

# Neha Sharma

Senior IP Attorney | Trademark & Copyright Specialist | Expertise in Prosecution, Hearings, and IP Portfolio Management

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## PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

- **Experienced Legal Professional** with over **10 years of progressive experience** in Intellectual Property Rights (IPR), with a specialization in **Trademarks and Copyright Law**.
- **Currently working as a Senior Associate** at Sujata Chaudhri IP Attorneys, handling a wide range of trademark prosecution matters including examination reports, provisional refusals, hearings, and client communication.
- Proficient in **Trademark filings, oppositions, renewals, assignments, and licensing matters**, with strong command over **online trademark systems** and legal documentation.
- Skilled in conducting **registrability and infringement and registrability searches**, preparing legal opinions, and **supervising junior associates and paralegals**.
- Hands-on experience in handling **Show Cause and IRDI hearings**, along with preparing and reviewing well-known trademark applications and copyright registrations.
- **Client-focused professional**, adept at managing communication and legal correspondence with domestic and international clients via email and calls.
- Strong background in **court litigation support**, particularly during early career, involving civil, criminal, arbitration, and matrimonial matters in Delhi District Courts.
- Knowledgeable in **legal research and drafting**, including preparation of affidavits, follow-up letters, representation letters, and user declarations.
- Demonstrated ability to work collaboratively with legal teams, ensure case preparedness, and manage pre- and post-registration procedures for trademark cases.
- Recognized for having **thorough knowledge of Indian IPR jurisprudence**, legal databases, and practical exposure across multiple legal forums including **consumer cases and domain name disputes**.
- Attended significant legal workshops and training programs, such as the **Delhi Legal Aid Services** and **International Competition Law Conference**.

## SKILLS

### CORE SKILLS:

- Trademark Prosecution
- IP Filings (Trademarks & Copyrights)
- Show Cause & IRDI Hearings
- Legal Drafting & Documentation
- Assignment & Licensing
- Online Filing (IP India, WIPO)
- Legal Research & Analysis
- Infringement & Registrability Search
- Docketing & Case Management
- International IP Matters

### FUNCTIONAL SKILLS:

- Client Communication
- Team Leadership
- Strategic Thinking
- Attention to Detail
- Time Management
- Problem Solving
- Adaptability
- Professional Ethics

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### Senior Associate – Trademarks and Copyrights - Sujata Chaudhri IP Attorneys

Jul 2023 – Present

- **Drafted and reviewed** responses to **Examination Reports** and **Provisional Refusals** in trademark matters, ensuring accuracy and compliance with statutory requirements.
- Conducted **registrability and infringement searches**, including **risk assessments** and **strategic advisory** for brand protection.
- Performed **gap analyses** and provided actionable recommendations to strengthen clients' **IP portfolios**.
- Drafted and reviewed **well-known trademark applications**.
- Handled **trademark assignments, licensing, and transmission** matters across various sectors.
- Represented clients in **Show Cause hearings**, managing procedural documentation and case strategy.
- Proficient in **online trademark filings** via **IP India** and **WIPO** systems, ensuring timely and accurate submissions.
- Managed the **full trademark lifecycle** including **renewals, re-advertisements, docket preparation, and enforcement strategies**.
- Led and mentored a **team of junior associates and paralegals**, maintaining high standards of legal service delivery.
- Maintained consistent **client communication** via email and calls, providing regular updates and legal insight.
- Oversaw **copyright filings and registrations**, from application to grant.
- Conducted **domain name availability searches** to support brand protection and online presence.

**Trademark Attorney - P.S. Davar & Company****Mar 2021 – Jun 2023**

- Drafted legal responses to **Examination Reports** and **Provisional Refusals**, ensuring regulatory compliance.
- Performed comprehensive **trademark availability and infringement searches** and delivered **legal opinions**.
- Managed **trademark assignments, licensing, and transmission** including registration and dispute resolution.
- Attended **Show Cause and IRDI hearings**, preparing case documentation and strategy.
- Skilled in **online filings** and **IPR portal management**.
- Handled **client interactions**, follow-ups, and ensured seamless **case management** across all trademark processes.
- Prepared **status reports, follow-up communications**, and handled **docketing and renewals**.
- Experienced in **copyright filing processes** and **domain name audits**.

**Senior Associate – IPR Practice - Rajeshwari & Associates****Mar 2016 – Feb 2021**

- Drafted responses to **Examination Reports, affidavits, and user declarations**.
- Conducted **trademark searches** and offered **strategic legal advice** for filing and protection.
- Handled **trademark assignments and licensing**, providing guidance on **transactional documentation**.
- Represented clients in **Show Cause hearings**, preparing all related documents and procedural filings.
- Well-versed in **online trademark filing platforms** for both domestic and **international applications**.
- Liaised with clients for **case updates, hearing schedules, and reporting**.
- Administered **docketing, renewal tracking, and post-registration trademark processes**.
- Drafted **legal notices, representation letters**, and official **correspondence** with authorities.
- Managed **status reporting** for internal reviews and client communications.
- Handled **international filings** and offered strategic counsel for **cross-border trademark protection**.
- Oversaw **copyright registration** from submission to certification.

**Previous Experience:****Trademark Attorney - Aswal Associates (IP Law Firm)****Jan 2015 – Dec 2015****Associate - Gagan Gupta & Co.****Feb 2013 – Dec 2014****Associate - Maninder Jeet Singh & Associates****Nov 2012 – Jan 2013****INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCE****Legal Intern - Utkarsh Pratap Singh & Associates****Jul 2012 – Oct 2012**

- Assisted senior associates in **case preparation**, including **legal research, citation tracking, and court appearances**.
- Provided case summaries and documentation support at the initial litigation stages.

**EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS****BA – LLB – Mewar Law Institute****2012****WORKSHOPS & SEMINARS**

- Participated in the **"Delhi Legal Aid Services" Workshop**, organized by Mewar Law Institute – *November 2011*
- Attended the **2nd International Competition Law Conference**, held at Hotel Shangri-La, New Delhi – *2012*
- Engaged in the **"Green & Clean" Environmental Campaign**, focusing on **tree plantation and urban cleanliness initiatives**

**AFFILIATION****Enrolled as an Advocate with Bar Council of India in December 2012.****Featured in India Business Law Journal 2025.****Worked on the matters which have been sent for various awards submission like Chambers and Partners, Asia Law and WTR 1000.****OTHER DETAILS****LANGUAGES KNOWN:** English & Hindi