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Academics and Additional Qualifications

Institution	Course	University/Board	Batch	CGPA/Percentage
Maharashtra National Law University Mumbai	B.A., LL.B. (Hons.)	Maharashtra National Law University Mumbai	2019-24	6.94/8.00
Bhavan's Bhagwandas Purohit Vidya Mandir, Srikrishna Nagar, Nagpur	Class XII	Central Board of Secondary Education	2019	80.6%
Sankar Vidya Sagar, Nagpur	Class X	Central Board of Secondary Education	2017	90.4%

- Cleared Foundation Level of Company Secretary (CSEET) (November 2023).

Experience

ANA LAW GROUP (Trainee Associate)

01 AUGUST 2024 – 10 JANUARY 2025

- Conducted public searches for proposed trade mark registrations, and filings.
- Prepared draft opposition, counterstatement, and affidavit of evidence in trade mark registration applications.
- Conducted trademark status searches and prepared draft emails to inform clients regarding the status of trade mark applications / oppositions. Prepared draft letters to follow-up with the Trade Marks Registry.
- Reviewed and revised (or suggested changes) in the draft contracts and leave and license agreements.
- Carried out legal research pertaining to Intellectual property and other civil matters.

Legal Internships

TRILEGAL - TMT (MUMBAI)

01 JULY 2024 - 28 JULY 2024

- Conducted Public Search and Proprietor Search for the proposed mark and prepared due diligence Report.
- Conducted Research on the issues related to Trademark and other IPRS, such as, trade secrets.
- Observed the Bombay High Court and CDSCO's website for the regular updates - in the domain of IPR and Drugs.

GREAVES COTTON LIMITED (MUMBAI)

05 FEBRUARY 2024 - 04 APRIL 2024

- Reviewed Agreements and contracts such as Engagement Letter, Company's Privacy Policy; and documents for trademark filing.
- Checked on the tax liability of the Promoters/Acquirer as drawn under the SPA/SSA by the parties; Read on Representations and warranties drawn out under the SSA by the companies.
- Researched on applicability of stamp duty on instruments under the Indian Stamp Act, 1899 read with respective State Legislations.
- Intellectual Property – researched and formulated arguments for protecting trademarks of the company and its subsidiaries. Also prepared the Trademark Repository of the company, and its subsidiaries.
- Tracked and updated hearing details for the litigation matters before various courts and Trademark Registry.

K&S PARTNERS (MUMBAI)

09 OCTOBER 2023 - 31 OCTOBER 2023

- Conducted Public Search and Internet search for the proposed mark of the client. Based on the Searches conducted - Public and Internet Search- drafted Search Opinions - and the email stating the search opinion.
- Prepared arguments and attended show cause hearing of the proposed and cited marks in the Examination Report before the Trademarks Registry.
- Prepared case briefs and assisted legal professionals in search reports provided/pulled out.

MR. RASHMIN KHANDEKAR (COUNSEL, BOMBAY HIGH COURT)

03 JULY 2023 - 28 JULY 2023

- Attended conferences with external lawyers and briefing of senior advocates.
- Arbitration – attended arbitration proceedings and conducted research in the matters of Intellectual Property (IPR Law)

and other Company matters and prepared List of Dates and events.

- Attended Court Proceedings and prepared notes for the law firms on behalf of the counsel and drafted Written Submissions.

LUTHRA AND LUTHRA - PROJECTS AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION

03 APRIL 2023 - 28 APRIL 2023

- Researched on various Labour Law Compliances, consents and approvals required for a company to run a business – State and Central Legislations, Prepared Requisition List and Check List on Policies of a company.
- Assisted counsel in conducting due diligence for the company (a client) in the matter of Acquisition.
- Researched judgments related to drafting a Memorandum of Arbitration – foreign/Indian - Client/Counter party.
- Prepared speaking notes for the counsel addressing the issues of Intellectual Property Rights and Artificial Intelligence.

ROYZZ AND CO. (MUMBAI)

01 DECEMBER 2022 - 01 FEBRUARY 2023

- Researched on issues related to Trademark and Copyright - Litigation as well as Arbitration.
- Drafted Affidavits, Written Submissions towards IP litigation.
- Drafted Notice of Opposition, Response to Examination Report and Notice of Opposition, and Evidence in support of Opposition/ Application in Trademark (as per TM Rules, 2002).
- Drafted Legal Notices and Conducted Public Search and prepared hearing notes for the Client; Reported Copyright Infringement on social media handles; Conducted trademark search on use of counterfeit products by the infringer.

KHURANA AND KHURANA, ADVOCATES AND IP ATTORNEYS (MUMBAI)

01 JULY 2022 - 31 JULY 2022

- Conducted Public Search for Trademark, for assessing potential opposition and risks for registering the mark.
- Drafted Legal Opinion based on public search- whether the mark can be registered or not. Moreover, did trademark filing; Drafted Agreements related to Media and Entertainment; Drafted Legal opinion after conducting feature mapping based on Patent Claims.
- Researched on various aspects related to Intellectual Property Rights and civil matters; and carried out case analysis.

CENTRE FOR INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RESEARCH AND ADVOCACY, NLSIU

01 AUGUST 2022 - 30 AUGUST 2022

- Researched on various aspects related to Intellectual Property Rights and carried out case analysis. The task involved weekly research on the current affairs and issues related to IPR while writing blogs on the same.
- Attended weekly sessions organized by the Research Assistants of the Centre. Presented Paper on “Piracy and Counterfeiting as IP Crimes: Position of India as compared to the United States and China”.

Research & Publications

- Published blog titled “Special Rights of an Elderly Persons in India”, on White Black Legal Law Journal (Volume 1, Issue 2).
- Published a blog titled “Anticipatory Bail: Whether Permissible to A Child in Conflict with The Law under the Juvenile Justice Act, 2015 or Maintainable under CRPC”, on The Law Culture.
- “Secondary Victimization of Victims under Criminal Justice System in India”, Black n' White Journal.
- Published blog titled “Bioinformatics, Technology, and IP Rights in India”, on Lucknow Law Review Blog.
- Volunteered at Javed Abidi Foundation for Disability right, during Covid-19 Pandemic in June 2020 (Research).
- Volunteered for Research on Educational video for DEVISE on the Prevention of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 (Research).

Extra-curricular Activities

- Quarter Finalists at Shri NJ Yasaswy 6th Memorial Virtual International Moot Court Competition, 2021.
- Convener, Centre for Research in Intellectual Property (CRIP) - The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) (October 2023 – April 2024).
- Member, Student's Library Committee (MNLU Mumba). (September 2023 – April 2024).
- Member, Students' Hostel and Mess Committee (MNLU Mumbai). (April 2022 – December 2023).
- Pro Bono Associate, MNLU Mumbai (April 2022 - May 2023).
- Convener, Centre for Women, Child Rights and Gender Justice (CWCRGJ), MNLU Mumbai. (Nov'22 - Aug'23).
- Editor-in-Chief, CWCRGJ Blog. (March 2022- August 2023). Member, Centre for Information, Communication and Technology Law, MNLU Mumbai. (December 2021 - May 2023).
- Member of Organizing Committee (Design Team), Mediation Bombay 2.0, 2021.
- Virtual Volunteer, Child Rights and You (CRY) India. (October 2020 - December 2020).
- International Model United National (IMUN), Online Conference 10.0. (June 2020).