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## Professional Summary

Consistently worked, studied, and got training in the field of Law, Arbitration, Information Technology, and Finance over the last period of 27 years, and thus acquired blended skills to integrate Bit & Byte and Debit & Credit with Law.

Continuously delivering lectures, training, and guiding scholars in the community under the above domains.

Deep exposure to the different segments of the society in different facets, Arbitrator, Defence Counsel, Advocate on Record, Public Prosecutor, Faculty and Trainer has given the ability to evaluate any issue from the angles of various segments of the society and enhanced my personality in developing a balanced and rational approach.

## Legal Exposure & Education

My education in Legal Domain began during graduation in B.Com (University of Delhi, 1992) which further gained momentum and depth in the course of my professional studies in ICWA and, Subsequently, got refined during Police training.

**Acquired practical exposure in the legal domain while providing my services as a Police officer in Delhi Police, CBI and while handling Tehalka Case (Justice K. Venkataswami Commission of Inquiry). At the same time, completed my LLB from University of Delhi (2001) which helped me in filling the gaps arose during my Police job.**

With the passage of time and need of hour to meet upcoming challenges of law, I acquired various educations in the field of law, arbitration, and Interpretation of Statutes.

- PG Diploma in Cyber Law, ILI, 2006.
- PG Diploma in drafting of legislation and treaties, international agreement and contracts, ILI, 2009.

## Law Practice (Since 2008)

- Advocate on Record with Supreme Court of India, filing SLP & Appeals in matters relating to Constitution, Criminal & Civil Laws.
- Conducting Trials of criminal cases specifically relating to cyber crimes, cheating, corruption etc.
- E-Discovery Process Relating to The Electronic Data, Cross-Examinations on Electronic Storage Information (ESA).

- Civil Litigation and consultancy relating to emerging cyber domain issues such as privacy, Block Chain, AI, Drone, GDPR, Aadhar Act, Personal Data Protection Bill etc.
- **Special Public Prosecutor, National Investigation Agency, New Delhi, 2015- till date.**
- **Empanelment as Legal Expert, Office of Controller and Certifying Authorities, Ministry of Communication and Information Technology, 2010-till date.**
- **Empanelment as Panel Advocate, High Court of Delhi, 2013-2020.**
- **Consultant, World Bank, 2009-2010.**

## Arbitration (Since 2009)

### Education

- PG Diploma in ADR, Indian Law Institute (ILI), 2010.
- Arbitration & Mediation Procedures, WIPO, Geneva, 2010.
- Electronic Commerce & Intellectual Property, WIPO, Geneva, 2010.

### Experience as an Arbitrator

- Arbitrator and Appellate Arbitrator to MCX, MSX, NSE, BSE, CDSL and NCDEX.
- Empanelled as Arbitrator with
  - Delhi International Arbitration Centre in Delhi High Court.
  - Construction Industry Arbitration Council (CIAC), Delhi.
  - Indian Council of Arbitration (ICA), Delhi.
  - International Centre of Alternative Dispute Resolution(ICADR), Delhi.
  - Delhi Metro Rail Corporation Ltd. (DMRC), Delhi
  - ASSOCHAN International Council of Alternate Dispute Resolution (AICADR), 2017.
- Empanelled as International Arbitrator with
  - World Intellectual Property Organisation, (WIPO), Geneva,
  - Asian Domain Name Dispute Resolution Centre, Hong Kong,
  - Vienna International Arbitral Centre, Austria,
  - London Court of International Arbitration, UK,
  - Kuala Lumpur Regional Centre for Arbitration (KLRCA), Malaysia.
  - Pacific International Arbitration Centre, Vietnam.
- Empanelled as International Mediator with
  - Kuala Lumpur Regional Centre for Arbitration (KLRCA), Malaysia,
  - International Centre of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ICADR).

- Faculty at ILI on International Commercials arbitration,
- Speaker on ODR, Electronic Evidence in Arbitration, and other Arbitration issues.
- **Adjudicated more than 200 awards till date.**
- **Adjudicated one international award as Domain Name Panellist with ADNDRC, Hong Kong.**
- **Resolved more than 500 matters as conciliator as a member of the IGRC of various stock exchanges.**

### Training & Conference in Arbitration

- International Conference on Arbitration in the Era of Globalization, India Council of Arbitration, 2015.
- Training on Mediators, The International Centre For Alternative Dispute Resolution (ICADR), 2015
- Training on International Commercial Arbitration organised by International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), 2015.
- Workshop on “Domestic & International Arbitration Law, Procedure& Awards” organized by construction industry arbitration council (CIAC), 2015.
- Intellectual Property, Media & Technology Arbitration Symposium, organised by CIArb-WIPO-SIAC, Singapore, 2014.
- LCIA India Symposium, LCIA India Arbitration Rules.

### Exposure & Education in Finance

My law enforcement experience(**from May 1995 to July 2008**) includes planning and performing complex financial investigations related to money laundering, bank & financial institutions fraud cases, white collar crimes etc..

Accomplished forensic accounting and acquired investigative audit exposure from the complex investigations of financial crimes conducted and supervised by me to ensure their legal compliance & regulatory requirements, thoroughness, and accuracy.

Main key areas of the investigations were Anti-Corruptions, Cyber Laws and Applications, Banking & Finance, Securities Market, and Intellectual Property Rights.

I served as Independent Director on the Board of Insolvency Professional Agency (IPA) of ICAI, 2017-2020. I was also member of Monitoring Committee, Redressal Committee, and Disciplinary and drafted the rules and by laws for the IPA.

Qualified various certification courses in the field of Finance & Audit:

- Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE), USA, 2007.
- FCMA, Institute of Cost Accountants in India (ICAI), 1996.

### Information Technology (IT): Exposure and Certifications

Exposure in IT domain was initiated with my journey into the cyber crime investigations with Delhi Police.

In order to augment my skills to handle complex cyber crime investigations, acquired various trainings and education from ;

- Course in DBMS & Software Development, National Crime Records Bureau, Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. Of India, 2006.
- Course of Investigation of Economic Offences, Bureau of Police Research &Development, Central Detective Training School, Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. Of India, 2000.
- PF Diploma in Cyber security and Incident Response, Asia School of Cyber Law, Pune, 2010.

Handled more than 100 cyber crime cases which provide practical deep insights in collecting, handling, and presenting the electronic evidence in the court of law with the understanding of modus oprendis of cyber -crimes such as Hacking, Data Theft, Online Banking frauds, Pornography etc.

Subsequent to joining the legal profession and to augment my skills in the IT & Cyber-Forensics domain like computer networking, hacking, auditing, security, and cloud computing, I acquired professional certifications from various repudiated institutes:

- Certificate of Cloud Security Knowledge (CCSK), USA, 2020.
- Digital Video Forensic Examiner, eForensics, Poland, 2020.
- Online Course on Machine Learning (AI), Stanford University, USA, 2019
- IACIS Certified Mobile Device Examiner (ICMDE), USA, 2018.
- Computer Hacking Forensic Investigation (CHFI), EC Council, USA, 2017.
- Certified Information System Auditor (CISA), ISACA, USA, 2015.
- Certified Information System Security Professional (CISSP), ISC<sup>2</sup>, USA, 2015.
- Cisco Certified Networking Associate (CCNA), CISCO, 2014
- Certified Ethical Hacker (CEH) EC Council USA, 2014
- Certified Forensic Computer Experts (CFCE) Certification, IACIS USA, 2012.
- MBA (IT), Sikkim Manipal University, 2010.
- In house regular training in computer forensics, mobile forensics, and network forensics from IACIS, Orlando USA, 2012 and 2013.

- Workshop on Network Security & Digital Forensics and Conference Annual Information Security Summit, 2013 (AISS-2013).

## Educator, Trainer, Mentor

Visiting Faculty For Cyber Laws, Cyber Forensics, Cyber Crimes, Artificial Intelligence, Forensic Audit, and Arbitrations in various reputed institutes as well as speaker on emerging technologies law such as Block-chain Law, AI Law, Drone Law, and Expert Testimony.

- **Peer Review Coach with the International Association of Computer Investigative Specialist, USA, since 2014. Guided 10 forensic examiners.**
- Indian Law Institute (ILI), (member)
- National Judicial Academy
- Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI)
- National Institute of Criminology & Forensic Sciences (NICFS)
- ISACA
- Indian Institute of Corp. Affairs (IICA)
- NIPRIT
- Delhi and other Judicial Academies
- Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI),(member)
- Institute of Cost & Management Accountancy of India (ICMAI) (member)
- Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI)

## Professional Affiliation & Appointments

- Fellow - Indian Council of Arbitration.
- Life Member - The International Centre for Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Member - Asia-Pacific Forum for International Arbitration
- Member - Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, UK
- Member - Association of Certified Fraud Examiner, Austin, USA
- Member - International Association of Computer Investigative Specialists
- Member - International Technology Law Association, Tech Law.
- Member- International Information System Security Certification Consortium (ISC<sup>2</sup>)

## Publication

Active Author on the various contemporary issues particularly related to law, technology and forensics.

Published more than 100 articles in the various magazines, [www.cyberpandit.org](http://www.cyberpandit.org) on various emerging technical topics;

- Integration of Chain of Custody with Block-Chain

Technology.

- Arbitration Clauses against Public Policy are Unconscionable & Unenforceable: District Court Observed.
- Cyber Warfare will Dominate Space and Physical War.
- Handling Fake News during COVID-19.
- Defamation in Cyber Space.
- Artificial Intelligence and Deepfake technology.
- Unregulated Drones: Serious threat to Security and Privacy.
- Hash Value – Authenticity and Admissibility in Indian Perspective”,
- Misappropriation of Database by Employees – Can Attract Criminal Prosecution”,
- “Forensic Accountant: Recognition in Indian Law”,
- ‘Admissibility of Electronic Evidence-Challenges for Prosecution’,
- “Phishing: A Threat to Net Banking”,
- “How the Use of IT and Mobile Phones Helps the Terrorists”,
- “ISP’s Liable for Obscene Content or Not”,
- “The Crime of New Millennium coz of Identity Theft”,
- “Open Wi-Fi Network – Vulnerable to Abuse”,
- “Criminal Prosecution for Data Theft”,
- “Email Communications: A Threat to the Corporate Confidential Database”,
- “Securities Fraud – Dabba Trading”.

## Contribution to Society

- Through my Articles, I am consistently putting efforts to build secure digital space for the society.
- Published book entitled “Fighting Cyber Crime Against Women: Laws & Remedies” (2020) to aware women about potential threats of cyber technology and to provide remedies to fight against the same.
- Organised Various Education and Training Programs to educate students, teachers, parents, and professionals about remedies to remain safe in digital world.
- Founder and President, Cyber Research & innovation Society (CRIS), 2018. Social organisation continuously doing efforts to make the cyber space secure.
- Advocate on the Panel of Delhi High Court Legal Service Authority (2018-2020).

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