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### EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS AND ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

- Doctor of the Science of Law (J.S.D.) Candidate, Yale Law School [July 2015 to Present]
- MSc Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Oxford [June 2015]
- Master of Laws, Yale Law School [May 2014]
- B.A., LL.B. (Hons.), National Law School of India University Bangalore (NLSIU) CGPA: 5.88/7.0 Rank: 4/80 [Aug 2011]
- Recipient of *Shri K.I. Bhatta Memorial Medal* for Most Deserving Female Student, NLSIU [Aug 2011]
- Recipient of *Justice V.C. Ramachandra Medal* in Clinical Courses (Alternate Dispute Resolution, Litigation Advocacy and Placement), NLSIU [Aug 2011]

### PUBLICATIONS & PAPERS PRESENTED

- Book Review: Heather Douglas, Francesca Bartlett, Trish Luker and Rosemary Hunter (eds), *Australian Feminist Judgments: Righting and Rewriting Law*, OXFORD UNIVERSITY COMMONWEALTH LAW JOURNAL (forthcoming 2016).
- Book Review: Assessing the Effectiveness of International Courts by Yuval Shany, 39 YALE JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL LAW 395, 408 (2014).
- Book Review: The Informal Constitution: Unwritten Criteria in Selecting Judges for the Supreme Court of India by Abhinav Chandrachud, 5 JOURNAL OF INDIAN LAW AND SOCIETY 263 (2014).
- *Treatment of Women Accused in the Indian Supreme Court: A Study of Gender Bias in the determination of Culpability and Sentencing*, in 1 GENDER, HUMAN RIGHTS AND LAW (Sarasu Esther Thomas ed., 2011).
- *Restorative Juvenile Justice and the Child Soldier: Protection of the Perpetrator?*, in UNICEF TOOLKIT ON DIVERSION AND ALTERNATIVES TO DETENTION (2009), <http://www.unicef.org/tdad/2tasneemdeo.pdf>.
- *Fair and Equitable Treatment: An Unfair Standard? A Third World Critique of the Interpretation of FET*, in INTERNATIONAL LAW ASSOCIATION REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE LAW & LEGAL ASPECTS OF TRANS-BORDER INVESTMENT, NEW DELHI (International Law Association Regional Branch, India ed., 2009) (co-authored).
- *An Argument for the Accused: The Importance of Due Process Rights in International Criminal Prosecutions*, paper presented at the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung XII Law Talk, Sihanouk, Cambodia (Aug 1-3, 2014).
- *Socio-Economic Indicators and Crime Rates: Looking for Correlations*, paper presented at the First Azim Premji University International Conference on Law, Governance and Development – Indian Legal System Reform: Empirical Baselines and Normative Frameworks, Bangalore (May 18 and 19, 2012).
- *Subsidising the Environment - The Need for Good Governance Solutions to Environmental Challenges of Agricultural Subsidies*, paper presented at the 2<sup>nd</sup> ILSA International Law Conference, Kolkata (Jul 22-25, 2009).

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

#### **YALE LAW SCHOOL**

[Jul 2015 to Present]

##### *Graduate Tutor in Law*

Organizing lectures and panels for the graduate community, including annual Symposia; and the Doctoral Conference. Working with the Assistant Dean for Graduate Programs to conceptualise and implement the Graduate Seminar.

#### **NATIONAL LAW SCHOOL OF INDIA UNIVERSITY, BANGALORE**

[Jul. 2014 to Present]

##### *Guest Faculty*

Conduct seminar courses for final year students. The courses involve 40 hours of classroom teaching and evaluation through a paper. The subjects have included: Indian Criminal Justice Reform, International Criminal Law, and Crime Commission and Prevention.

**SUPREME COURT OF INDIA, NEW DELHI**

[Aug. 2011 to Jun. 2013]

*Law Clerk-cum-Research Assistant to Justice G.S. Singhvi*

Assisting Justice Singhvi by preparing bench memoranda, researching legal issues, analysing and summarising case files, preparing drafts of judgments, preparing speeches and supervising interns. Worked on the 2G case dealing with validity of the governmental policy on spectrum allocation (*CPIL & Ors v UoI & Ors* (2012) 3 SCC 1); Naz Foundation appeal concerning the constitutionality of Indian penal provisions on sodomy (*Koushal v Naz Foundation* (2014) 1 SCC 1), Bhullar's case concerning the President's power of pardon (*Devender Pal Singh Bhullar v State* (2013) 6 SCC 195).

**SUPREME COURT PROJECT COMMITTEE ON THE RESTATEMENT OF INDIAN LAWS**

[Sep. 2012 to Jun. 2013]

*Researcher on the 'Criminal Law and Allied Subjects' team headed by Justice Aftab Alam*

Studying the provisions of the Indian Penal Code 1860 relating to offences against women and their interpretation by the Indian Supreme Court in order to prepare chapters for the forthcoming Restatement of Indian Laws book.

**AZIM PREMJI UNIVERSITY, BANGALORE**

[Nov. 2011 – Aug. 2012]

*Graduate Fellow for the Law, Governance and Development Initiative*

Undertook a research project aimed at identifying correlations between the incidence of crimes against women and socio-economic indicators across Indian states by using statistical methodologies to analyse information collected from national crime records and census data. Currently finalising a paper based on my findings for publication in a book on Legal Reform in India (Oxford University Press).

**BAR MEMBERSHIP**

- **India, 2011** – Advocate, Bar Council of Delhi. Enrolment No. D/1906/2011

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE AND RESEARCH WORK**

- Research Assistant to **PROF. ALICE MILLER**, Associate Professor (Adjunct) of Law at Yale Law School and co-director of the Global Health Justice Partnership [October 2013 - present] – provide research and editorial assistance for her forthcoming book *Human Rights and Criminal Law: Regulating Sex, Gender and Reproduction Globally*.
- Teaching Assistant for the Criminal Law I course to **DR. NAGARATHNA ANNAPPA**, Senior Assistant Professor of Law, NLSIU [Oct 2010 - Jan 2011] – assisted in conceptualising the course, assigning readings, taking classes, conducting tests and evaluating papers. Also guided the students with their research assignments.
- Researcher, **NLSIU RESEARCH CENTRES** [2008 - 2011] – **Centre for Child and the Law**: researcher and editor for the Centre's publications on juvenile justice and right to education; **Centre for the Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy**: assisted in the preparation of briefing documents for submission to the Indian Union and State Ministries on beggary laws and rights of tribal communities; served as conference coordinator for the National Conference on the Caste Census and Conference on Law & Social Exclusion conducted by the Centre in 2010.
- Trainee Law Clerk to **JUSTICE JAWAD RAHIM**, Judge, High Court of Karnataka, Bangalore [Jun – Jul 2009] – provided substantial assistance in the preparation of judgments by submitting detailed notes on aspects of criminal law.
- Research Assistant to **PROF. (DR.) SUDHIR KRISHNASWAMY**, (presently Professor of Law, Azim Premji University) [Jun 2009, Feb - Mar 2008] – provided research and editing assistance in finalising papers on Indian equality laws, access to documentary heritage, governance in the Bangalore Metropolitan Region, traditional knowledge and patents.

**LEGAL INTERNSHIPS**

- Intern with **MR. SIDHARTH LUTHRA**, Senior Advocate, Delhi High Court (presently Additional Solicitor General of India) [Jan – Mar and Apr 2011] – attended court proceedings and client meetings; assisted in the preparation of briefs for the curative petition filed for alteration of charge in the case relating to the Bhopal Gas Tragedy (*CBI and Others v Keshub Mahindra etc. etc.* (2011) 6 SCC 216) and also for the cases arising from the 1993 Mumbai Blasts.

- Intern with **MR. AVI SINGH**, Defence Counsel, International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia [Feb – Mar 2010] - assisted in the preparation of the defence for Radovan Karadžić (IT-95-5/18-I) by analysing the voluminous evidence on record in light of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence of the ICTY.
- Intern with **S&R ASSOCIATES ADVOCATES**, New Delhi [Feb – Mar 2010] – prepared opinions on Indian securities laws.
- Intern with **S. SREEVATSA**, Senior Advocate, Karnataka High Court [Jan – Mar 2009] – prepared briefs in property suits.

### **AWARDS**

- **Best Delegate** - Harvard National Model United Nations, Committee of Special Court for Sierra Leone, 2009.
- **Best Article** – ‘Right of Children to Free & Compulsory Education Bill, 2008: An Economic Analysis - Reconciling the Individual’s Right to Human Capabilities with the Nation’s Need for Human Capital’. Awarded by the Chief Justice of India at the Right to Education Seminar conducted by National Legal Services Authority, 2009.
- **2008 Goldman Sachs Global Leaders Award** - One among 150 students from 100 Universities across the world to receive the award which included a \$3000 scholarship. One among 75 such students to additionally receive the **2008 Global Leadership Institute Participant Award**.
- **Global Scholar** - Nominated to represent India at the 2005 Global Young Leaders Conference.

### **POSITIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY**

#### **Legal Advocacy:**

- Founder, Legal Literacy and Counselling Programme, Bangalore Rural District, established in Jan 2007 under the aegis of The Belaku Trust - provides legal advice to women across 6 villages
- Submitted reports based on field work to NGOs - Lawyers Collective [2007]; Sangama, Bangalore [2006-07]; Saheli, Pune [2005-2006] on domestic violence, rights of transsexuals, and trafficking of women.

#### **Editorial Experience:**

- Peer Reviewer, Socio Legal Review [2014-15; 2015-16]
- Articles Editor, Yale Journal of Law and Feminism [Spring, 2014]
- Editor, Yale Journal of International Law [2013-14]
- Chief Editor, Indian Journal of International Economic Law [2010-11]
- Editorial Assistant, Indian Yearbook of International Law and Policy [2010-11]

#### **Student Activities:**

- Conference Chair, Yale Law School 5<sup>th</sup> Doctoral Scholarship Conference [Dec 2015]
- Participant, University of Cologne Summer School on International Criminal Law and Human Rights Law [Jul-Aug 2014]
- Volunteer, Reblaw Conference, Yale Law School [2014]
- Law and Society Committee, NLSIU: Convenor [2009-10] and Member [2008-09]
- Academic Support Programme, NLSIU: Member [2007-08] and Facilitator for Criminal Law and Jurisprudence [2007-2011]
- Legal Services Clinic, NLSIU: Member [2006-07]
- Conference Coordinator - National Conference on the Caste Census [2010]; Conference on Law & Social Exclusion [2010]
- Student Course Facilitator - World Health Organization Executive Course ‘Towards an Intellectual Property Regime that Protects Public Health’ conducted for South East Asian diplomats [Jul 2009]