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Summary

Legal strategist with 14+ years in leadership roles across IOCL, MoPNG, and MMTC, driving high-stakes litigation, policy reforms, and multi-crore recoveries. Proven expertise in steering complex stakeholder engagement, carving novel solutions, exploring amicable dispute settlements, and fuelling organizational growth.

Professional Experience

Manager(Law) (Role: Deputy Legal Head) | Indian Oil Corporation Limited | Ahmedabad, Gujarat

- Advice 8 functional departments; Engagement with > 500 stakeholders; provide legal opinions; handle litigations before SC/HCs/other Courts; liaison with MoPNG/ State authorities; Member-Law-Disciplinary Committee on transporters.
- Examine retail outlet expansion proposals; handle Port dispute before SC/ MoPNG (stakes > INR 2.5K Cr).
- Won the sensitive CBI cases; Approx INR 150 Cr Arbitrations/ HC cases. Received 2 Appreciation Certificates.
- Advised on lease policy (stakes > INR 1K Cr.); ensured quick clearances for outlet- Gujarat Rank 1 in July 2024.
- Offered MBA sponsorship for outstanding performance and achievements in career.

Assistant Manager(Law) | Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas (on IOCL Deputation) | New Delhi

- Effectively managed end-to-end operations of Pratham's programs to support rural development.
- Advised/ briefed senior officials. Handled All India litigation in SC/ HCs, legislative/ policy amendments (biofuels, ethanol blending, railway depots, marketing authorization, IOCL's 0.5% mkt share). Liaised with oil companies & other Ministries.
- Strategic advice on the nationwide HC cases on oil company's ~75K outlets setup, & Cantonments (> INR 1L Cr).
- Averted fines and contempt of court @ SC&HC for Vapour Recovery Systems (Capex > INR 3K Cr.).
- Succeeded before 5 HCs on contentious cases of States' kerosene allocations; briefed SGs/ASGs.
- Resolved govt disputes before 3-Secretary Committee (>INR 2.2K Cr); handled Parliament Questions, VIP references, RTIs.

Law Officer | Indian Oil Corporation Limited | Chennai, Tamil Nadu

- Legal advise to 8 departments; Disposal of >90% Arbitration cases (38/42), enabling > INR 50 crores recovery.
- Successfully negotiated purchase 20 land parcels (>INR 100 Cr) from certain landowners, protecting critical outlets.
- Standardized the Agreement for Non-Fuel Revenue activities for PAN India implementation.
- Handled critical litigations involving LPG customer transfers, petroleum pricing disputes with the State Government.

Deputy Manager(Law) | Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation (MMTC) Limited | Mumbai & New Delhi

- Legal advice to Fertilizers; Minerals; Coal & Hydrocarbons; Agro; Precious Metals; HR Departments. Vetted agreements, handled litigations, attended hearings at SC/ HCs, District Courts, briefed senior advocates/ Solicitor Generals.
- Prevented > 100 potential litigations by securing BGs, indemnities, filing Caveat; successfully argued before the Labour Commissioner Court, averting legal violation charges/ penalties.
- Successfully reversed BG (~INR 10 Cr) stay order at Madras HC; recovered >INR 100 Cr in cheque dishonour cases, volunteered in assessing client-needs in the Gems & Jewellery Exhibition-cum-Sale (> INR 100 Cr revenue).

Education

- M.A. (Psychology), IGNOU, New Delhi
- LL.M., Kurukshetra University, Haryana
- B.A.LL.B. (Hons.), The WB National University of Juridical Sciences (NUJS), Kolkata.

Accomplishments and Awards

● Appreciation Certificates

Received two official Appreciation Certificates from IOCL for exemplary performance in high-stakes legal matters.

● Leadership Certification

Completed Harvard Manage Mentor Certification for leadership competencies. Convenorship and membership of student elected bodies at NUJS.

- **Academic Excellence**

Awarded scholarships and multiple appreciation letters at NUJS for academic and extracurricular excellence.

- **Innovation Award**

Best Learner Award: Innovation workshop, demonstrating exceptional problem-solving abilities.

- **Publications**

Published articles in national legal journals on trademarks, criminal law, corporate, and arbitration law.

License & Certifications

- Harvard Manage Mentor Certification for leadership competencies.

Co/Extra-curricular

- Convenor, Hostel Welfare at NUJS (600 residents), implemented creative infrastructure improvements and welfare initiatives.
- Winner and runner-up in multiple sports tournaments (cricket, chess, singing) at national law school and IOCL levels.
- Active volunteer in legal aid clinics, human rights initiatives, and CSR activities at IOCL.
- Interned with top law firms and Supreme Court advocates, building early leadership and litigation skills.
- Hobbies/ interests: Reading, writing, playing chess, singing, leisure motorcycling.