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THE ANNUAL ALUMNI NEWSLETTER



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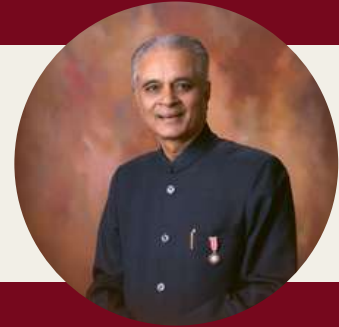
MESSAGES BY THE LEADERSHIP

As we stand poised to delve into the forthcoming messages from our esteemed leadership, consider this a prelude to the profound wisdom that awaits. Within the carefully chosen words lie the distilled essence of our collective vision, transcending the ordinary to embody the extraordinary journey we undertake together.

Each message, akin to a deliberate stroke on the canvas of guidance, reflects not only the sagacity of our leaders but also the resilience and unwavering commitment that define our shared purpose. The weight carried by these insights extends beyond the ink on these pages, embodying a profound responsibility and a genuine care for the trajectory of our collective journey.

In recognizing the significance of these messages, we acknowledge them as vital bridges—connecting our present to the future. Anticipate these pages not merely as a collection of words, but as a symphony of guidance, resonating with the heartbeat of our community and encapsulating the aspirations that intricately bind us together. As we turn the pages, let each insight serve as a beacon, illuminating the path ahead and inspiring us in our collective pursuit of excellence.

FOUNDER'S MESSAGE



Symbiosis, since its inception, has embodied the profound spirit of the Upanishadic principle, “Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam.” Symbiosis Law School as an institution draws students from diverse corners of the world who converge to form a cohesive Symbiosis family. This unique bond has evolved into a haven for a rich tapestry of intellectual and skilled individuals, each contributing their unique backgrounds and cultures while living together harmoniously as one.

Symbiosis International (Deemed University) has consistently elevated its standing in various realms of education, extending its influence not only in India but globally. Symbiosis Law School, Pune, nestled under its umbrella, has carved out a distinctive space in legal education. Here, students are not only provided with quality education but also an opportunity for holistic development, while engaging with societal needs.

The Alumni Nexus stands as a testament to our unwavering dedication to fostering enduring connections between our esteemed alumni and their cherished alma mater. We firmly believe that nurturing these lasting bonds is pivotal in cultivating a profound and enduring affiliation with our institution. Over four decades, the dream of providing quality legal education has transformed Symbiosis Law School, Pune, into one of the premier law schools nationally and internationally.

This institution has observed the growth of young, enthusiastic professionals who have achieved unparalleled success in their respective fields. We take immense pride in being part of the successful journey of our alumni and watching our flag soar high in the realms of professional and public service.

Wishing you a journey filled with success and fulfillment!

-S. B. Mujumdar

PRO CHANCELLOR'S MESSAGE



Symbiosis Law School, Pune, has consistently maintained a warm and enduring connection with its alumni. Witnessing the seamless intertwining of our institution with its alumni brings us immense joy. The alumni, through their noteworthy contributions, accomplishments, and accolades, serve as pillars that continuously elevate the standing of our institution in society. At Symbiosis Law School, Pune, our commitment to nurturing the vision of providing high-quality legal education remains unwavering, striving towards the ultimate goal of molding responsible and mindful individuals.

A sincere appreciation goes out to the dedicated team at Symbiosis Law School, Pune, for their commendable efforts in organizing interactive activities and fostering avenues for increased alumni engagement. I extend my best wishes for all upcoming endeavors. The thriving alumni network is a testament to the remarkable success in embodying the goals of this institution.

We take great pride in our alumni, who stand at the forefront, fortifying the mission of justice and excellence. To each one of you, I extend my sincere wishes for continued success and impact.

Here's to the journey ahead- wishing you all the best!

-Dr. Vidya Yeravdekar

VICE CHANCELLOR'S MESSAGE



Symbiosis Law School, Pune, has consistently upheld the values of research and the dissemination of knowledge and serves as the cornerstone of its enduring legacy. The true measure of prestige is defined by the accomplishments of its graduates, who not only bring honour to themselves but also reflect positively on their alma mater.

It is the steadfast commitment of our alumni that has propelled Symbiosis Law School, Pune, on a remarkable journey of excellence. The institution now celebrates 46 illustrious years as a beacon in legal education and justice advocacy.

We take immense pride in the active engagement and extensive participation of our alumni in various institutional endeavors and contributing significantly to the overall growth and success of Symbiosis Law School, Pune. Words fall short of expressing my admiration for the outstanding achievements of the Symbiosis family. I am confident that continued efforts will only add more luster to the institute's reputation.

Here's to the continued legacy of excellence and the collective achievements of the Symbiosis family- may they continue to elevate the stature of Symbiosis Law School, Pune.

-Dr. Ramakrishnan Raman

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



Dear Esteemed Alumni,

It is with great pleasure and honour that I extend my warm wishes to the alumni of this prodigious institution.

As the calendar turns its pages once again, marking the passage of another year, we witness a fresh group of students transitioning into a distinguished community of legal luminaries. This perpetual cycle evokes bittersweet emotions, reflecting on the growth and transformation within our Symbiosis Law School community.

Looking over the myriad achievements of our alumni across diverse fields fills me with immense pride. Your tenacity and accomplishments serve as a testament to the enduring principles that guide this law school. You have not merely achieved greatness but you embody the essence of what defines us.

With more than forty-six years of history to celebrate, Symbiosis Law School, Pune's grandeur serves as a poignant symbol of the journey on which you played a crucial role in helping us earn the respect and recognition we proudly exhibit today. Although your days as students may be behind you, you forever remain an integral part of our Symbiosis Law School, Pune family.

Our Alumni Nexus serves as a celebration and reinforcement of our shared bond, a testimony to the enduring connections forged during your time here. Conveying our sincere appreciation for the ingenuity displayed by our esteemed alumni is a deeply personal acknowledgment of the invaluable support each one of you has generously extended. Your hard work and laurels have not only added to your success but have also made us proud contributors to your journey. Without a doubt, Symbiosis Law School, Pune, would be incomplete without the indelible mark left by our cherished alumni.

Together, let's commit to fortifying this enduring bond, as it encapsulates the very essence of our shared prosperity and joy in this symbiotic relationship.

–Dr. Shashikala Gurpur

ALUMNI INITIATIVES

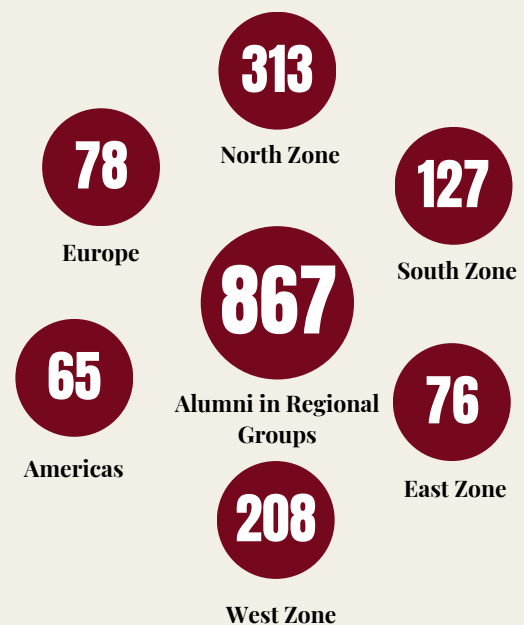
Welcome to the Alumni Initiatives page of Alumni Nexus—a dedicated space designed to connect, engage, and empower our esteemed alumni. Discover a range of initiatives tailored to enrich your post-graduation journey, from *"Know Your Alumni"* unraveling inspiring stories, to *"Global Alumni Crisis Support Management"* providing a robust support system. Join us in strengthening the bonds that transcend graduation, fostering a dynamic and supportive alumni community at the heart of our institution's legacy.

The Alumni Committee envisions Symbiosis Law School Pune to serve as a platform where the alumni and current students can create strong and durable connections. This embodiment signifies the seamless continuum linking the institution's distinguished heritage with its promising future in the contemporary context. Additionally, we provide forums to facilitate discussions between the alumni and students, providing the students with an invaluable opportunity to glean insights on the informed decisions they could take for their prospective careers, which serves as a constructive mechanism for nurturing the existing Alumni affiliations with both the Institution and their peers.

Know Your Alumni (KYA)

This year we conducted our first offline Know Your Alumni event post the pandemic. This event comprised a panel discussion and interactive session featuring five distinguished alumni who provided valuable insights into their achievements and professional journeys. The chosen theme for this panel was *"General Corporate and Mergers & Acquisitions,"* which offered a comprehensive exploration of the dynamic sectors within the corporate realm.

Global Alumni Crisis Support Management





KNOW YOUR ALUMNI (KYA)

"**Know Your Alumni**, an event organized by the Alumni Committee, serves as a platform wherein esteemed alumni of Symbiosis Law School, Pune are cordially invited to engage with the current students. The event is aimed at providing a meaningful exchange of experiences and accomplishments, to foster increased student-alumni engagement. This event aims to provide valuable insights and perspectives across both legal and non-legal domains.

Know Your Alumni plays a pivotal role in keeping students well-informed about prevailing job opportunities and providing pertinent guidance for careers in diverse fields. The inaugural Know Your Alumni for this academic year took place on the 28th of October, 2023. This featured a panel discussion-cum-interview focused on the theme of "*General Corporate with a special emphasis on Mergers and Acquisitions.*" The distinguished gathering was graced by six eminent panellists, whose presence elevated the discourse and enriched the engagement between alumni and students.

NAME	DESIGNATION	ORGANIZATION
Asish Philip Abraham	Partner	Lakshmikumaran and Sridaran Attorney
Sayantan Banerjee	Senior Corporate Counsel	Amazon
Pooja Sable	Principal Associate	Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas
Rakshitha Naik	Associate	Khaitan and Co.
Nipun Bhatia	Associate	Trilegal

The event commenced with a cordial welcome extended by Ms. Divnoor Samra, senior member of the Alumni Committee following which the audience were presented with a comprehensive overview of their noteworthy achievements in the legal domain.

Mr. Ayan Verma, the Co-Head of the Alumni Committee, took it forward and extended a gracious welcome to the panellists. He invited them to illuminate their academic journey and experiences in the corporate realm. Mr. Nipun Bhatia observed a notable distinction between internships and the corporate environments, a sentiment echoed by Ms. Rakshitha Naik, who emphasized the gradual nature of this transition and the requisite patience it demands. Ms. Pooja Sable underscored the importance of cultivating communication skills alongside academic pursuits. Mr. Sayantan Banerjee noted that, despite its intimidating facade, everyone's journey in the corporate world is unique. Mr. Asish Philip Abraham drew a dichotomy between researching for moots and client-based research, highlighting the substantial responsibilities involved in the latter.

The panel collectively underscored the significance of exploring diverse areas of interest before making career decisions. Mr. Abraham stressed the importance of building a foundational understanding of basic legal knowledge, while Mr. Banerjee recommended studying various legal avenues to develop essential skills for success in the corporate sector. Ms. Sable added that staying updated with the judgments and orders of regulatory bodies like RBI and SEBI is crucial for understanding the practicalities of real-life circumstances.

The discussion then shifted to the pertinent topic of crafting a Curriculum Vitae (CV). panellists, including Mr. Abraham, Mr. Banerjee, Mr. Bhatia, and Ms. Sable, emphasized that firms evaluate applicants based on their overall performance. They advised that individuals should be well-acquainted with their CVs and in articulating their knowledge and showcasing the claimed skills. The panellists also emphasized the paramount importance of including internships and research publications in a CV.

Various discussions unfolded as the audience was encouraged to pose questions. Leveraging their profound expertise, the panellists provided valuable guidance and perspectives beneficial for the academic and professional journeys of the attending students. The event concluded with Ms. Anvita Choudhury, Head of the Alumni Committee, expressing gratitude through a comprehensive vote of thanks.





GLOBAL ALUMNI CRISIS SUPPORT INITIATIVE

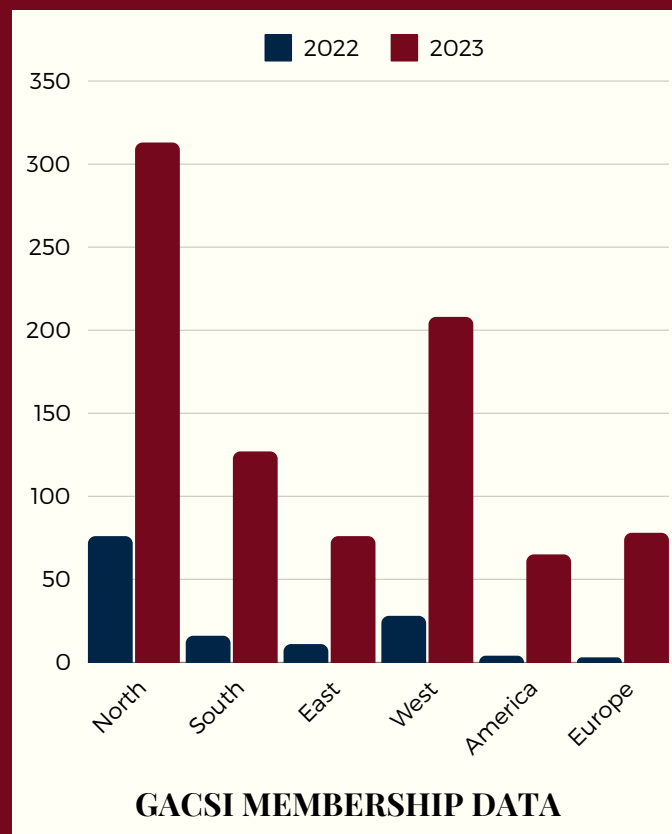
The Global Alumni Crisis Support Initiative, proposed during the 2021 Annual Alumni Meet, anticipates potential crisis affecting our alumni worldwide. Its primary objective is to effectively address the diverse crisis encountered by alumni globally by establishing an efficient peer-to-peer support network for crisis resolution.

The initiative effectively addresses the crisis with the help of three primary components.

Firstly, regional crisis management groups are organized into distinct regions: North Zone, South Zone, East Zone, West Zone, Americas, and Europe respectively.

Secondly, a dedicated Crisis Management Committee is established to enhance communication and efficient crisis resolution.

Thirdly, Points of Contact (POCs), consisting of student coordinators and college representatives, facilitate coordination between regional groups and the committee. The following individuals serve as POCs for the current year:



GLOBAL ALUMNI CRISIS SUPPORT INITIATIVE

Zone	Points of Contact
North Zone	Namrata Saikia Anuj Sehrawat
South Zone	Karan Ajitsaria Nihal Kashinath Choudyal
East Zone	Supriya Dash Supratim Chakraborty
West Zone	Suvajit Chakraborty
America Zone	Simran Chandok
Europe Zone	Nimrat Kaur

As of May 28, 2023, the data reveals the active participation of 867 alumni in the initiative. This signifies a substantial surge of 528.87% when juxtaposed with the participation recorded in the 2021-22 period, which amounted to only 138 participants.

Under the aegis of the Global Crisis Alumni Initiative, we are diligently working towards establishing the **Middle East Regional Group** to foster inclusivity and collaboration among alumni in addressing global challenges. This strategic expansion reflects our commitment to a united alumni community, leveraging diverse perspectives for impactful solutions.

Please contact the Alumni Committee at alumni@symlaw.ac.in to be added to these groups



HALL OF FAME



In this illustrious segment, we proudly shine a spotlight on our accomplished alumni who have earned prestigious accolades in the recent past. Each name etched into our Hall of Fame represents a story of exceptional achievement, embodying the spirit of excellence that defines our community.

From groundbreaking contributions in various fields to noteworthy accomplishments that have garnered recognition, these individuals stand as a testament to the enduring impact of our educational institution. Join us in acknowledging and celebrating the remarkable journeys of these distinguished alumni, whose achievements serve as an inspiration for current and future generations. As we honour their accomplishments, we also celebrate the indelible mark they continue to leave on the world, carrying forward the legacy of excellence that defines our alma mater.

HALL OF FAME

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NOTABLE PRACTITIONER

NAME	BATCH	ORGANIZATION	DESIGNATION
Devidas Banerji	1996-2001	Khaitan & Co.	Partner
Yashojit Mitra	1998-2003	Economic Laws Practice	Partner
Aninda Pal	2000-2005	DSK Legal	Partner
Vinayak Burman	2000-2005	Vertices Partners	Managing Partner
Anindita Roy Chowdhury	2001-2006	AZB & Partners	Partner
Arpita Garg	2001-2006	S & R Associates	Partner
Arun Kumar	2001-2006	IndusLaw	Partner
Ashutosh Narang	2003-2006	IndusLaw	Partner
Karan Ajitsaria	2001-2006	DSK Legal	Partner
Subhayu Sen	2001-2006	Khaitan & Co.	Partner
Ananya Sharma	2004-2007	AZB & Partners	Partner
Angad Varma	2002-2007	Dua Associates	Partner
Anindya Ghosh	2002-2007	Indus Law	Partner
Harsh Maggon	2002-2007	Trilegal	Partner
Rishi Anand Gupta	2002-2007	DSK Legal	Partner
Bir Bahadur Sachar	2003-2008	JSA	Partner
Mallika Chopra	2003-2008	Trilegal	Partner
Nikunj Maheshwari	2003-2008	AZB & Partners	Partner
Upasana Rao	2005-2008	Trilegal	Partner
Akshay Malhotra	2004-2009	TT & A	Partner
Roxanne Anderson	2004-2009	AZB & Partners	Senior Partner
Ashraya Rao	2005-2010	Khaitan & Co.	Partner
Roma Priya	2005-2010	Burgeon Law	Founder
Dipanshu Singhal	2009-2014	Bombay Law Chambers	Co-founder

RISING STAR PARTNER

NAME	BATCH	ORGANIZATION	DESIGNATION
Abir Lal Dey	2001-2006	Saraf and Partners	Partner
Aditya Cheriyan	2001-2006	Khaitan & Co.	Partner
Shoubhik Dasgupta	2002-2007	Pioneer Legal	Partner
Sushmita Gandhi	2002-2007	Indus law	Partner
Nidhi Arya	2003-2008	Argus Partners	Partner
Gautam Chabra	2004-2009	Trilegal	Partner
Vivek Pareek	2005-2010	Saraf and Partners	Partner
Anupam Shukla	2006-2011	Pioneer Legal	Partner
Somrita Chatterjee	2006-2011	Veritas Legal	Partner
Murtaza Zoomkawala	2009-2014	Saraf and Partners	Partner
Rajshekhar Upadhyay	2010-2015	Khaitan & Co.	Senior Associate

HIGHLY REGARDED

NAME	BATCH	ORGANIZATION	DESIGNATION
Ashwin Sapra	1995-1998	Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas	Partner
Krishnava Dutt	1994-1999	Argus Partners	Managing Partner
Jeet Sen Gupta	1996-2001	Ziliyum Advisors	Partner
Siddharth Shankar	1996-2001	JSA	Partner
Anjan Dasgupta	1997-2002	DSK Legal	Partner
Ajay Sawhney	1998-2003	Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas	Partner
Neeraj Menon	1999-2004	Trilegal	Partner & Head of Practice
Aparajit Bhattacharya	2001-2006	DSK Legal	Partner
Arka Mookerjee	2001-2006	JSA	Partner
Deep Roy	2002-2007	Equilex	Managing Partner
Namita Bagri	2002-2007	Lupin	General Manager, Legal
Richa Choudhary	2003-2008	Trilegal	Partner

ASIA LAW LIST

NAME	BATCH	AWARD	ORGANISATION	DESIGNATION
Vinayak Burman	2000-2005	Notable Practitioner	Vertices Partners	Managing Partner
Karan Kalra	2002-2007	Notable Practitioner	Bombay Law Chambers	Founder
Rishi Anand	2002-2007	Notable Practitioner	DSK Legal	Partner
Somrita Chatterji	2006-2011	Notable Practitioner	Veritas Legal	Partner
Ashwin Sapra	1995-1998	Distinguished Practitioner	Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas	Partner
Aparajit Bhattacharya	1996-2001	Distinguished Practitioner	DSK Legal	Partner
Anjan Dasgupta	1997-2002	Distinguished Practitioner	DSK Legal	Partner
Probir Roy Chowdhury	1999-2004	Distinguished Practitioner	J Sagar Associates	Partner
Harsh Maggon	2002-2007	Distinguished Practitioner	Trilegal	Partner
Vikas Srivastava	2002-2007	Distinguished Practitioner	L&L Partners	Partner
Anshuman Sakle	2004-2009	Distinguished Practitioner	Khaitan & Co.	Partner
Shoubhik Dasgupta	2002-2007	Rising Star	Pioneer Legal	Partner
Anupam Shukla	2006-2011	Rising Star	Pioneer Legal	Partner

ASIAN LEGAL BUSINESS

NAME	BATCH	AWARD	ORGANISATION	DESIGNATION
Asmita A Nayak	2000-2005	ALB Indian Super 50 Lawyers	National Highways Authority of India	Empanelled Advocate
Gunita Pahwa	2002-2005	ALB Indian Super 50 Lawyers	S&A Law Offices	Joint Managing Partner

BW LEGAL 30 UNDER 30

NAME	BATCH	AWARD	ORGANISATION	DESIGNATION
Utkarsh Kumar	2012-2017	Legal 30 Under 30	Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas	Principal Associate

THE LEGAL 500 ASIA PACIFIC GUIDE

NAME	BATCH	AWARD	ORGANISATION	DESIGNATION
Anjan Dasgupta	1997-2002	Leading Individuals	DSK Legal	Partner
Soorjya Ganguli	1998-2003	Leading Individuals	Argus & Partners	Partner
Neeraj Menon	1999-2004	Leading Individuals	Trilegal	Partner and Head of Practice
M. Arun Kumar	2001-2006	Leading Individuals	Indus Law	Partner
Bharadwaj Jaishankar	2003-2008	Leading Individuals	Indus Law	Partner
Rahul Arora	2003-2008	Leading Individuals	Trilegal	Partner
Aparajit Bhattacharya	1996-2001	Next Generation Partners	DSK Legal	Partner
Probir Roy Chowdhury	1999-2004	Next Generation Partners	JSA Advocates & Solicitors	Partner
Gunita Pahwa	2002-2005	Next Generation Partners	S&A Law Offices	Joint Managing Partner
Rishi Anand Gupta	2002-2007	Next Generation Partners	DSK Legal	Partner
Richa Choudhary	2003-2008	Next Generation Partners	Trilegal	Partner
Tanu Banerjee	2003-2008	Next Generation Partners	Khaitan & Co.	Partner
Manavendra Mishra	2005-2010	Next Generation Partners	Khaitan & Co.	Partner
Abhimanyu Pal	2009-2014	Rising Stars	Khaitan & Co.	Principal Associate
Varsha Reddy	2010-2015	Rising Stars	Khaitan & Co.	Senior Associate
Chirag Naik	2012-2017	Rising Stars	MZM Legal, Advocates & Legal Consultants	Associate Partner

CHAMBERS ASIA PACIFIC GUIDE AND RANKINGS

NAME	BATCH	AWARD	ORGANISATION	DESIGNATION
Devidas Banerji	1996-2001	Leading Individuals (Band 4): Banking & Finance	Khaitan & Co.	Partner
Anjan Dasgupta	1997-2002	Leading Individuals (Band 4): Banking & Finance	DSK Legal	Partner
Aditya Cheriyan	2001-2006	Leading Individuals (Band 3): Capital Markets: Equity	Khaitan & Co.	Partner
Arka Mookerjee	2001-2006	Leading Individuals (Band 3): Capital Markets: Equity	JSA	Partner
Richa Choudhary	2003-2008	Leading Individuals (Up-and-coming individuals): Capital Markets: Equity	Trilegal	Partner
Anshuman Sakle	2004-2009	Leading Individuals (Band 3): Competition/Antitrust	Khaitan & Co.	Partner
Dorothy Thomas	1992-1997	Leading Individuals (Band 1): Corporate/Commercial (Chennai)	Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas	Partner
Varun Sriram	2001-2006	Leading Individuals (Band 2): Corporate/Commercial (Chennai)	JSA	Partner
Krishnava Dutt	1994-1999	Leading Individuals (Band 4): Corporate/M&A: Mumbai-based	Argus Partners	Managing Partner
Aparajit Bhattacharya	1996-2001	Leading Individuals (Band 4): Corporate/M&A: New Delhi-based	DSK Legal	Partner
Sidharth Shankar	1996-2001	Leading Individuals (Band 4): Corporate/M&A: New Delhi-based	JSA	Partner
Rajat Mukherjee	1999-2002	Leading Individuals (Band 4): Corporate/M&A: New Delhi-based	Khaitan & Co.	Partner
Harsh Maggon	2002-2007	Leading Individuals (Up-and-coming individuals): Corporate/M&A: Mumbai-based	Trilegal	Partner
Nitesh Jain	2002-2007	Leading Individuals (Band 3): Dispute Resolution (Mumbai)	Trilegal	Disputes Partner
Sushmita Gandhi	2002-2007	Leading Individuals (Up-and-coming individuals): Dispute Resolution (Mumbai)	IndusLaw	Partner
Aditya Jalan	2006-2011	Leading Individuals (Up-and-coming individuals): Dispute Resolution (New Delhi)	AZB & Partners	Partner
Richa Mohanty	2003-2008	Leading Individuals (Up-and-coming individuals): Employment	Urban Company	General Counsel

Krishnava Dutt	1994-1999	Leading Individuals (Band 2):Restructuring/Insolvency	Argus Partners	Managing Partner
Deep Roy	2002-2007	Leading Individuals (Band 3): Restructuring/Insolvency	Equilex	Managing and Founding Partner
Divaspati Singh	2002-2007	Leading Individuals (Up-and-coming individuals): Investment Funds	Khaitan & Co.	Partner
Ananya Sonthalia	2008-2013	Leading Individuals (Up-and-coming individuals): Investment Funds	Trilegal	Partner
Sidharrth Shankar	1996-2001	Leading Individuals (Band 4): Private Equity	J Sagar Associates	Partner
Vinayak Burman	2000-2005	Leading Individuals (Band 3): Venture Capital	Vertices Partners	Managing Partner
Karan Kalra	2002-2007	Leading Individuals (Band 4): Venture Capital	Bombay Law Chambers	Founder
Anjan Dasgupta	1997-2002	Leading Individuals (Band 3): Projects, Infrastructure & Energy	DSK Legal	Partner
Ajay Sawhney	1998-2003	Leading Individuals (Band 4): Projects, Infrastructure & Energy	Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas	Partner
Neeraj Menon	1999-2004	Leading Individuals (Band 2): Projects, Infrastructure & Energy	Trilegal	Partner & Head of Practice
M. Arun Kumar	2001-006	Leading Individuals (Band 4): Projects, Infrastructure & Energy	IndusLaw	Partner
Mrinal Kumar	1995-2000	Leading Individuals (Band 1): Real Estate	Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas	Partner
Rahul Arora	2003-2008	Leading Individuals (Band 2): Real Estate: New Delhi-based	Trilegal	Partner

GENERAL ACHIEVEMENTS AND PROMOTIONS

NAME	BATCH	AWARDS/ ACHIEVEMENTS
Diana Philip	2004-2009	Appointed as the Programming Co-Chair of W3D
Lakshmi Raman	2008-2013	“Anti Corruption & White Collar Crime” award 2022 by IBLJ
Sanjit Ganguly	2013-2018	Cleared the New York bar examination
Shubham Aparajita	2013-2018	Lex Falcon Global Awards 2023
Aakarsh Banyal	2018-2023	Received Dr. Mrs. Ambriti Salve Scholarship to read for BCL at the University of Oxford



Alumni Contribution to the Student Community

The contribution of alumni to their alma mater is a vital aspect for the ensured prosperity of an educational institution. Symbiosis Law School, Pune has witnessed the success of many graduates in both legal and non-legal domains, maintaining a consistent relationship with them. Several alumni have significantly contributed to the school through guest lectures, participating as judges in competitions, making donations, etc. We believe that these contributions deserve acknowledgement, and thus, we extend our gratitude to the alumni through this platform.



GUEST LECTURES 2023

NAME	SUBJECT
Adv. Adab Singh Kapoor	Careers in Litigation : Scope and Skill Sets Required Essentials of Drafting, Courtroom Standing and Communication
Ms. Roxanne Anderson	Introduction to M & A and Banyan Tree (Talk Show)
Ms. Tanvi Rao	Mandatory Job Description Training for JM Finance Recruitment Process
Mr. Murtaza Zoomkawala	Practical Aspects of Retainership Agreements
Ms. Paavni Jain	Readiness to Law Firm
Mr. Srijoy Deb	Argus Partners recruitment drive, Job Description Training
Ms. Harini Srinivasan	Banking and Finance - Related Laws with special reference to YES Bank and PMC Bank Case
Mr. Prakhar Dua & Ms. Harshita Srivastava	Interactive session on the law firm readiness and Internship opportunity through Direct Selection
Advocate Karan Kalra	Banyan Tree (Talk Show)

PLACEMENT SUPPORT 2022-2023

NAME	FIRM/CHAMBER	STUDENTS PLACED
Roxanne Anderson	AZB & Partners	17
Krishnava Dutt	Argus & Partners	9
Shravanth Arya Tandra	Poovayya & Company	2
Supratim Chakraborty	Khaitan & Company	8
Aarushi Dhasmana	Ernst & Young LLP	12

RECRUITMENT ASSISTANCE

NAME	FIRM/CHAMBER	STUDENTS PLACED
Latikesh Joshi	Latikesh Joshi	Recruitment
Shravanth Arya Tandra	Poovayya & Company	Assessment Internship
Animish Ka	Suzlon	Recruitment
Mrudala Dalavi	Indian Music Dalavi	Recruitment
Tanvi Rai	Microland	Recruitment
Malhar Kulkarni	Mahajan & Aibara Chartered Accountants LLP	Assessment Internship

PANELLISTS

NAME	EVENT
Adv. Ashish Gakrey	Mock Group Discussion and Personal Interview
Adv. Aayushi Singh	Mock Group Discussion and Personal Interview
Adv. Neha Rathod	Internship Presentation
Adv. Omakar Utture	Legal Internship

ALUMNI MONETARY ASSISTANCE

NAME	CONTRIBUTION AMOUNT	TYPE OF CONTRIBUTION
Adv. Sampath Bulusu (Batch of 2001)	Rs. 7,85,000	Contribution towards SICTA 2016 to 2022
Adv. Sampath Bulusu (Batch of 2001)	Rs. 80,000	Additional expenses of honorarium, travel & accommodation waived & contribution towards trophies for SICTA
Scholarship for Parth Dixit	Rs. 1,10,000	
Adv. Harshad Badhbade (1994-1999)	Rs. 50,000	Contribution towards SICTA 2023
Ms. Bhavani Kumar (Batch of 2017)	Rs. 35,000	Contribution towards Symbhav 2019 & 2020
Jyotsna Banerjee (1994-1999)		Contribution towards National ADR Moot
Shantanu Tomar Scholarship	Rs. 1,05,000	Scholarship of Rs. 21,000 given each year in the name of our alumni Mr. Shantanu Tomar

NAME	CONTRIBUTION AMOUNT	TYPE OF CONTRIBUTION
Adv. Sampath Bulusu (Batch of 2001)	Rs. 1,00,000	Contribution to sister institutes SLS Noida, SLS Hyderabad & SLS Nagpur in the form of monetary contribution and donation of books.
Adv. Ravi Bhardwaj (Batch of 2001) and Adv. Meghana Imamdar (Batch of 1999)	Rs. 58,000	National ADR Tournament, 2017-Sponsorship given. Honorarium, flight tickets, hotel room booking waived off.
Adv. Sampath Bulusu (Batch of 2001), Ms. Sneha Priya Yannapa (Batch of 2018) Ms. Aishwarya Siddhesh	Rs. 20,000	Guest Lectures for Placement-honorarium waived off.
Adv. Shravanth Arya (Batch of 2010)	Rs. 16,000	Guest Lectures for : Destination Symbiosis Law School, Pune Training, Mumbai, 2019. Honorarium, Travel Expenses and Hotel Room waived off.
S.K.Jain Scholarship	Rs. 2,50,000	
Anil Aturkar Contribution	Rs. 1,00,000	
SBA Guest Alumni who have not taken honorarium	Rs. 50,000 per year amounting to Rs. 2,50,000	Guest Judges for SME and NME
	Rs. 1,02,783	Contribution made by Alumni during our Annual Alumni Meet

JUDGES FOR MOOTING ACTIVITIES 2023

NAME	EVENT
Adv. Shayan Dasgupta	SMQ 2023
Adv. Aniket Nikalje	SMQ 2023
Adv. Gourav Mohanty	SMQ 2023
Adv. Samiksha Gupta	SMQ 2023
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Adv. Ekakshara Mahajan	CHALLENGER-I
Adv. Parth Dixit	CHALLENGER-I
Adv. Vignesh Raj	CHALLENGER-I
Adv. Manan Sanghai	CHALLENGER-II
Adv. Khushangi Sewani	CHALLENGER-II
Adv. Manasi Desai	CHALLENGER-II
Adv. Ramya Katti	CHALLENGER-II
Adv. Riddhish Rajvanshi	CHALLENGER-II
Adv. Aneesh Sadhwani	IADRS 2023
Adv. Sameer Avasarla	IADRS 2023
Adv. Aniket Nikalje	IADRS 2023
Adv. Nikhilesh Agarwal	IADRS 2023
Adv. Aayu Saxena	IADRS 2023
Adv. Shivani Shenoy	IADRS 2023
Adv. Manan Sanghai	IADRS 2023
Adv. Aditya Sharma	IADRS 2023

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Adv. Sameer Avasarala	NMS 2023
Adv. Vignesh Raj	NMS 2023
Adv. Gourav Mohanty	NMS 2023
Adv. Samiksha Gupta	NMS 2023
Adv. Aditya Laddha	NMS 2023
Adv. Ashish David Rao	NMS 2023
Adv. Aneesh Sadhwani	NMS 2023
Adv. Pavni Jain	NMS 2023
Adv. Yashaswi Rohra	NMS 2023
Adv. Vidit Mehra	NMS 2023
Adv. Mounica Kasturi	NMS 2023
Mr. Ridhish Rajvanshi	SICTA 2023
Adv. Vadeendra Joshi	SICTA 2023
Mr. Malay Srivastav	SICTA 2023
Adv. Parth Dixit	SICTA 2023
Adv. Sanjana Mittal	SICTA 2023
Adv. Mounica Kasturi	SICTA 2023
Adv. Samiksha Gupta	SICTA 2023
Adv. Sameer Avasarala	SICTA 2023
Adv. Rohan Deshpande	SICTA 2023
Ms. Someny Singhal	SICTA 2023
Adv. Ashish David Rao	SICTA 2023
Adv. Jyotsna Banerjee	SICTA 2023
Adv. Manan Sanghai	SICTA 2023
Adv. Nitin Kumar	SICTA 2023
Adv. Vijay Kumar Dhakane	SICTA 2023

MENTORS FOR INTERNATIONAL MOOTS

Name	Competition Name
Aparajita Prabhu	Stetson International Environmental Moot Court Competition
Shrey Mahajan	Phillip C. Jessup International Moot Court Competition 2024
Sneha Priya	Phillip C. Jessup International Moot Court Competition 2024
Ishitha Soni	Phillip C. Jessup International Moot Court Competition 2024
Priyal Sepaha	22nd Henry Dunant Memorial Moot Court Competition, 2023
Riddhi Joshi	21st Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot Court Competition (Hong Kong) 31st Annual Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot (Vienna, Austria)
Shayan Dasgupta	21st Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot Court Competition (Hong Kong)
Ajay Garg	21st Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot Court Competition (Hong Kong)
Sayantana Bhattacharyya	31st Annual Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot (Vienna, Austria)
Avani Laad	31st Annual Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot (Vienna, Austria)

ALUMNI ENGAGEMENT- CO-CURRICULAR PANELLISTS AND MENTORS

NAME	EVENT
Ms. Tanu Banerjee	Panellist for the Conclave 2023 Panel Discussion
Ms. Priyanka Chaudhari	Panellist for the Conclave 2023 Panel Discussion
Ms. Meenakshy Suresh	Panellist for the Conclave 2023 Panel Discussion
Mr. Rudra Shankar	Conducted Matter Preparation Sessions for Deb Soc Invited Adjudicator at the Annual Intra-College Debate 2022
Ms. Navya Om	Assistant Director Law Theatre
Mr. Yuvraj Kadare	Adjudicated Semi Final Rounds of Client Counselling Competition (Symbhav 2023)
Mr. Aniket Nikalje	Adjudicated Semi Final Rounds of Client Counselling Competition (Symbhav 2023)
Mr. Sameer Avasarala	Adjudicated the Final Round of the Client Counselling Competition (Symbhav 2023)
Ms. Manasa Tantravahi	Adjudicated the Final Round of the Client Counselling Competition (Symbhav 2023)
Mr. Chinmayanand Chivukula	Adjudicated the Final Round of the 4th Nithin Patil Memorial Mono Advocacy Competition (Symbhav 2023)

OTHER SIGNIFICANT ALUMNI CONTRIBUTION

NAME	ACTIVITY CONTRIBUTED IN
Abhinesh Soni	Helped conduct Retention Interviews for AY 23-24
Nikita Bokil	Helped conduct Retention Interviews for AY 23-24
Nikunj Maheshwari	Helped conduct the Deal Mediation Competition
Adv. Rohan Deshpande	Helped conduct the Deal Mediation Competition

KNOW YOUR ALUMNI PANELLISTS: GENERAL CORPORATE - M&A

NAME	DESIGNATION	ORGANIZATION
Asish Philip Abraham	Partner	Lakshmikumaran and Sridaran Attorney
Sayantan Banerjee	Senior Corporate Counsel	Amazon Inc.
Pooja Sable	Principal Associate	Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas
Rakshitha Naik	Associate	Khaitan and Co.
Nipun Bhatia	Associate	Trilegal



THE ALUMNI INTERVIEWS



Breaking Barriers: Gender in Law and Their Impact on the Legal Profession

Alumni interviews are vital in amplifying the legacy and influence of our illustrious alumni community. Under the banner of "*Breaking Barriers: Gender in Law and Their Impact on the Legal Profession*," these interviews are a celebration of the remarkable contributions made by accomplished women in the field of law.

The Alumnae have answered questions revolving around their experience in the legal field and the differences they have witnessed between them and their male counterparts.

The interviewees this year are-

1. Ms. Percis Anklesaria
2. Ms. Yesheshvini Ramkishan Ojha

MS. PERCIS ANKLESARIA



- Batch of 1992-1997, SLS Pune
- Partner, AZB & Partners
- Corporate / Mergers & Acquisitions, Dispute Resolution, Employment Labour & Benefits, Private Equity & Venture Capital

1) In your practice in the field for over 25 years, do you think that there is any notable difference in the roles that your male counterparts have been given in comparison to you?

Fortunately, no I have never experienced any relevant gender-based setbacks in my career. I am sure all of us here have faced certain difficulties in our career which could potentially have derailed our plans for ourselves, but I have always been a firm believer that if you concentrate on your goals and stay focused on what you need to do in order to achieve them, nothing and no one can stop you. As they say... adversity breeds character.

2) The number of female advocates in India has grown recently, yet women continue to struggle to be represented adequately in the profession. Have you personally encountered difficulties of this nature in your journey?

At AZB & Partners, the practice has always been to ensure that women get the kind of support they need, not only to enter and remain in the profession, but also to flourish. I can proudly say that having spent most of my career at AZB, it is ingrained in me to do whatever needs to be done to achieve this goal.

As such, my answer to this question is no, I have not encountered any such difficulties and have always tried my best to ensure that no one else also experiences any unfair treatment, whether gender-based or otherwise.

That having been said, I am alive to the fact that things may not have always been as easy for others in the profession, especially in the earlier days. However, it's exciting to see how women always find a way to succeed, no matter what the circumstances.

3) In your opinion what differences do you see between the status and position of women in the judiciary today in contrast with around a decade or two ago?

In the 63 years of independence until the year 2010, we had only 3 women judges in the Supreme Court. The representation in the High Court's was equally poor. However, since 2010, not only has our representation increased to 8 female judges in the Supreme Court, but Justice Nagarathna is also projected to be the first woman Chief Justice of India in the year 2027.

Moreover, the statistics in multiple High Courts have also improved at an even higher rate. These numbers speak for themselves.

Besides numbers, our women in the judiciary are also growing in stature. We stand shoulder to shoulder with our male counterparts in confidence, assertiveness, and resilience. Looks like we are on the right path to the top.

4) In your opinion, how do women significantly contribute to societal transformation through the legal system?

As we grow in number in the legal field, we as women have started to significantly contribute to societal transformation. We have played crucial roles in many beneficial legal developments, including POSH and maternity benefit legislations, thus giving women safety and security in their workplaces. Provisions for the prevention of acid attacks have also come into force and Hindu women now have an equal right to their ancestral property.

5) What measures do you think should be taken to ensure adequate representation in the legal field?

In my opinion, considering the different roles that a woman plays, giving her a little bit of flexibility in the workplace will significantly help in increasing our numbers in not only the legal field but all fields.

I don't mean that we need to be cut any slack – just that willingly or unwillingly, rightly or wrongly, women tend to shoulder a disproportionate responsibility in respect of their familial and social lives and without the ability to juggle and prioritize her schedule, her ability to do everything that needs to be done is compromised...and this compromise is very often unnecessary.

6) What according to you is the best method to include gender sensitivity and inclusivity in the decision-making process?

We should focus on exceling at what we do – making our opinions indispensable. There is no substitute for excellence. When you bring value to the table, there will always be a spot for you.

7) What according to you is the best method to include gender sensitivity and inclusivity in the decision-making process?

- Work diligently and consistently– short cuts cost more than they are worth.
- Embrace the hardship instead of resenting it – it will make the process easier.
- Take ownership – it's the best quality check endorsement you can provide.

MS. YESHESHVINI RAMKISHAN OJHA



- Batch of 2014-2019, SLS Pune
- Founder, Zen HQ
- Counsel, Law SB
- Intellectual property, Art & Cultural Property, Sports & Gaming, Advertising and HR Laws

1) Ma'am, could you please shed a little light on your profession and experience in the legal journey so far?

I am an Intellectual Property Rights Lawyer and Counsel. I started of on my own and also practiced criminal litigation while I was building my IP Practice. My experience in the industry has been very bitter sweet but definitely humbling.

2) In your practice in the field for over 25 years, do you think that there is any notable difference in the roles that your male counterparts have been given in comparison to you?

In the first few years, I did see a lot of comparison and difference, but recently I have seen a lot more opportunities, respect and pushing of the glass ceilings. I have seen offices being more open, accommodative and respectful towards woman in general.

3) The number of female advocates in India has grown recently, yet women continue to struggle to be represented adequately in the profession. Have you personally encountered difficulties of this nature in your journey?

Honestly, I have. When I started on my own- people were not taking me or my practice seriously. It took a lot of effort to make them understand the work I do. A lot of times, I felt ignored and not respected. As my practice grew and I also joined a different office- the environment in the office was very welcoming. Having a good team and colleagues does really add to your practice. However, I do think sometimes with clients, you always end up encountering people who will not take or appreciate a woman's approach or career well.

4) In your opinion what differences do you see between the status and position of women in the judiciary today in contrast with around a decade or two ago?

I think there has been a huge difference with women in law pushing the envelope and helping each other to strive. I have seen a lot of my colleagues supporting each other every day. I strongly believe women in law supporting each other makes a huge difference. I am hoping the ratio of female judges and lawyers in committees, representation in each aspect of law for women continues to increase. I also genuinely hope offices and chambers support and usher women in law more wholeheartedly. Indian judiciary and legal landscape does have a long time to go for such representation, but with small steps we have come this far. I am sure with some more efforts we will reach a place where there are more women in judiciary, on panels, committees and as amazing lawyers in various courts.

5) In your opinion, how do women significantly contribute to societal transformation through the legal system?

Women significantly contribute to societal transformation through the legal system by raising awareness of legal rights, fostering trust in the justice system. Contributing to global initiatives, influencing legal standards, and collaborating internationally to advance women's rights. I think the contribution is also the fact that whether the surrounding environment is supportive or not, women in law are striving to make a transformation in the system by representing, voicing and working in an agile manner.

6) What measures do you think should be taken to ensure adequate representation in the legal field?

I think making a choice to support fellow women lawyers, mentoring and navigating cases, ensuring and recommending fellow colleagues to potential clients. Asking, helping and sharing struggles and victories as well. Creating and networking in circles of Women entrepreneurship, Women in tech, law and other fields to create a community and foster growth.

7) What according to you is the best method to include gender sensitivity and inclusivity in the decision-making process?

There is definitely a lot that can be done but I think taking small steps is goes a long way. Like ensuring diverse representation in decision-making bodies, including people of different genders, backgrounds, and experiences. This diversity ensures a range of perspectives are considered. Integrate gender impact assessments into the decision-making process. This involves evaluating how decisions may affect different genders and adjusting policies or actions accordingly to promote equity. We can start here, once we know impact, I think awareness will rise, leading to changes.

8) Do you have any words of wisdom for any future female lawyers who desire to work in the legal field?

Take one day at a time, somedays might be tougher than the other but learn to let them go and start afresh every day. Always keep your mental and physical health over you career, when you value yourself, people value you!



LIFE UPDATES

NEW BEGINNINGS



OBITUARIES

In the rich tapestry of post-collegiate life, our alumni weave a myriad of stories that span the spectrum of human experience. For some, the college grounds were not just a place of academic pursuit but also the genesis of lifelong connections. Alumni whose relationships germinated within these hallowed halls now find themselves bound in the sacred institution of marriage. Their love, nurtured through shared lectures and campus adventures, stands testament to the enduring bonds forged in the collegiate crucible.

As the pages of time turn, our alumni symphony resonates with somber notes, acknowledging the departure of once-vibrant contributors from our college community. In honouring their memory, we reflect on life's transient nature and the enduring impact these individuals had on our collective journey. Despite their physical absence, their legacies persist, guiding us through the evolving symphony of academia and life beyond. Let us turn the pages of time with gratitude, carrying forward the torch of their influence, ensuring our shared narrative remains rich with meaning and purpose for generations to come.

As we navigate the ebb and flow of these life updates, the Nexus serves as a chronicle—a testament to the evolving narratives of those who have passed through our academic corridors, leaving footprints that echo through the years.

NEW BEGINNINGS

In this enchanting segment, we celebrate the allure of fresh starts and the promise they hold. From weddings that unite hearts to the tender footsteps of little ones echoing through our community, "New Beginnings" encapsulates the joyous chapters unfolding within our midst. Join us in embracing the charm of beginnings, where love, commitment, and the pitter-patter of tiny feet harmonize to create a symphony of hope and promise.



WEDDING BELLS!

Mrs. Unnati Divecha Patel (Batch of 2019) married Mr. Mihir Patel on 06th of June 2021

Mr. Ajay Pratap Singh (Batch of 2015) married Mrs. Preeti on 12th of March 2020

Mr. Akash Kumar Pattajoshi (Batch of 2019) married Mrs. Sushrita Pattajoshi on 27th of November 2020

Mrs. Astha Bhatia (Batch of 2012) married Mr. Sudhanshu Narvekar in December 2017

JAB WE MET!

From falling in love in college to finding their happily ever after

Mr. Shyam Taori (Batch of 1999) married Mrs. Sarika Viyani (Batch of 2000) on 03rd of July 2002

Mr. Shubham Aparajita (Batch of 2018) married Mrs. Rishee Rhundra (Batch of 2018) on 24th of February 2023

to be continued...

Welcoming New Generations!

Mrs. Astha Bhatia (Batch of 2012) was blessed with two sons, Nirvaan and Shiv.

Mr. Akash Kumar Pattajoshi (Batch of 2019) was blessed on 20th March, 2023 with a daughter, Samridhi.

OBITUARIES

In loving memory of...



ANIRUDDHA GHOSH

Principal Associate, Shardul Amarchand
Mangaldas & Co
(Batch of 2004)



ELGIN MATT JOHN

Founder, Managing Partner,
Elgin Matt John & Associates
(Batch of 2005)



KANWAR BRARA

Customer Service Lead,
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DAMINI DAS

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