#### HIMANSHU HANDA

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**Post Qualification Experience**: 3.5 years (as of March 2022)



ACADEMIC QUALIFICATION			
YEAR	QUALIFICATION	University	MARKS
2013-2018	B.A. LL. B	Amity Law School, Delhi (affiliated to	67 %
		Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha	(First Division)
		University)	·
2017-2018	Diploma in Competition	National Law University, Delhi	Grade ' <b>A</b> '
	Law and Policy	-	

#### **WORK EXPERIENCE**

# I. Associate At Kochhar & Co. (January 2020 to Present) (2 Years)

During my tenure at Kochhar & Co., I have had the opportunity to provide legal advice to public and private companies, financial institutions, government entities, and individuals on, *inter alia*, the following:

# A. INSOLVENCY AND BANKRUPTCY

- Represented resolution professionals, financial creditors, operational creditors, and suspended board of directors before the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal ("NCLAT") and the National Company Law Tribunal in matters relating corporate insolvency, financial restructuring and bankruptcy.
- Advised the suspended board of directors in the insolvency proceeding of a company which was previously listed at the Bombay Stock Exchange. The case involved representing and advising the client in fast paced complex litigation before NCLT and High Court of Karnataka.
- Drafted detailed replies to the applications filed by the resolution professional for alleged undervalued, preferential and fraudulent financial transactions undertook by the corporate debtor.
- Represented a state-owned financial institution before the NCLT in filing a section 7 application against a corporate debtor. Also, drafted an Application against the personal guarantors of the said corporate debtor.
- Advised a resolution professional on legality and validity of resolution plan. Researched on the nuances and legality of resolution plans under the provisions of the IBC. Drafted replies to appeals filed by various stakeholders before the NCLAT to challenge the resolution plan.

#### B. COMMERCIAL LITIGATION AND GENERAL CORPORATE

- Represented the resolution professional of a power generating company before the Appellate Tribunal For Electricity in a dispute emanating from termination of Power Purchase Agreement by the State Commission.
- Assisted in drafting and filing a suit for defamation and damages before Delhi High Court for a multinational company. Assisted and handled commercial and civil suit before Gurgaon District Court.
- Assisted in filing a writ petition before Madhya Pradesh High Court against erroneous disqualification of a company from technical and financial bids of various government tenders.
- Handled pre-litigation strategy, contract negotiation, advisory and legal risk assessment. Drafted legal notices, replies to legal notices, and Rejoinder to Notice.
- Drafted, reviewed and negotiated various contracts pertaining to loans, service agreements, maintenance agreement, sub- contractor agreements and addendum agreements.

#### II. Associate at UKCA & Partners, Delhi (August 2018 to December 2019) (1 Year 6 Months)

While working at UKCA, I had the opportunity to advise and represent companies in matters relating to insolvency resolution and financial regulations, some of which are mentioned herein below:

- Represented Financial Creditor for initiating CIRP of Affinity Beauty Salons which had a chain of more than 90 Salons all over India. Assisted in drafting a resolution plan for the prospective resolution applicant and drafted a legal opinion on eligibility of the resolution applicant under Section 29A of IBC.
- Advised a prospective resolution applicant on aspects of filing a resolution plan to restructure a company undergoing corporate insolvency resolution process.

- Represented Era Group of Industries and its suspended board of directors in the insolvency proceedings before NCLT and NCLAT. The NCLAT allowed group insolvency of the company and its subsidiaries. The case was a first of its kind where group insolvency was allowed by NCLAT. The judgement was featured on Livelaw and Bar&Bench.
- Represented Reebok India Private Limited wherein a Company Petition was filed for oppression and mismanagement (Shareholder Dispute) under section 240-242 of the Companies Act, 2013 and dispute with respect to conversion of Compulsory Convertible Debentures (CCD's) to the tune of INR 1,000 Crore.

## **PROFESSIONAL INTERNSHIPS**

1. CHAMBER OF MR. K.K. VENUGOPAL, ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR INDIA

[September 2017]

Assisted in drafting a report on 'Material Influence For Determining Control under Competition law'.

2. Dr. Munisamy Thambidurai, Deputy Speaker of Lok Sabha

[March-April 2018]

- Researched on laws of developed jurisdictions and made notes to analysis the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (Second Amendment) Bill, 2018 vis-à-vis the laws in other jurisdictions.
- 3. CYRIL AMARCHAND MANGALDAS, NEW DELHI

[November 2017]

- Researched and prepared a presentation on scope and definition of disputes under the Insolvency laws.
- 4. JYOTI SAGAR ASSOCIATES, MUMBAI AND GURGAON

[July-August 2017]

- Assisted in drafting an Initial Due diligence Report in a transection pertaining to merger and acquisition.
- 5. SETH DUA & ASSOCIATES, NEW DELHI

[July 2016]

- Examined the Vienna Convention on Law of Treaties. Researched on Korean Extradition policies.
- 6. Kochhar & Co, New Delhi

[February 2016]

Research on provisions related to "buy back of shares" under the Income Tax Act.

7. KARANJAWALA & COMPANY, NEW DELHI

[October 2015]

Drafted Evidence Affidavits. Prepared a presentation- 'Effect of a decree set off by counter-claim'.

#### RESEARCH PUBLICATION

- 1. Research Paper titled "Interim Reliefs in Arbitral Proceedings under Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996" at Vidhigya, the Journal of Legal Awareness. [ISSN 0973-3825].
- 2. Research Paper titled "Corporate Social Responsibility and Environment Protection" at KAAV International Journal of Law, Finance & Industrial Relations. [ISSN 2349 2589].
- 3. Research Paper titled "Orchestrating the UNCITRAL Model Law on Cross-Border Insolvency in India" at International Journal of Law Management. [ISSN 2581 5369]
- 4. Article titled "Abuse of Dominance in Cyber Space" at National Journal of Cyber Security Law.
- 5. Editor at the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Law Post (https://www.tiiblp.com) which is a knowledge platform publishing content on a wide range of issues relating to the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016.

#### AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

### A. DEBATES AND MODEL UNITED NATIONS

- 1. Awarded 'High Commendation', facilitated by a Supreme Court Judge, at Delhi University, Mock Parliament.
- 2. Awarded 'Special Mention' at Model United Nations Conference, 2017, Kirori Mal College, Delhi University.
- 3. Awarded 'Special Mention' at Model United Nations Conference, Delhi University Youth Conclave 2017.
- 4. Awarded 'Best Delegate' at Model United Nations Conference 2017, NSIT, Dwarka.
- 5. Awarded 'Special Mention' at AIPPM 2017, organized by SRM University, Delhi.

# **B. MOOT COURT COMPETITION**

- 1. Semi Finalist- Amity Moot Court Competition 2017.
- 2. Qualified and participated at National Law School of India University, PIL, Moot Court Competition, 2017.
- 3. Participated at Sharda University, Moot Court Competition, 2017.

#### C. SPORTS

- 1. Won Cricket tournament at Yuvardha Sports Fest, 2013 organised by National Law University, Jodhpur.
- 2. Won Cricket tournament at Sports Fest, 2015 organised by National Law University, Kolkata.
- 3. Represented college in Squash and Field Hockey tournaments at Amity University Sports Meet, 2014.

### LANGUAGES & SKILLS

- Fluent in English, Hindi and Punjabi. Elementary proficiency in German.
- Proficient with Windows, Mac. Regularly access legal softwares like: (a) SCC; and (b) Manupatra
- Successfully graduated Foundation Level Guitar Performance course from Trinity College, London.