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EDUCATION

- B.A. LL.B (Intellectual Property Law Hons.), National Law University, Jodhpur (2014-2019)
 - Cumulative grade point average (CGPA) of 7.66/10 at the end of the tenth semester.
- CGPA of 10/10 in Class X and an aggregate of 87% in the Science Stream in Class XII, CBSE board examination from Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan's Vidya Mandir, Irinjalakuda.

WORK EXPERIENCE

- **Junior counsel, Chambers of Mr. Giriraj Subramaniam** (9th December 2019-Present)
 - Presently assisting in the matters of CBI v. INX Media, Iran Chemical Industries Investment Company v. M/S Hazel Mercantile Ltd. (Matter pending in the Dubai court of first instance) and CBI v. M/S PVPL.

INTERNSHIPS

- I. **Justice D.Y.Chandrachud [Judge, Supreme Court of India]** (24th October 2019- 6th December 2019)
 - Prepared a comparative analysis between RTI Act, 2005 and RTI (Amendment) Act, 2019.
 - Analyzed the definitions of 'Personal Information' and 'Informational Autonomy'.
 - Researched on the interpretation of 'held by or under the control of any public authority' as used under section 2(j) of the Right to Information Act, 2005.
 - Analyzed the meaning of 'specific endowment', 'religious charity' and 'public charity' as provided under the Tamil Nadu Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowment Act, 1959.
- II. **Justice A.K.Sikri [Judge, Supreme Court of India]** (24th December 2018 – 15th January 2019)
 - Prepared case briefs on the following types of matters:
 - A transfer petition on the conduct of centralized counseling in a University, following the notification regarding the same issued by the Govt. of UP.
 - A special leave petition (civil), challenging the candidature of Chairman of Nagar Panchayat.
 - A writ petition (civil) filed under Article 32 of the Constitution of India, 1950, to declare S.4 of Telecom Regulatory Authority of India Act, 1997 as unconstitutional.
 - Researched for the written submission to the Yale Conference which included an analysis of cases on judicial independence and the approach of the Apex Court on separation of powers.
 - Researched on Freedom of Press in Digital Age in light of judgments on freedom of speech and expression such as *Tehseen Poonawalla v. UOI & Ors.* and *S.Rangarajan v. P. Jagjivan Ram and Ors.*
- III. **Chambers of Mr.Gopal Sankaranarayanan [Advocate, Supreme Court of India]** (2nd July – 28th July, 2018)
 - Researched on cap on arbitrators' fee as provided under S.11 (14) of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996. In addition to this, I also analyzed different arbitral tribunals around the world which have placed such caps.
 - Assisted in preparing a state-wise compilation covering the contempt of the Prakash Singh Guidelines.
 - Researched on the applicability of constituting a Joint Lenders Forum as per the terms of circular issued by the Reserve Bank of India.
 - Drafted an application seeking declaration of the Delhi Preservation of Trees Act, 1994 as ultra vires Article 14 and 21 of Constitution of India, 1950.
 - Researched and prepared a note on the Lokpal and Lokayuktas Act, 2013 and drew conclusions by comparing it with the Jammu and Kashmir Accountability Commission Act, 2002.
 - Observed ongoing constitution benches, particularly those concerning the validity of S.377 IPC and the entry into the Sabarimala temple.
- IV. **Quill Foundation [Research and Policy centre]**(17th November - 13th December, 2017)

- Analysed “The Madhya Pradesh Encounter killing case” along with the rights of the terror prisoners in Madhya Pradesh Central Jail.
- Documented High court and Supreme Court judgments on instances where the courts had awarded compensation for wrongful conviction and years of incarceration.
- Prepared a presentation on “Jurisprudence of Compensation in India”.
- Drafted a petition on compensation for Nissar- a terror prisoner who was acquitted after 14 years of incarceration.
- Participated in “National Consultation on Domestic Work”.
- Researched and documented information on instances of lynching in the State of Rajasthan.

V. Chambers of Mr. M K Damodaran [Senior counsel, High Court of Kerala] (1st June – 21st June, 2016)

- Assisted in preparing bail applications, criminal revision petitions, writ petitions and writ appeals.
- Researched on a matter relating to the Kerala Education Act, 1958.

VI. Chambers of Mr. Sreelal Warriar [Advocate, High Court of Kerala] (20th November – 15th December 2015)

- Researched on a matter relating to S.2 and S.17 of the Arbitration and Conciliation (Amendment) Act, 1996.
- Assisted in finding decisions on various legal aspects under Kerala Panchayat Raj (Conduct of Election) Rules, 1995 and The Representation of the People Act, 1951.

VII. Justice Dr Kalam Pasha [Special Judge , CBI Court] (5th June -25th June, 2015)

- Prepared case briefs on files of cases before the Hon’ble Judge.
- Vetted daily orders and judgments pronounced in the court.

MOOT COURT ACHIEVEMENTS

- Quarter-Finalist, Law Asia International Arbitration Moot Competition 2016.
- Quarter-Finalist, Henry Dunant Moot Competition 2017.
- Participated in 11th Edition of NLS Trilegal International Arbitration Moot Competition 2018.
- Participated in the 26th Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot 2018-2019.

PUBLICATION

- **“Bringing clarity on application of the “Group of companies” doctrine: recent cases in India”**, published in 2019 on RMNLU Arbitration Law Blog.
- **“COVID’s march towards the Gaza strip. Quality health care, a right or a privilege?”**, published in 2020 on International Law Blog.
- **‘Minority Awards’ in India: A Low-Hanging Fruit for Judicial Interference?**, upcoming publication in Volume 37, Issue 6 of the Journal of International Arbitration.

RESPONSIBILITIES HELD

- Research assistant, All India Council for Human rights, Liberties and Social Justice (2020-Present).
- Team Leader, Rajasthan Chapter of IDIA [Increasing Diversity by Increasing Access] (2017-2019).
- Trainer, Rajasthan Chapter of IDIA (2015-2019).
- Editor-in-Chief, Comparative Constitutional Law and Administrative Law Quarterly [CALQ] (2016-2019).
- Member, Centre for Environment and Policy (2018-2019).
- Member, Legal Aid and Awareness Committee of NLU Jodhpur (2016-2017).
- Member, Recruitment and Internship Coordination Committee [RICC] of NLU Jodhpur (2016-2017).
- Volunteered for the National Seminar on Capacity Building among Women in India: Entrepreneurship & Estate organized by the Centre for Gender Studies on October 2 & 3, 2015.
- Head girl, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan’s Vidya Mandir (2012-2013).

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

- Recipient of IDIA star award for outstanding contribution to the organization IDIA [Increasing Diversity by Increasing Access], a non-governmental organization.

CERTIFICATION COURSES

- 2nd Annual CARTAL Conference on International Arbitration: Looking East: Arbitration in the Asian Age held on September 30th and October 1st, 2017.