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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

I am a high-achieving, focused and detail-oriented Lawyer having exposure of both Corporate and Litigation, with expertise in Intellectual Property (IP) Law. I have 9 Years of Post-Qualification Experience and for the past 6 years I have focused on my own law practice, serving clients across different industries and sectors including Technology (Tech), Non-profits, Creatives and Artists.

WORK EXPERIENCE

05/2021 - Present **INDEPENDENT PRACTICE, VADODARA**
FOUNDER

Tech Clients

- Have worked on Risk mitigation and have advised various clients on Commercial Contracts and Tech Contracts.
- Have worked on varied types of agreements such as Master Service Agreements, Non-Disclosure Agreements, Confidentiality Agreements, End User Licence Agreements (EULA), Terms & Conditions, Privacy Policies, Employment Agreements, MOUs etc.

Law Firm Collaborations

- Worked and appeared on cases as Outside Counsel in Trade Marks Registry, Ahmedabad, for AZB, Mumbai on IP and Trademark issues.
- Worked and appeared on cases as Outside Counsel in Armed Forces Tribunal, Kolkata for DM Juris Consultants, Gurgaon on Military law and Service issues.
- Worked as Outside Counsel for Lall & Sethi, New Delhi and helped in executing Raid and Seizure operations with the Law Enforcement and Local Commissioners for IP Enforcement matters at different locations in India.

05/2018 - 05/2021 **EKAGYA, VADODARA**
FOUNDING PARTNER

Served numerous clients across industry verticals ranging from Industrial, Tech, Non-profits, Creatives, Artists and Sports. The primary focus was on IP and Contracts with a high success rate of resolution.

Industrial and Services Clients

- Advised clients in the Pharmaceutical industry and successfully resolved and conducted Infringement investigations.
- Worked with clients in the Food-service industry across segments such as Restaurants and Specialty beverage makers in commercialising and protecting their IP.
- Have worked with clients in the Healthcare industry in dealing with Copyright Infringement.
- Worked with Retail Industry clients and Event Management agencies on commercialisation of their IP and Licensing.

Tech Clients

- Have Advised and worked with clients in the Software industry specifically on Licensing issues and protecting their IP.
- Advised Intermediaries and Digital Platform Companies from the Education Industry, Fashion Industry, Pop-Culture Retail Stores, etc. with respect to Commercialisation of their IP and Licensing Requirements.

Creative & Non-Profit Clients

- Have Advised and worked with Independent Filmmakers, Production Houses, Fashion Designers, Musicians and Artists.
- Worked with Artists and Artist support organisations on Copyright and related issues when dealing with Collectors, Galleries, etc.

Sports Clients

- Advise and Dispute resolution regarding contracts of Tennis Player and usage of facilities.
- Advised a Martial Arts practitioner in getting an arms license for Practice and Sports competitions.

Law Firm Collaborations

- Have worked on numerous cases as Outside Counsel on IP and Trademark issues for AZB, Mumbai and Lall & Sethi, New Delhi.
- Worked across Government Departments, Large Multinational Corporations and represented them successfully.

04/2016 - 05/2018 **SCHEME FOR FACILITATING START-UPS INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY PROTECTION (SIPP), START UP INDIA, GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, NEW DELHI**

IP FACILITATOR

Worked with Start-ups as a part of SIPP with the Government of India.

- This scheme provides services in protecting and promoting IP.
- My work besides appearing for the Start-ups – also included Drafting responses, Filing and Disposal of Applications.

06/2016 - 12/2017 **SOFTWARE FREEDOM LAW CENTRE, NEW DELHI** **COUNSEL**

At SFLC, I worked across the gamut - which included Research and Drafting in the areas such as Intermediary Liability, Privacy and Data Protection, Encryption, Internet Governance, Network Neutrality, Internet Shutdowns, Software Patents, Free and Open-Source Software etc. This experience has given me a wide exposure to Tech-Policy related issues.

- Participated in Litigation and Advisory - which included representing intermediaries in court and protecting the online platform and the company Directors from 3rd party disputes.
- Have organised and participated in various conferences and workshops centred around Multi-Stakeholder Discussions on Tech, Law and Policy.

Landmark Case

- 'Right to Privacy' case: Justice K.S. Puttaswamy (Retd.) & Anr. v. Union of India & Ors., for the petitioners as part of the clubbed petition.

06/2015 - 04/2016 **SINGH & SINGH LALL & SETHI, NEW DELHI** **ASSOCIATE**

At SSLS, I worked across teams and was involved with different facets of IP Prosecution, Litigation & Enforcement.

- Worked on Prosecution – Monitoring Applications, Drafting Opinions and responses.
- Litigation included – Briefings for Senior Counsels, Preparation of arguments and hearings and appearances at the High Court of Delhi and the Supreme Court of India.
- Enforcement – Executed Raid and Seizure operations with the Law Enforcement and Local Commissioners at locations around India.

Landmark Case

- 'Ericsson vs CCI' trials: Telefonaktiebolaget LM Ericsson v. Competition Commission of India, and other related Standard Essential Patent litigation cases for Ericsson.

TRAINING & CERTIFICATIONS

2018	Certificate of Practice , by Bar Council of India , New Delhi;
2017	International Workshop on ' Research Methods for Internet Policy in South and Southeast Asia ', by Internet Policy Observatory at the Annenberg School for Communication, University of Pennsylvania, Centre for Communication Governance at National Law University (NLU), Delhi, Centre for Internet and Society , India & Digital Asia Hub , organised at NLU, Delhi;
2015	Certificate of Enrolment , by Bar Council of Delhi , New Delhi;
2011 - 2015	B.A.LL.B. , from Army Institute of Law , Mohali;
2009 - 2011	B.A.LL.B.(Hons.) , from Baroda School of Legal Studies , The Maharaja Sayajirao University, Vadodara.

PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

2018	Featured by LinkedIn in #ProfessionalsofLinkedIn , a special series showcasing and highlighting stories of professionals on LinkedIn.
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