trademark Rules, 2017.
- Drafted legal opinion for a USA based producers concerned about piracy of their movies in India.

Stratjuris Law Partners, Pune, Maharashtra

[October- November 2021]

- Drafted seven user affidavits. Drafted four replies to examination report, notice of opposition of trademark registration, counter statements, affidavit of evidence in support of opposition, evidence in support of application.
- Conducted trademark classification & search reports of start-up businesses. Prepared letters to the Trade Mark Registry, replied to client query mails for national and international clients.

IPR Studio, Pune, Maharashtra

[February- April, 2021]

- Assisted in first examination report (FER) analysis, on prior invention of US Patent with claimed invention both dealing with the subject matter of ‘digital tickets’.
- Analysed and complied patent claims disclosing ‘Addition of sensor data’ by browsing through Derwent Innovation database.

Legal Bites, New Delhi

[May- June 2020]

- Wrote 22 research articles on Labour Laws, Criminal Law, Contract Law, Environment Laws, and International Law for online publishing.
- Connected with NCW and prepared an article on “Increasing cybercrimes against women and children during Covid 19 pandemic along with mitigating legal solutions”.

International Justice Mission, Kolkata

[May- June 2018]

- Worked closely with the Government Relations & Legal Team of IJM. Monitored court proceedings in District Court, provided assistance to the teams in field visits to Government Shelter Homes. Connected with West Bengal Commission for Protection of Child Rights and CID (Anti Human Trafficking Unit) of West Bengal.
- Wrote articles on IPC, POSCO Act, JJ Act (2015) and ITPA, 1956 along with statistical underpinnings.

PUBLICATION AND RESEARCH

- Aqueen Ekka and Priyanka Jena, “Susceptibility of indigenous communities and the development of expression of folklore”, International Journal of Business Law Studies. (August 2021)
- Presented Research Paper at National Seminar on “Rights of Victims in Criminal Justice System” at Asian Law College, Noida. (2018)

EDUCATION

BBA LLB (Hons)	2017-22	Symbiosis Law School, Pune	6.82 CGPA
Higher Senior Secondary (Class XII)	2015-2017	Our Lady Queen of the Missions School, Kolkata	82%
Senior Secondary (Class X)	2015	Our Lady Queen of the Missions School, Kolkata	82%

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- Participated in Online Trademark Opposition Drafting competition organized by The IP Press. (2020)
- Assisted Aftercare Team and Community Engagement Team of NGO International Justice Mission, Kolkata for educating children of their rights and interacted with rescued victims. (2018)