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EDUCATION

- Oct 2019 to Sep 2020 **European Master in Law and Economics (Erasmus+ Program)**
Hamburg University, LUMSA (Rome)
Master of Laws (LLM)
Key Focus: Private Law (10/10), Corporate Governance and Finance (10/10), Public Choice (9.5/10) Microeconomics (9/10), European Union (EU) Approach to Better Regulations (9/10), Competition Law and Economics (8.5/10), Experimental Economics (9/10), International Law and Economics (8/10)
Thesis: Solving the Prison Dilemma- The Economics of Prison Overcrowding
- 2012 - 2015 **Campus Law Centre**
Faculty of Law, Delhi University *New Delhi, India*
Bachelor of Laws (LLB)
Key Focus: Administrative Law, Contract Law and Negotiable Instruments, Antitrust Law, Intellectual Property Law, Tax Laws, Banking Laws and Regulations, Arbitration and Conciliation Laws, International Trade Law
- 2008 - 2011 **Symbiosis Institute of Computer Studies and Research**
Symbiosis International University *Pune, India*
Bachelor of Computer Application (BCA)
Key Focus: C++, Database Management Systems (Oracle), MS Office

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Jun 2021-present **Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)** *Various Locations*
Consultant, Regulatory Policy Division
 - Supporting several projects on reformation of regulatory delivery with various national Governments in Europe and India.
 - Strengthening existing national frameworks in energy transition, construction supervision and large scale food fortification to make them more risk-focussed and resource efficient. Supporting simplification of administrative burdens through tools such as Standard Cost Model (SCM)
 - Developing risk-based techniques for inspections and enforcement. Supporting OECD data team in developing data-centric approaches towards regulatory delivery.
- Sep 2020 to Jan 2021 **Autorità per le Garanzie nelle Comunicazioni (AGCOM)** *Naples, Italy*
Public Policy Intern, Department of Economics and Statistics/ European Regulators Group for Audio Visual Media (ERGA)
 - Performed international research and comparative analyses of legislations/ policies/ case laws regulating online platforms and online harms such as disinformation, hate speech, election manipulation etc. Analysed provisions of the GDPR, Digital Services Act, EU Parliamentary/ Expert body resolutions and other legal instruments such as "Code of Practice on Disinformation" which currently govern online service providers and intermediaries. Identified deficiencies in policy statements of online platforms and organised outreach programs with internal/ external stakeholders to identify regulatory shortcomings- especially from an IP/ Patent and data privacy perspective.
 - Performed economic analysis to test the legal validity of data-driven and algorithmic AI detection tools deployed by online service providers especially in the area of competition (network and gatekeeper effects), online safety and privacy law. Analysed platforms based on their revenue and digital advertising models to suggest policy intervention.
- Apr 2017 to May 2019 **Chamber of Mr. Raju Ramachandran** *New Delhi, India*
Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India
Litigation Associate
 - Prepared oral arguments, legal reports and memos on diverse issues concerning constitutional guarantees such as right to life and free speech and service and administrative laws. Have assisted in amicus cases as well as cases initiated on behalf of governments, public sector undertakings and private firms. Involved in advocacy before public institutions and judges on several Human Rights and Constitutionally sensitive issues and policies.
 - Served as second chair before various Courts, Commissions and Tribunals. Co-developed legal strategies for improving effectiveness of arguments and maximising gains from outcome. Performed case law research, drafting and analysis- both international and domestic.
- Jan 2016 to Mar 2017 **Justice S. Ravindra Bhat** *New Delhi, India*
Judge, Delhi High Court
Judicial Clerk cum Law Researcher (Delhi High Court)
 - Critically and using strong analytical skills examined arguments advanced by rival parties in disputes requiring interpretation of taxing statutes and product categorisation to ascertain its effect on the taxpayer, the government and the public at large.
 - Drafted judicial opinions on Double Tax Avoidance Agreement (DTAA) disputes involving international firms such as *New Skies Satellite* (Netherlands), *Lufthansa* (Germany) and *Duro Felguera* (Spain).

- Drafted judicial opinions on appeals arising from IT/IP disputes and arbitration proceedings on a range of commercial issues. Drafted the landmark IP judgment "*Myspace Vs Super Cassettes (2016)*" on internet intermediary protection using the US "red flag" jurisprudence.
- Researched, drafted and proofread judicial decisions and orders.
- Appointed as Court Investigator to conduct enquiries and file reports in two separate IP violation disputes in the digital marketing and broadcasting sector.

Jul 2015 to
Dec 2015

**Office of Gaurav Agrawal
Advocate, Supreme Court of India**

New Delhi, India

Litigation Associate

- Drafted final appeals, counter affidavits and rejoinder affidavits in cases arising from lower court judgments under both- civil and criminal jurisdiction.
- Served as second chair and argued in appeals *inter alia* relating to bail pleas, service disputes, interpretation of commercial and arbitration contracts.

PROJECT EXPERIENCES

Jul 2020 to
Sep 2020

Institute of Law and Economics, Hamburg University
Research Scholar, (Prof. Stefan Voigt)

Hamburg, Germany

- Performed country-wise legal analysis of Constitutions across parameters of preamble, judiciary, fundamental rights and emergency provisions.
- Using coh-metrix and NLP tools, studied cohesion of Constitutions to test the correlation between linguistic comprehensibility of Constitutional texts and citizen participation in direct democratic processes.

AFFILIATIONS

Aug 2015

Bar Council of India
Bar License (lifetime membership)

INTERESTS & LANGUAGES

Languages

English (native proficiency); Hindi (native proficiency); Tamil (native proficiency); Deutsch (intermediate)

Interests

Fusion Cooking, Terrace Farming, Amateur Apiarist