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I am a qualified advocate from India seeking to secure a training contract in Ireland and am currently preparing for the FE-1s. I worked as a corporate lawyer for two years in litigation, arbitration, and insolvency where I represented companies in construction and technology sectors. Through my experience, I have honed my legal research and drafting skills, while cultivating a keen attention to detail and a collaborative mindset.

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATION

- LLM (International and European Business Law), Trinity College Dublin, [2023-2024]
Semester 1 cumulative grade: 71.3% (First Class Honours)
- BA LLB (Hons.), Symbiosis Law School, Pune, 72.3% [2016-2021]
- Grade 12 Chinmaya Vidyalaya, Hyderabad, 77% [2015]
- Grade 10, Narayana Concept School, Hyderabad, 9.8/10 [2013]
- Member of the Bar Council of Delhi-Admitted on 23rd September 2021 [2021]

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- Graduated top of the class, Grade 10 (*no Irish equivalent. GCSE equivalent*).
- Senior Editor, Trinity College Law Review, Volume XXVII.
- Best Speaker, Best Memorial, and Winner of GLC Thrissur's All India Moot Court Competition, 2019.
- Published several legal articles on arbitration, FinTech, data privacy and LGBTQ+ rights. Articles cited by publications of the International Chamber of Commerce, Paris and the National Institute of Public Finance and Policy of the Ministry of Finance, India.
- Invited by Symbiosis Law School, Pune to judge the final rounds of a moot court competition.
- Served as a Research Assistant to my Company Law professor at Symbiosis Law School, Pune.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Lakshmikumar & Sridharan, Associate, Commercial Dispute Resolution [September 2022- April 2023]

- Drafted pleadings and witness statements for companies in commercial disputes and insolvency matters.
 - Represented companies in courts and tribunals and assisted the arguing counsel in the preparation for oral advocacy.
 - Assisted in drafting and negotiating settlement agreements.
 - Advised clients on commercial laws including oppression and mismanagement of minority shareholders, contractual remedies to terminate agreements, recovery of amounts, etc.
- Transferable Skills:** Oral Advocacy, Research & Drafting, and Collaboration

AK Law Chambers, Chennai, Associate, Arbitration [March 2022-September 2022]

- Represented one of the biggest construction companies in the world in an India-seated construction arbitration in relation to the metro rail project in Chennai, where claim values exceeded €225 million.
 - Drafted pleadings and witness statements in construction arbitrations.
 - Prepared cross-examination questions for both fact and expert witnesses.
 - Assisted in the preparation of expert reports.
 - Represented companies in arbitrations arising out of construction, insurance, and in investment agreements.
 - Regularly interacted with the arbitral tribunal members, including former judges of the Supreme Court of India, and liaised with opposing parties for arbitral hearings and cross-examinations.
 - Advised clients on claim management in relation to investment agreements and construction matters.
- Transferable Skills:** Research & Drafting, Effective Communication, Collaboration, and Working resiliently under pressure to achieve time-sensitive deliverables

- Represented one of the biggest construction companies in India in a seaport construction arbitration, where the claims were approximately valued at €281 million.
 - Drafted a reply to the counterclaim, the evidence affidavits, and collaborated with team members on the claim strategy.
 - Represented companies in arbitrations on projects relating to the construction of highways.
- Transferable Skills:** Analytical thinking, Attention to Detail, and Commercial Awareness

Dvara Research, Mumbai, Policy Research Intern

[June-August 2020]

- Conducted research on ‘Consumer grievance redress in financial disputes in India’. Analysed the application of Online Dispute Resolution (“ODR”) to improve the quality of redress in India.
 - Research project stood out as the only intern’s work published.
 - Research work included in an ODR handbook published by NITI Aayog, the public policy organisation of the Government of India.
 - Research work presented at a conference organised by the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC New Zealand 2021)
 - Prepared a comparative note on exemptions under the Personal Data Protection Bill, 2019, with jurisdictions such as the European Union.
- Transferable Skills:** Research & Writing, Problem-Solving, and Presentation

Prof. (Dr) Bindu S. Ronald, Professor of Company Law, SLS, Pune, Research Assistant

[May-June 2020]

- Updated the course structure and outlined the updated literature on Corporate Governance.
 - Authored an article on the essential facilities doctrine in European Union competition jurisprudence.
 - Compiled articles on the financial sector’s response to the General Data Protection Regulation.
- Transferable Skills:** Research & Writing

Chambers of Advocate Mr Makarand Dnyaneshwar Adkar, New Delhi, Intern

[January 2020]

- Assisted the counsel with court proceedings in the Supreme Court of India.
 - Assisted in the briefing of a Senior Advocate.
 - Researched and compiled notes related to commercial laws in India.
- Transferable Skills:** Research & Writing

NON-ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS, POSITIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY, AND INTERESTS

- Class Representative, LLM (International and European Business Law), Trinity College Dublin.
- Member of Q Soc (Trinity’s LGBTQ+ Society), TCD LawSoc, and Trinity FLAC (Free Legal Advice Centre).
- Trained classical singer in Carnatic music. Passed a certificate course in Carnatic music conducted by Potti Sreeramulu Telugu University, Hyderabad, India.
- Trained violinist and drummer. Passed Grade 1 in Drum Kit with Merit conducted by Trinity College London.
- Won several solo and group singing competitions in India in Indian classical and folk music.
- Part of the chorus that broke the Guinness Book of World Records for the largest chorus, ‘Laksha Gala Sankeertanarchana’.
- National Cadet Corps (NCC) Air Force ‘A’ Certificate.
- Interests include composing music, hiking, and playing badminton and table tennis.