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CURRENT ROLE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Lawyer & Cyber Law Consultant (<i>since February 2005</i>)➤ Owner at Cylaw Solutions, specializing in IT/IPR Laws (<i>since 2013</i>)➤ Domain Dispute Arbitrator with NIXI, MEITY (<i>since October 2014</i>)➤ Domain URS Examiner with MFSD, Italy (<i>since September 2016</i>)
QUALIFICATIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Masters in Computer Appl. from Maharishi Dayanand Univ. in 2007➤ Oracle Certification from Oracle University in 2004➤ Bachelors of Law from Delhi University in 2004➤ Company Secretary course from ICSI in 2001-02➤ Bachelor of Commerce (Honors) from Delhi University in 1998
PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ As a Practicing Advocate with Bar Council of Delhi since Feb 2005 (<i>Bar Council Regn no D/93/2005</i>)➤ Fellow Member of Institute of Company Secretaries of India since April 2004 (<i>Membership no FCS-6258</i>)

I am confident of my abilities to be a valuable asset in your esteemed organization, based on my credentials that include extensive law practice over 15 years backed by a strong academic background that include Master's degree in Computers, Company Secretary ship and Bachelors of Law, that provides me an edge based on my in-depth understanding of techno-legal domain.

I have been into legal practice since 2005 providing consultancy in matters relating to Trademarks & Cyber Law including Cyber Law Compliance of websites, Cyber Crime Advisory, Online issues as to Trademarks, Copyrights & Domain Names, Cyber Defamation, formation of Technology companies, etc.

In 2014, got placed as a ".IN" Domain Dispute Panelist / Arbitrator by ".IN" Registry and have presided over as a Sole Arbitrator in 29 INDRP matters. In 2016, got placed as an URS Examiner with MSFD, Italy and just recently presided as URS Examiner in midasbuy.live (July 2020) matter.

Help enforcement agencies in Cybercrime Investigation and Cyber Law awareness otherwise. Also a member of Internet Society (ISOC - Delhi Chapter) and ICANN Groups. Participated as a member of the ICANN's Working Group on replacement of WHOIS policy with Registration Directory Service (RDS) and Review of all Rights Protection Mechanisms (RPMs) in all gTLDs.

A. IPR & Domain Disputes

- Presided as an Arbitrator over 29 .IN Domain Dispute matters under INDRP policy in the matters involving Jaguarlandrover.co.in (Jan '15), Mentosindia.co.in (May '15), Cardekho.co.in (Jul '15), Cyberknife.co.in (Dec '15), Prevageskin.in (Jan '16), Dellservicecenterinbangalore.in (Mar '16), Huntnews.in (Jul '16), Arevaindia.co.in (Aug '16), Ducati.co.in (Feb '17) and Velcrotechnologies.in (Mar '17) and more.
- Also recently handled Domain Disputes Resolution matters under UDRP/INDRP policy for clients in the matters involving [Digel.com](#) [D2018-1328], [RiskMethods.com](#) [D2019-0286] [Benchmade.in](#) [INDRP/1071], [Naturals.com](#) [D2019-2508], [OYOLife.com](#) [D2019-1979], [Siteground.in](#) [INDRP/1124], [Enow.in](#) [INDRP/1195] and more.
- Helped clients **filing for injunction** within the 10 days time against transfer of Domain Name ordered in a UDRP decision in Indian courts, based upon location of the Domain Registrar. Further, mediated between the clients and the Trademark holders claiming rights to the Domain Names during UDRP proceedings and also successfully resolved other domain name matters amicably.
- Actively involved in Trademark related work for the protection of client's Trademark and securing of Trademark registrations on a regular basis. Also advising clients as to selection of Domain Names and Company Name carefully after analyzing previous registered Trademarks and famous brands. Also helped clients secure copyrights registration, issue cease & desist letters for copyright violations for clients like TaxGuru.in.

B. Other Cyberlaw Experience

- Have over a decade of experience in legal field handling legal vetting and drafting of Corporate, Commercial & Technology agreements, Memorandum of Understanding, Deeds, Trademark/Copyrights and Litigation, mainly for Technology Companies.
- Advising in terms of various compliances under Information Technology Act & Rules thereunder including Intermediary compliances, good security practices / ISO 27001, proper terms of use, disclaimer & Privacy Policy, appointment of Grievance Officers, Blocking of Websites, etc.
- Carried cyber-crime investigation for clients including Cyber Defamation matters involving websites operated under false WHOIS information including tracking down of real owners through extensive online investigation. On occasions, it included working with local enforcement agencies and suspension of domain names.

C. Other Legal Experience:

- Represented clients in various other litigation matters at District Courts in cyber matters like Defamation, Blocking of Website, Injunction and in Consumer Courts

against DELL (reported by Economic Times - Delhi on 3 August 2009), High Technology Solutions (for use of Pirated SAP software), Panasonic, Hyundai, Citibank, Reliance Communications (including application U/s 340 Cr. PC), Living Media India, SIFY, etc.

- In 2006, won consumer case against SIFY Broadband (Ankur Raheja V SIFY Broadband) for Technical Deficiency in Service, published in Times Of India (dated 5 December 2006 on Pg. 3), quoted as “it is for the first time technical deficiency in service... has been taken on record by a court”. Also covered by other leading newspapers Hindu, Telegraph, Today, PTI and numerous websites during Nov-Dec 2006.
- Have taken sessions on IT/IPR Law at various WordCamps and other Wordpress Meets and also on Domain Disputes (January 2017), held at Startup Cafe, New Delhi.
- Helped clients with various registration matters including Society/NGO formation, IPR, Call Center/BPO Licensing, Company formation.
- Addressed social issues linked to Cybercrime & Consumer protection including help to the victims of fraud e-commerce websites and transactions, defamation, affected by Social Media posts, profile hacking/personation issues, etc.

D. As a Volunteer:

- Volunteer at Art Of Living, India.
- ICANN working groups & related activities.

(Ankur Raheja)