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BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

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Nationality: Indian

EDUCATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

B.A., and LL.B., (Hons.), National Law School of India University, Bangalore, India, 2001.

LANGUAGES

English
Hindi (speaking & reading proficiency)
Kannada (speaking & reading proficiency)

PRESENT POSITION

Co-Founder and Partner, Jupiter Law Partners, Gurgaon, India since 2013

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE BEFORE PRESENT POSITION

Chature, Sankhari & Associates, June 2011 – September 2013;
Luthra & Luthra Law Offices, February 2006 – June 2011;
M/s. Singh & Singh Advocates, April 2005 – January 2006;
Lall & Sethi Advocates, June 2001 – February 2005.

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL BODIES

Member, Board of Directors, INTA;
Member, Planning Committee, (INTA Board Committee), INTA;
Member, Global Advisory Council, India, INTA;
Member, Law Firm Committee, INTA;
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Member, Presidential Think Tank on the future of IP Law Firms.

Bar Association Memberships:

Bar Council of India;
Bar Council of Delhi, New Delhi;
Delhi High Court Bar Association;
International Trademarks Association (INTA);
Asian Patent Attorneys Association (APAA);
German Association for the Protection of Intellectual Property (GRUR).

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Intellectual Property transactions, prosecution & litigation; IT contracts & disputes.

EXPERIENCE IN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Intellectual Property attorney with over 21 years' experience. Major focus areas are listed below:

Transaction – patents, trademarks, copyrights, designs, IT – Drafting, reviewing & negotiating all kinds of documents relating to IP transactions such as technology transfer, know-how, assignment deeds, licensing, franchise, cross-licensing, co-branding, NDAs, parts of shareholding agreements, asset purchase agreements, agreements including confidentiality, trade secrets, etc. Has experience in conducting and supervising IP due diligence and/or IP audits. Also provides advisory services in relation to all the aspects of her practice.

Prosecution – trademarks, copyrights and designs, all aspects of intellectual property prosecution, including searches, registrations, oppositions, disputes, negotiations, recordals of changes.

Litigation – Patents, trademarks, copyrights, designs, trade secret, confidentiality, & IT related litigation, pre-filing strategy, arbitration proceedings and related allied services such as issuance of cease and desist notices, caution notices, conducting and supervising raid and seizure operations, and advisory.

EXPERIENCE WITH RESPECT TO DOMAIN NAMES

Advising clients on domain name dispute involving ccTLD, cases involving larger IP disputes in addition to the domain name related issues, routinely advises clients on compliance and safeguards to be undertaken by the domain owners and intermediary service providers; and routinely assist clients in e-commerce and other IT transactions.

Attended the WIPO Advanced Workshop on Domain Name Dispute Resolution, Geneva, October 2022.

MAJOR PUBLICATIONS

“NFT – A Brand New Tool for IP Commercialization”, Lexology February 17, 2022;
Co-authored “IP Law Firm of the Future Think Tank Report”, INTA;
“It’s Clear & Open Skies in India For The Business Of Drones - The Drone Rules, 2021”, Lexology November 10, 2021;
“Due Diligence For Acquiring Trademark Portfolios”, World Trademark Review Issue 55, May 2015;
“The Workings of In so far”, in relation to the domain name registrations in India, World Trademark Review, Issue 23, February/ March 2010.

Speaker / Moderator:

Moderator, “Graphically Your’s – Trade Marks”, INTA’s India Workshop, “Made in India: Evolving Trends in Brand Protection Workshop”, Delhi, September 25, 2019;

Awareness Sessions (2), January 2019, “Importance of Trade Marks for MSMEs” and “MSMEs – Commercialization and Infringement” during the “Workshop on Intellectual Property Rights For MSME Officers” held at National Institute of MSMEs, Hyderabad, January 2019;
Speaker, “IPR & Technology Management” at the “Start-up Mentorship Program” an event jointly collaborated by CIPAM, All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) in association with Carleton University, Canada and held at AICTE Headquarters, New Delhi, June 2018;
Speaker, Maharashtra Police Academy, Nashik, Maharashtra, December 2018;
Speaker, “Trade Marks Laws & Its Relevant Provisions” at Rajasthan Police Academy, Jaipur (two-day Workshop), “Enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights”, January 2018.

EXPERIENCE IN COURT LITIGATION

Representing domestic and international clients in various courts in India since 2004. Routinely handles IP disputes across tribunals, District Courts, High Courts in different states of India as well as in the Supreme Court of India.

Acted as a counsel in about 100 matters and about 5 as lead counsel. Some of the major cases involved unauthorized use of proprietary & confidential material (1), disparagement (3), trade mark passing off and infringement matters (60), copyright infringement matters (30) defamation matters (1), and royalty based patent infringement claims (1, multi-jurisdictional).

EXPERIENCE IN ARBITRATION

Involved in an arbitration matter, as a member of a large team, consisting of some very renowned senior attorneys in a high-profile arbitration matter.
