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EDUCATION

Stanford Law School, Stanford University, California;

Masters of Law (LLM) Degree in Law, Science & Technology (2012-13);

Honors: Awarded the Tata Scholarship by the J. N. Tata Endowment for pursuing the LLM degree at Stanford Law School – The Tata Scholarship is a 120 year old scholarship program, making it one of the oldest scholarship programs in India.

National Law School of India University, Bengaluru, India;

Bachelors in the Arts & Law, B.A.LL.B (Hons.); 2003-2008.

CONFERENCES/SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

1. Presenter, “Indian IP law: Outlier or Revolutionary?”, Lecture at the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore, 2 December 2016;
2. Presented at the 2nd Works-in-Progress Conference IP Scholars Asia, Singapore Management University School of Law, Singapore, 23-24 February 2017;
3. Public Lecture “Indian IP law: Outlier or Revolutionary?”, 2 December 2016 (Speaker: Prashant Reddy Thikkavarapu, ARCIALA, School of Law, Singapore Management University);
4. Speaker and discussant at the Second Annual Roundtable on Innovation, IP and Competition organised by the Centre for Innovation, Intellectual Property and Competition, National Law University, Delhi on July 1-2, 2017;
5. Speaker at the conference on ‘SEPs, SSOs and FRAND – Fostering Innovation in Interconnectivity Asian and Global Perspectives’ organised by ARCIALA and held by the School of Law at the Singapore Management University, November 9-10, 2017;
6. Speaker at the conference on ‘The future of Asian Trade Deals & IP’ organised by ARCIALA and held by the School of Law at the Singapore Management University, December 8, 2017;
7. Speaker at Second Asia-Pacific Workshop on Innovation, IP & Competition organised by the Centre for Innovation, Intellectual Property and Competition, National Law University, Delhi from February 5th to 9th 2018);

PUBLICATIONS

(a) Books:

1. *Create, Copy, Disrupt: India's dilemmas with Intellectual Property*, (Oxford University Press: December, 2016) (co-authored with Sumathi Chandrashekar)

- This book aims to explain, to a non-specialist audience, the evolution of Indian IP policy over the last 60 years explaining both history and politics along with the law;
- The key areas covered by the book are pharmaceutical patent policy, copyright policy with respect to books, music and movies; geographical indications, traditional knowledge & other associated areas.

(b) Book Chapters:

1. ‘Chap. 19: India’. *Ed.* Silke von Lewinski. *Copyright Throughout the World* (December 2009 ed.). (co-authored with Pravin Anand);
2. ‘TRIPS plus and Development in India’, *Ed.* Prof. Daniel Gervais, *Intellectual Property, Trade and Development* (2nd Ed.; 2014).

3. 'Protecting Traditional Knowledge Related to Biological Resources: Is Scientific Research Going to Become More Bureaucratized?', *Ed. Salim Mamajiwalla & Rochelle Seide, Intellectual Property in Molecular Medicine*. (2015) (co-authored with Dr. Malathi Lakshmikumaran);
4. 'Metatags using third party trademarks on the internet – does this qualify as use of a trademark and, if so, is it infringement?', *Ed. Tanya Aplin, Research Handbook on IP and Digital Technologies*, (Forthcoming 2018) (co-authored with David Llewelyn, Deputy Dean School of Law, Singapore Management University);
5. 'IPEG Inc. & Anr. v. Kay Bee Engineers & Anr.: The continuing confusion on copyright-design overlap', *Ed. Prof. K.C. Liu Annotated Leading Design cases in Major Asian Jurisdictions* (forthcoming 2018);
6. 'Satyam Infoway Ltd. v. Siffynet Solutions Pvt. Ltd.: Domain Names as Trademarks', *Ed. Prof. K.C. Liu Annotated Leading Trademark cases in Major Asian Jurisdictions* (forthcoming 2018);

(c) Law Review articles:

1. Novartis, Efficacy & Indian Patent Law: Crude yet Constitutional, *Script-ED*, Vol. 5, Iss. 2, p. 232 (2008). (co-authored with Prof. Shamnad Basheer);
2. 'Ducking TRIPs in India: A saga involving Novartis and the legality of Section 3(d)', 20(2) NLSIR 131 (2008) (co-authored with Prof. Shamnad Basheer);
3. 'The Experimental Use Exception Through A Development Lens', 50 *IDEA* 831, (2010). (co-authored with Prof. Shamnad Basheer);
4. 'A critical analysis of the Delhi High Court's approach to ex-parte orders in Copyright and Trade Mark cases', 3 *Manupatra Intellectual Property Reports* 171 (Oct; 2011);
5. 'Preventing 'video piracy' through Preventive Detention in Indian States: Violating the Constitution of India?', 7(3) *Oxford Journal of Intellectual Property Law and Practice* (2012) (co-authored with Sai Vinod Nayani);
6. 'The Background Score to the Copyright Amendment Act, 2012' 5 *NUJS L. REV.* 469 (2012).
7. 'The Data Exclusivity Debate in India: Time for a Rethink?', 10 *Indian Journal of Law & Technology* 8 (2014).
8. 'Sets, modular systems and interconnections: Comparing Singapore law with EU legislation', *Forthcoming in the Oxford Journal of Intellectual Property Law and Practice* (2018) (co-authored with David Llewelyn, Deputy Dean School of Law, Singapore Management University)
9. 'Access to plant genetic resources and benefit sharing: Has India lost the plot?', *Intellectual Property Quarterly* (Cleared peer review and accepted for publication forthcoming June, 2018);
10. 'The overlap between the Patents Act and the Plant Variety Protection and Farmer's Rights Act in India', *Journal of World Intellectual Property* (Cleared peer review and accepted for publication - forthcoming);

(d) Blogs: Contributor to SpicyIP, India's leading blog on IP, Named (as a member of SpicyIP, a blog on Indian IP), by *Managing Intellectual Property* (MIP) magazine (July/August, 2011) in a **list of top 50 people** likely to shape the future of intellectual property policy in the world. I've written over 700 posts on SpicyIP since I first joined the blog in 2007. A representative sample of posts are mentioned below:

- (i) Justice Bhat overruled *Times Incorporated v. Lokesh Srivastava* in 2014, July 31, 2017;
- (ii) Lessons from TRIPS as India negotiates the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership, July 30, 2017;
- (iii) NOC requirement for registering or releasing new plant varieties scrapped, July 9, 2017;
- (iv) Madras Bar Association challenges the constitutionality of the Finance Act, 2017 and the new tribunal rules, June 18, 2017;
- (v) Government of India launches 'Occupy the tribunals' movement with new rules on appointments and removals of judges of the IPAB & 18 other tribunals, June 13, 2017;

- (vi) 143 patent infringement lawsuits between 2005 and 2015: Only 5 judgments post trial, June 5, 2017;
- (vii) The (un)patentability of microbiological processes – A drafting error or considered policy?, May 22, 2017;
- (viii) Carlsberg v. Som Distilleries: Beer meets design law in an interesting judgment, May 8, 2017;
- (ix) Appointments and Independence of the IPAB after the Finance Act, 2017, May 3, 2017;
- (x) The ‘Well known’ Trademark under the New Trade Mark Rules, 2017: Is the new procedure constitutional?, April 28, 2017;
- (xi) Delhi High Court declines to grant Monsanto an interim injunction in dispute with Nuziveedu, March 29, 2017;
- (xii) The Ilayaraja-SPB Copyright Dispute – Why the Big Fuss?, March 22, 2017;
- (xiii) Delhi High Court grants Biocon-Mylan permission to market new biosimilar for additional indications, March 20, 2017;
- (xiv) Copyright in “standards”: Taking a look at the PIL by Malamud, Sinha & Kodali against BIS, February 17, 2017;
- (xv) The press release journalism against the GIPC Index, February 13, 2017;
- (xvi) Poorly drafted regulatory laws are becoming the new barrier for Indians to access more affordable biotech products, January 30, 2017;
- (xvii) What effect will the Trump victory have on Indian IP law & policy, November 9, 2017;
- (xviii) A strange Delhi High Court judgment on DTH broadcasting and copyright law, October 25, 2016;
- (xix) Does the DU photocopy judgment place any limits on photocopying?, October 23, 2016;
- (xx) The deposit orders in Ericsson’s patent lawsuits are neither “middle path” nor “innovative” – these orders are flawed and illegal, October 2, 2016;
- (xxi) Counterview – The DU photocopy case – How wide should educational use exceptions be in the age of photocopier machines?, September 19, 2016;
- (xxii) Counterview – The outcome of the DU photocopy case isn’t necessarily good news for higher academia in India, September 19, 2016;
- (xxiii) TPM jurisprudence going awry – reviewing the Delhi High Court’s judgment in Tata Sky v. YouTube, September 12, 2016;
- (xxiv) Gene Patents and Plant Varieties: NSAI v. Monsanto, September 4, 2016;
- (xxv) The NSAI’s new IP strategy in its dispute with Monsanto, August 31, 2016;
- (xxvi) ISRA’s dubious victory before the Delhi High Court, August 21, 2016;
- (xxvii) Do online advertising platforms qualify for ‘intermediary liability’ protection?, August 7, 2016;
- (xxviii) Innovation and Regulation of Ayurvedic medicine: CSIR’s BGR-34, nimensulide in Ayurvedic medicine and other such stories, August 6, 2016;
- (xxix) Financial Technologies (India) Ltd. gets sued for copyright infringement by an American Company, August 5, 2016;
- (xxx) Delhi High Court takes ‘internet blocking’ jurisprudence back to the stone ages, August 3, 2016

(e) Opinion columns in national newsmagazines/journals:

1. ‘The new Aadhaar Regulations grant the UIDAI unchecked power, and offer little convenience to users’, *Caravan*, November 20, 2016;
2. ‘Food for thought: A tussle over the definition of basmati exposes flaws in India’s geographical indication regime’, *Caravan*, October 1, 2016; (co-authored with Sumathi Chandrashekhara)
3. ‘A Rock and A Hard Place: India’s myopic approach to recovering the Kohinoor’, *Caravan*, September 1, 2016;

4. 'How the Election Commission oversteps its bounds during election season', *Vantage-Caravan*, May 18, 2016;
5. 'The Aadhaar Bill is yet another legislation that leaves too much power with the Government at the Centre', *Vantage-Caravan*, March 15, 2016;
6. 'How the government used a flawed ordinance to expedite cases dealing with Rs. 1 crore or more while other cases remain pending', *Vantage-Caravan*, November 6, 2015;
7. 'Undercover: The Unreasonable Secrecy of Parliamentary Committees', *Caravan*, October 1, 2015;
8. 'The trouble with Tribunals', *Open*, May 18, 2013;
9. 'Should FDI in India's think-tank sector worry us?', *Open*, February 23, 2013;
10. 'Persecuting the Prosecutor', *Open*, December 15, 2012;
11. 'If only Khurshid would focus on work', *Open*, February 18, 2012;
12. 'No Precedent for Kejriwal's Lokpal', *Open*, December 24, 2011;

(f) Opinion editorials in national newspapers

1. 'Banning combination drugs: A high-stakes case in point', *Indian Express*, November 21, 2017 (co-authored with Dinesh Thakur);
2. 'Stability testing: DCGI, health ministry must act together to ensure stable drugs', *Indian Express*, September 12, 2017 (co-authored with Dinesh Thakur);
3. 'Draft Pharmaceutical Policy 2017: Recognising drug quality concerns in India signals paradigm shift', *Indian Express*, August, 29, 2017 (co-authored with Dinesh Thakur);
4. 'Generic medicines in a digital age', *Hindu*, April 29, 2017 (co-authored with Dinesh Thakur);
5. 'Walking the fine line between IP and public health', *Hindu Business Line*, January 20, 2017 (co-authored with Sumathi Chandrashekhara);
6. 'Pharma industry's playbook on low-quality drugs', *Indian Express*, December 20, 2016 (co-authored with Dinesh Thakur);
7. 'A guide to contempt law', *Mint*, February 13, 2015 (co-authored with Kian Ganz);
8. 'Safety Imperative', *Indian Express*, January 9, 2014;
9. 'Freeing the other judiciary', *Indian Express*, September 27, 2013;
10. 'Why consumers not companies should be kings of the internet', *Economic Times*, July 27, 2013;
11. 'The problem with punitive damages', *Business Standard*, April 20, 2013.
12. 'Interim justice: A troubling trend', *Business Standard*, March 30, 2013;
13. 'The Regulatory Mess in Indian Science', *Business Standard*, January 13, 2013;
14. 'Tribunals stuffed with bureaucrats', *Business Standard*, December 8, 2012;
15. 'The publishing wars', *Business Standard*, September 9, 2012;
16. 'RTI law is for lawyers', *Business Standard*, October 7, 2012;
17. 'Should the Government ban file-sharing websites?', *Business Standard*, May 30, 2012;
18. 'Build patents regime on fortified law', *Economic Times*, October 7, 2010 (co-authored with Prof. Shamnad Basheer).

(g) Opinion columns in the new digital media

1. 'Should states have the power to enact their own data protection laws?', *The Wire*, December 22, 2017;
2. 'Does India need only one data protection law and regulator to rule them all?', *The Wire*, December 7, 2017;
3. 'Confrontation is not the best way to deal with the danger of judicial misconduct', *The Wire*, November 21, 2017;
4. 'The comical farce around the Rasogolla GI', *The Wire*, November 20, 2017;
5. 'The India outside Delhi that is quietly defending the values of the Constitution', *The Wire*, October 20, 2017;

6. 'Supreme Court petitioners must be made to expunge their bigotry against the Rohingya', *The Wire*, September 15, 2017;
7. 'Data protection: Can India overcome the spy-security state and big tech to enact a strong law?', *Scroll*, August 22, 2017;
8. 'Trademark tangle: Will the Indian Medical Association be able to adopt a new 'red cross' logo?', *Scroll*, August 8, 2017;
9. 'Will the Aadhaar Act withstand a constitutional challenge?', *The Wire*, August 8, 2017;
10. 'Counterpoint: The President of India's power to pardon is not an anachronism', *Scroll*, August 1, 2017;
11. 'By splitting Aadhaar and Right to Privacy Issues, SC has embarked on a tricky legal exercise', *The Wire*, July 20, 2017;
12. 'Is Aadhaar a card and who in the government can mandate the use of UID?', *The Wire*, June 26, 2017;
13. 'Mandatory Aadhaar and Bank Accounts: How much of this is legal?', *The Wire*, June 19, 2017;
14. 'The debate around drug regulation should prioritise price and quality equally', *The Wire*, June 4, 2017 (co-authored with Dinesh Thakur);
15. 'Has the government signed the death warrant for the judicial independence of 19 tribunals?', *Scroll*, June 5, 2017;
16. 'India makes long overdue move to ensure better drug safety', *Scroll*, April 12, 2017;
17. 'Why the Traditional Knowledge Digital Library's existence deserves a thorough relook', *The Wire*, April 4, 2017 (co-authored with Sumathi Chandrashekhara);
18. 'Aadhaar: Amid the debate about privacy, the more pressing issue of exclusion has been forgotten', *Scroll*, March 29, 2017;
19. 'Finance Bill 2017 debate: Changes made to tribunals are unconstitutional and ill-considered', *Scroll*, March 27, 2017;
20. 'India's banking crisis is made worse by the poor performance of its debt recovery tribunals', *Scroll*, March 5, 2017;
21. 'The Delhi High Court allows 344 potentially dangerous combination drugs to remain in the market', *Scroll*, December 8, 2016;
22. 'Post-demonetisation, police have made big cash seizures – without the power to do so under law', *Scroll*, November 28, 2016;
23. 'Is the Modi government's restriction on bank withdrawals supported by law?', *Scroll*, Nov. 14, 2016;
24. 'Why do government files go missing so often, and what can be done about it?', *Scroll*, Nov. 10, 2016;
25. 'Interview: Fact-checking Vandana Shiva's latest criticism of Monsanto and Bt. Cotton', *Scroll*, August 26, 2016;
26. 'The Safety, Efficacy and Business of Publicly Funded Ayurveda', *The Wire*, July 15, 2016;
27. 'Is 74% foreign direct investment in brownfield pharma really bad for Indian generics?', *Scroll*, July 4, 2016;
28. 'No longer a black box: Why does the revised Aadhaar Bill allow sharing of identity information?', *Scroll*, April 8, 2016;
29. 'Should India Worry About a Dramatic Price Rise of Old Drugs?', *The Wire*, September 29, 2015;
30. 'Dangerous Similarities: Anna's Lokpal v. Govt's Lokpal', *Firstpost* November 23, 2011;

(h) Opinion columns in *The Hoot* on media law & ethics

1. 'Is Sri Krishna privileging privacy over free speech', *The Hoot*, December 2, 2017;
2. 'Allahabad HC gag order in Adityanath case worrying', *The Hoot*, November 26, 2017;
3. 'Scare mongering over HIV and Aadhaar', *The Hoot*, November 19, 2017;
4. 'Film tribunal's rulings: good, bad and arbitrary', *The Hoot*, November 16, 2017;
5. 'Rajasthan's new ordinance may survive legal challenge', *The Hoot*, October 23, 2017;
6. 'This does not look like 66A through the back door', *The Hoot*, October 15, 2017;
7. 'The glacial pace of delivering defamation rulings', *The Hoot*, September 30, 2017;

8. 'The privileges committee is suddenly hyperactive', *The Hoot*, September 25, 2017;
9. 'Demonetization version 2.0: The frozen accounts fiction', *The Hoot*, September 9, 2017;
10. 'Great Supreme Court privacy ruling but.....', *The Hoot*, August 26, 2017;
11. 'Free speech in courts, down the years', *The Hoot*, August 14, 2017;
12. 'FCAT as arbitrary as CBFC when it comes to certification', *The Hoot*, June 27, 2017;
13. 'Now SC says Wage Board pay for contract employees too!', *The Hoot*, June 23, 2017;
14. 'Libel: Is saying sorry better than coughing up?' *The Hoot*, June 6, 2017;
15. 'Reporting on FIRs is immune to defamatory lawsuits', *The Hoot*, May 31, 2017;
16. 'Maharashtra's new law: high only on political symbolism', *The Hoot*, May 19, 2017;
17. 'The Supreme Court petition on the Quint sting', *The Hoot*, April 26, 2017;
18. 'Orissa High Court muzzles the media', *The Hoot*, March 23, 2017;
19. 'Is media ethics justiciable?', *The Hoot*, February 27, 2017;
20. 'India Today's 'sting' and the UP Assembly enquiry', *The Hoot*, January 25 2017 (co-authored with N. Sai Vinod);
21. 'Mid-Day vindicated by Supreme Court ruling', *The Hoot*, January 16, 2017;
22. 'The Express and Anon', *The Hoot*, September 30, 2016;
23. 'A new effort to reform defamation', *The Hoot*, September 25, 2016;
24. 'Power-hungry Election Commission strikes again', *The Hoot*, August 29, 2016;
25. 'Free speech verdicts good, logic bad', *The Hoot*, July 25, 2016;
26. 'Awful reasoning and tortuous verbosity', *The Hoot*, May 17, 2016;
27. 'Zee TV fined Rs. 20 lakh in CP shootout case', *The Hoot*, April 23, 2016;
28. 'Zika vaccine and press release journalism', *The Hoot*, February 12, 2016;
29. 'Delaying defamation verdicts defer justice', *The Hoot*, February 6, 2016;
30. 'Guardians of the law attack free speech', *The Hoot*, November 16, 2015;
31. 'Raising the threshold for defamation', *The Hoot*, October 3, 2015;
32. 'Censoring the prisons', *The Hoot*, July 31, 2015;
33. 'Media silent on Katju charges', *The Hoot*, June 19, 2015;
34. 'Bar council shows its colours', *The Hoot*, June 12, 2015;
35. 'Victory for Kashmir documentary', *The Hoot*, June 8, 2015;
36. 'Courts bat for press freedom on defamation', *The Hoot*, May 5, 2015;
37. 'A Hatchet job on Smriti Irani', *The Hoot*, April 18, 2015;
38. 'Zee Media v. Positiv Television: The Mahabharata of Defamation', *The Hoot*, April 6, 2015;
39. 'A blow for free speech', *The Hoot*, March 25, 2015;
40. 'Doval threatens OSA axe', *The Hoot*, January 16, 2015;
41. 'Scandalising the court – time for reform?', *The Hoot*, November 3, 2014;
42. 'Paid news and the law', *The Hoot*, September 29, 2014;
43. 'How the media helped scuttle Gopal Subramaniam's appointment', *The Hoot*, June 28, 2014;
44. 'Rescuing unauthorized biographies', *The Hoot*, April 21, 2014;

(i) Opinion pieces published on law blogs and law portals

1. 'The breakdown of precedent at the Delhi High Court on the issue of punitive damages in IP cases', *Livelaw*, August 14, 2017;
2. 'Academic publishing houses lose appeal against Delhi University & photocopy shop', *IPKat*, December 13, 2016;
3. 'A Monsanto case that could alter the dynamics of technology transfer to India', *IPKat*, March 4, 2016;
4. 'The politics of IP conferences in India', *IPKat*, December 30, 2015;
5. 'The National Green Tribunal has restricted access to justice', *MyLaw.Net*, June 15, 2015;
6. 'With no carrots on offer, USTR Michael Froman won't have Crowbar Carla's influence on Indian IP policy', *MyLaw.Net*, March 12, 2015;
7. 'To fix the most fundamental problems of the Indian judiciary, we must finish what Fali & others started', *Legally India*, June 16, 2014;
8. 'How journalists keep losing to judges: The Swatanter Kumar gag and 4 other chilling times media lost to bench', *Legally India*, February 10, 2014

9. 'The Fourth Estate as the State? – A troubling precedent by the Delhi High Court', *Law and Other Things*, February 13, 2013;
10. 'A Dangerous Precedent for the Right to Information' in India', *Law and Other Things*, July 9, 2012;
11. 'Autonomy' of the Nuclear Regulator: The ideal and the reality', *Law and Other Things*, February 1, 2012;

WORK EXPERIENCE

Research Associate, Applied Research Centre for Intellectual Assets and the Law in Asia (ARCIALA) School of Law, Singapore Management University.

August, 2016 – August 2017

- Undertook research/publication on various themes related to Indian intellectual property law;
- Researched specifically on Indian intellectual property laws and Indian agriculture;
- Delivered lectures on Indian IP law at the Intellectual Property Offices, Singapore (IPoS);
- Delivered a public lecture on Indian copyright law in context of the DU Photocopy case at the University;
- Delivered a lecture to the students at SMU on Indian IP law;
- Helped organize conferences at the university;

Independent Counsel to Mr. Dinesh Thakur, Former whistleblower at Ranbaxy Laboratories Ltd.

April, 2015 – March 2016

- Mr. Thakur was responsible, in 2013, for exposing one of the largest scandals in the generic drug industry leading to an imposition of fines and penalties of \$500 million dollars by the American government on Ranbaxy Laboratories under the Federal False Claims Act of the United States;
- Mr. Thakur commissioned me to investigate, study and prepare a report on the various problems with the Indian drug regulatory framework;
- The final report titled 'A report on fixing India's broken drug regulatory framework' (co-authored with Dinesh Thakur) was submitted to the Ministry of Health & Family.

Lakshmikumaran & Sridharan

December, 2013 – March, 2015

Principal Associate, IP Litigation Practice

- Successfully represented a leading manufacturer of military simulators who had been enjoined for copyright infringement;
- Represented an Indian importer in a design infringement action filed by a major international footwear manufacturer;
- Assisted foreign clients on cross-border discovery against an Indian pharmaceutical company being sued for patent infringement in a foreign country;
- Extensive advisory opinion for Indian & foreign clients on a variety of Indian IP laws.

The Pre-Legislative Briefing Service (PLBS)

2010-2012

Founding trustee of the Pre-Legislative Briefing Service (PLBS), a pro-bono organization, aimed at providing legal input to Parliamentary Standing Committees examining legislations proposed by the Government of India. The trust no longer exists.

- Appeared before Standing Committees examining The Civil Liability for Nuclear Damages Bill,

2010, The Prevention of Torture Bill, 2010 & The Judicial Standards & Accountability Bill, 2010;

- Co-opted member of the 'Group of Experts on Privacy Laws' constituted by the Planning Commission of India, Government of India under the aegis of Justice A.P. Shah – the final report was submitted in October, 2012;
- Member of the Drafting Committee of the Public Procurement Bill, 2012 (Ministry of Finance);

The National University of Juridical Sciences, Kolkata, India;

Research Associate to Prof. Shamnad Basheer, Ministry of Human Resources Development Chaired

Professor on IP law

June, 2010 – July, 2011

- Drafted, researched & strategized a lawsuit against the Union of India challenging the constitutionality of a law creating a key IP tribunal – the Intellectual Property Appellate Board (IPAB);
- Preparing policy briefs for Parliamentary Standing Committees & the Indian Government on various topics ranging from the latest amendments to India's copyright law to the compulsory licensing policy for patents;

Anand and Anand, (IP Law firm) New Delhi, India;

Associate – Litigation Department

January, 2009 – April, 2010

- Advised and represented pharmaceutical companies in patent litigation lawsuits;
- Advised and represented an innovator European company in a trade secrets lawsuit involving transnational theft of trade-secrets and a subsequent attempt to patent the same before the Indian Patent Office;
- Advised and represented Indian companies in trademark and copyright litigation;
- Other general advisory work regarding the enforcement of intellectual property rights in India.

CLERKSHIPS

Chief Justice of the Andhra Pradesh High Court – Justice G.S. Singhvi
June, 2006