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EDUCATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

MA., Master Of Arts, Political Science, University of Delhi, 1975-77;
LLB., Bachelor Of Laws, Campus Law Centre, University of Delhi, 1972-75;

Admitted to India Bar, 1976.
Registered Patent Agent under the Indian Patents Act

LANGUAGES

Hindi, Punjabi, English

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PRESENT POSITION

Partner, Amarjit & Associates, New Delhi, deals with all aspects necessary for the protection and enforcement of intellectual property laws.

Visiting Faculty: Bureau of Parliamentary Studies;
Institute of Intellectual Property Studies;
Indian Law Institute.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE BEFORE PRESENT POSITION

Associate Attorney, Law firm, The Acme Company, Patent and Trade Mark Attorneys, New Delhi, India, July 1976-June 1999;

Founder and Senior Partner, Law firm, Anand & Anand, Advocates, New Delhi, India, specializing in the practice of Intellectual Property laws, January 1980- June 1999.

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

All aspects relating to protection, enforcement, mediation and arbitration relating to Intellectual Property Law, including but not limited to, - trademarks, copyrights generally films, music, artistic, literary works, Patents, Industrial Designs, Geographical Indications and Cyber Laws;
Arbitration – International commercial arbitration generally.

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL BODIES

Member, INTA – CPR Panel of Neutrals.

Secretary, Indian Chapter of Asian Patent Attorneys Association (APAA);

Board Member, Indian Chapter of International Association for the Protection of Intellectual property (AIPPI);

Founder Vice-President, Intellectual Property Attorneys Association (IPAA);

Director, Intellectual Property Legal Practitioners Association (IPLPA);

Secretary General, Anti-Counterfeiting Group of India affiliated to Global Anti-Counterfeiting Group;

Faculty, Bureau of Parliamentary Studies, Lok Sabha Secretariat, New Delhi;

Faculty, Shri Vile Parle Kelavani Mandal's Institute of Intellectual property Studies, Mumbai & Hyderabad;

Faculty, Indian Law Institute;

Panelist INTA, CPR Panel of neutrals;

Member, Delhi High Court Bar Association;

Member, District Court Bar Association;

Member, Society of Indian Law Firm.

EXPERIENCE IN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

28 years of practice in Intellectual Property Laws including trademarks, copyright, industrial designs and patents;

Regular participant of International Seminars; Conferences organized by International Organizations including WIPO, AIPPI & APAA. Has been the Vice President of the Indian Chapter of AIPPI, APAA & Founder Vice-President of Intellectual Property Lawyers Association (IPLA);

Also appeared as an expert witness before the Parliamentary Select Committees constituted by the Parliament to suggest legislative changes in Intellectual Property Laws consequent to India becoming member of WTO;

Has regularly briefed Members of Parliament on new IPR legislation for participation in debates in Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha. Has also been actively associated with the training of Senior Officers of enforcement agencies;

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- Actively associated with the training of the senior officers of enforcement agencies on the implementation of intellectual property laws;
 - Achieved a distinction of conducting Intellectual Property related cases in almost every State in the country within first 10 years of practice;
- Acted in the capacity: as Counsel, Patent attorney, head of Trade Mark Department corporate advisor, attorney and counsel in Intellectual Property related matters generally;
- Currently, principal functions includes litigation, advising and rendering legal opinions, arguing matters at the levels of subordinate judiciary to the highest Court of the land, handling and prosecuting patent applications, mediating for settlement of disputes amicably and drafting patent, copyright, trademarks, licensing, contracts, assignments, ownership, issues etc.;
- Acting as Arbitrator, drafting of pleadings, contracts, joint venture agreements acting as corporate counsel/advisor, handling complete corporate IP profile for Indian Corporation Overseas handled as an arguing counsel over 2500 IP litigations in different Courts/Forums in India;
- Associated actively with IP litigations in U.S.A., U.K., Germany, Israel, Thailand, Turkey.
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EXPERIENCE WITH RESPECT TO DOMAIN NAMES

Acted as arguing counsel in civil suits seeking injunction against Cyber Squatting.

MAJOR PUBLICATIONS

Seminars:

“Criminal Aspects and Enforcement of Trademarks and Copyright Law”. Seminar organized by, Trademarks, Patents, Designs & Copyright Owner’s Association, February 26, 2000, at Hotel Taj President, Mumbai. (in seminar Mumbai file No 404);

National seminar, Copyright Law for Authors, Users and Industry, hosted by: Department of Law, University of Rajasthan, Jaipur 302004 (India);

Seminar, Intellectual Property Laws and important issues relating thereto organized by IPLPA and AIPPI ‘Indian Group’, at Mumbai. Strong IPR Laws–Poor Conviction, Why, March 29, 2003;

Joint Seminar on “Intellectual Property Laws and Important issues relating thereto” at Mumbai, March, 17, 2001;

Seminar of OEC-OSEC Delegation visiting India (January 5-21, 1999), January, 20, 1999;

IPR and other allied developments relevant to developing countries. Bureau of Parliamentary Studies and Training International Training Programme, December, 16, 1999;

IPRs and other allied developments relevant to developing countries. Awareness programme on IPR; January 11, 2003;

IPRs and other allied developments relevant to developing countries. Bureau of Parliamentary Studies and Training International Training Programme, November, 27, 1998.

Seminar, OEC–OSEC delegation visiting India (January-5-21, 1999), January, 20, 1999.

IPRs and other allied developments relevant to developing countries. Bureau of Parliamentary Studies and Training International Training Programme, December 16, 1997;

IPRs and other allied developments relevant to developing countries Bureau of Parliamentary Studies and Training International Training Programme, December, 10, 2002;

Seminar, OEC – OSEC delegation visiting India (January 5– 21, 1999), January, 20, 1999;

Criminal aspects and enforcement of Trademarks and Copyright Law, with special reference to the new provisions incorporated in the Trade Marks Act, 1999, February 26, 2000;

National Seminar, Copyright Law for authors, users and industry hosted by Department of Law, University of Rajasthan Jaipur, August 18-19, 2001;

‘Copyright law with Industry and users, hosted by “Kaka Bhagwant Rai Memorial Social Welfare Society, at D-11, 29-31, Chhatra Marg, Delhi – 110 007, October 13-14, 2001;

Lecture, ‘Copyright and their importance’ at workshop at Hyderabad by Technology Information, forecasting and assessment council (TIFAC), October, 17, 2001;

Remedies for infringement of copyright by Faculty of Law, University of Delhi, Delhi – 110 007, February, 17, 2001;

‘Counterfeiting in I.P. Laws’, joint seminar organized by AIPPI (India) National Group and Intellectual Property Law Practitioners Association (PPLPA) at Mayfair Rooms, Mumbai – 400 025, March 17, 2001;

Programme, "Intellectual Proprietary Rights" at the 17th International Training Programme in legislative drafting at Parliament House, Annexure-E, New Delhi, December 4, 2001.

"Copyright Management" at Aligarh Muslim University organized by TIFAC, January, 12, 2002;

Lecture, 'Copyright, Geographical Indication and its importance to SSI, organized by TIFAC on May 22, 2002;

National Seminar, "Copyright, Neighboring Rights and other IPR issues" sponsored by Ministry of HRD, Government of India at Banaras Hindu University Law School, Varanasi, August 24-26, 2002; Video conference between IGNOU, Delhi and WIPO Academy, Geneva at IGNOU, Maidan Garhi, New Delhi – 110 068;

Conference of nodal officers designated for Copyright related matters at Banquet Hall 3rd Floor, Hotel Ashoka, New Delhi, September 9, 2002;

Seminar, NEW IPR LAWS – TOWARDS FUSION OR FRICTION, Hyatt Regency, 2002, September 21, 2002;

National Seminar cum Video Conference for Small & Medium Enterprises on "Practical Relevancy of Copyright to Small & Medium Enterprises" New Delhi, August 29, 2002.

EXPERIENCE IN COURT LITIGATION

In the capacity as: counsel in more than 2500 cases in India;

Acted as counsel in more than 1000 opposition proceedings;

Acted as instructing/briefing counsel to local attorneys in USA, U.K., Germany, Thailand, Turkey, Indonesia, Israel, Nepal;

Main subject matter of litigation has primary been all aspects of Intellectual Property Laws.

Acted as counsel in more than 50 cases before Copyright Board;

Subject matter of the court cases concerned protection and enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights;

Also worked closely in registration, mediation and arbitration proceedings

EXPERIENCE IN MEDIATION

Acted as mediator in about 50 cases.

EXPERIENCE IN ARBITRATION

Acted as Arbitrator in approximately 60 cases.

ARBITRATION EXPERIENCE
SUMMARY TABLE

Type	Administering Institution		Role			
	Name	Number of Arbitrations	Presiding Arbitrator	Sole Arbitrator	Co-arbitrator	Counsel
International Arbitrations	AAA					
	Private Arbitrator			10-12	5	35-40
	LCIA					
	Ad Hoc					
Number of cases: sub-total		50-57				
Domestic Arbitrations	AAA					
	Ad Hoc					
Number of cases: sub-total						
TOTAL		50-57				

MEDIATION EXPERIENCE**SUMMARY TABLE**

Type	Administering Institution		Role	
	Name	Number of Mediations	Mediator	Counsel
International Mediations				
	Private Parties	10	X	
	Ad hoc			
Number of cases: sub-total		10		
Domestic Mediations (Estimates)	AAA			
	Private Parties	40	X	
	Court-annexed			
	Ad Hoc			
Number of cases: sub-total		40		
TOTAL		50		