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**EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS**

* 3rd Year (5th Semester) B.B.A. LL.B, National Law University Odisha (2023-28)
* Class XII, Humanities with Mathematics and Elective English, Pallikoodam (2022) - **95%**
* Class X, Pallikoodam (2020) - **94%**
* Single Credit Course- Contract Drafting and Negotiation, CORP COMM LEGAL (Mr. Bhumesh Verma)
* Triple Credit Course- Maritime Law and Practice
* Single Credit Course- Disability Rights: A Legal Perspective
* Single Credit Course- Water Laws and Policy in India
* CIRLL-IJM Single-Credit Course on Bonded Labour
* Single Credit Course- Law, Liberty, and Resistance in Indian Constitutionalism

**INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCE**

**PAID CONTENT WRITER | OTAKUKART (April-July 2023)**

* News Department
* Published 40+ articles

**PAID LEGAL INTERN | XKDR FORUM | NPO (November-December 2023)**

* 2-month Paid Internship
* Observation of court proceedings in civil and criminal courts in Ernakulam District.
* Collection of data from cases under the Motor Vehicles Act and Negotiable Instruments Act that are pending and disposed in Ernakulam District.
* Analysis of data collected from case files in the Ernakulam District Court
* Analysis of legal provisions from substantive and procedural laws such as the Civil Procedure Code, Criminal Procedure Code, Indian Evidence Act.

**LEGAL INTERN | LEXMATES | LAW FIRM (May-June 2024)**

* 2-month Research Internship
* Comparative analysis of sampling and licensing in Intellectual Property Rights (IPR).
* Explored the critical role of boilerplate clauses in contracts, highlighting their importance in providing stability, clarity, and enforceability.
* Researched on contingent contracts in Indian law covered landmark judgments and legal provisions, offering insights into this nuanced area of contract law.
* Developed a comprehensive guide on navigating legal formalities for starting a startup in India, aiding entrepreneurs in understanding necessary legal steps.
* Analysing the case of Indian Medical Association v. VP Shantha, I examined the scope of the Consumer Protection Act’s application to medical professional services.
* Did a study addressing gaps in entertainment law with respect to content creators and related issues that remain unaddressed by the law.
* Investigating copyright issues for AI-generated work and the evolving legal landscape surrounding artificial intelligence and intellectual property rights.

**LEGAL INTERN | M-A-Y LAWYERS LLP | LAW FIRM | IPR (May-June 2024)**

* 2-month IPR/corporate internship at May Lawyers LLP, a full-service firm with trademark attorneys, company secretaries, and chartered accountants.
* I learned the basics of Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) and gained a solid understanding of trademarks.
* I conducted numerous trademark search reports across all 45 classes, deepening my knowledge of trademark classifications.
* I drafted trademark objection replies, which required extensive case law research, providing practical experience in addressing trademark registration challenges.
* I was taught how to navigate websites like IP Public Search and TMR Search, essential for conducting trademark searches and related activities.

**PAID LEGAL INTERN | PUCAR |** **PARTNERSHIP WITH AGAMI, EGOV FOUNDATION, XKDR, AND SAMAGRA (July 2024-November 2024)**

* Helping roll out and monitor India’s first digitized court system in Kerala.
* Engaging with local courts and legal practitioners to gather feedback.
* Collaborating with the eGov Foundation's technical team to ensure the DIGIT platform is tailored to meet the needs of the Malayalam-speaking legal community in Kerala.
* Providing insights and feedback on the user interface and functionality of the digital platform

**PAID STUDENT RESEARCHER |KHOJ 2.0 DATASET |CENTRE FOR PUBLIC POLICY, LAW AND GOOD GOVERNANCE- NLU ODISHA, AGAMI AND CIVIC DATALAB** (**September 2024 – Present)**

* Selected as one of only four students from a competitive pool at NLU Odisha to contribute to the KHOJ 2.0 Dataset project.
* Engaged in the data cleaning and analysis of the KHOJ 2.0 Dataset
* Contributed to a pioneering research project that builds on the original KHOJ Dataset, widely recognized for creating new avenues of research on Indian High Courts.
* Gained valuable experience in data-based legal research

**PAID LEGAL INTERN | NUMEN LAW OFFICES | C. GEORGE THOMAS | ADVOCATE-ON-RECORD, SUPREME COURT OF INDIA (November 2024 – December 2024)**

* Observed proceedings in the Supreme Court and gained insights into various stages of litigation.
* Reviewed case files and conducted research on diverse areas of law, including tax laws, Motor Vehicles Act, property laws, constitutional matters, and IPC/Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS).
* Learned procedural aspects of filing and re-filing petitions in the Supreme Court.
* Assisted minimally in drafting and case preparation under the guidance of an Advocate-on-Record.

**LEGAL INTERN | KHURANA & KHURANA, ADVOCATES AND IP ATTORNEYS | IPR & TRADEMARK |ONGOING**

**MOOT COURT ACHIEVEMENTS**

* **Participated,** 3rd Xavier’s Moot Court Competition, 2025 (Theme: Insolvency and Bankruptcy Law)

[Involved the intersection of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 and the SARFAESI Act, 2002. Addressed key legal issues including the scope of "legal proceedings" under Section 96(1)(b) of the IBC and whether private enforcement actions by secured creditors fall within its ambit. Conducted detailed research on statutory interpretation, moratorium provisions, and creditor rights, and presented structured oral arguments before a simulated appellate bench]

**PUBLICATIONS**

* Co-authored a paper selected to be presented on “Towards Constitutional Recognition: Advocating For Gender And Sexual Minorities As A Protected Minority In India” in the 3rd National Seminar on ‘Constitutionalism in Contemporary Times’ - NLU Jodhpur
* How “Aankh Micholi” Offends: Ableism in Bollywood, Empowerment through Law: A Disability Rights Newsletter, CDLA, NLUO

**POSITIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY**

* Volunteer, Legal Aid Clinic, National University of Advanced Legal Studies (2023)
* Volunteer, NSS Flower Show (2024), National Law University Odisha
* Member, Centre for Disability Law and Advocacy, National Law University Odisha