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I. Educational Background

- **Doctor of Law (Dr. iur.**), Bucerius Law School, Hamburg, Germany — Thesis: 'Interim Measures in International Commercial Arbitration: A Comparative Study of the Indian Experience' (Supervised by Prof. Dr. Stefan Kröll), 2021
- **Master of Law and Business** (Joachim Herz Program), Bucerius Law School and WHU – Otto Beisheim School of Management, Hamburg and Vallendar, Germany, 2013–2014
    - Major fields of study: International Commercial Arbitration and Litigation, International Taxation, Mergers & Acquisitions, Venture Capital Law, Business and Management, Marketing, and Company Restructuring
- Faculty of Law, University of Cologne, Cologne, Germany (**DAAD Exchange Program**), Summer 2010
    - Major fields of study: United States Contract Law, United States Property Law, Modern Contract Drafting, American Legal Issues, and German Civil Law with special emphasis on Information Technology (IT) Law
- **Bachelor of Arts and Law (**Honours), National Law School of India University (NLSIU), Bangalore, Karnataka, India, 2006–2011
    - Major fields of study: Contract Law, International Commercial Arbitration, Corporate Law, International Finance, Tax Law, and Private International Law

II. Professional Experience

- **Founding Partner,** ANR Law LLP, Advocates and Solicitors, Dehradun, Uttarakhand, India | January 2023 – Present
    - Advise and represent clients in domestic and international arbitration, commercial litigation, engineering and procurement contracts, energy sector disputes, construction and infrastructure disputes, electrical works contracts, power projects, debt recovery, insolvency and restructuring, and real estate transactions
    - Advise clients on domestic mergers and acquisitions and private equity transactions
    - Special Counsel to: Uttarakhand Jal Vidyut Nigam Ltd., Uttarakhand Power Corporation Ltd., Power Transmission Corporation of Uttarakhand Ltd., and Garhwal Rifles, Indian Army
- Director, Willem C. Vis East International Commercial Arbitration Moot, Hong Kong | Present

- **Partner,** Rab & Rab Associates LLP, Advocates and Solicitors, Dehradun, Uttarakhand, India | August 2012 – December 2022
    - Advised and represented clients in domestic and international arbitration, commercial litigation, engineering and procurement contracts, energy sector disputes, construction and infrastructure disputes, electrical works contracts, power projects, debt recovery, insolvency and restructuring, and real estate transactions
    - Advised clients on domestic mergers and acquisitions and private equity transactions
- **Legal Consultant**, Uttarakhand Power Corporation Limited, Dehradun, Uttarakhand, India | January 2013 – August 2013
    - Developed legal strategy and coordinated with all regional and corporate offices
    - Drafted legal briefs and vetted petitions and statutory notices
    - Ensured regulatory compliance and provided ongoing legal advisory services
- **Associate**, Amarchand & Mangaldas & Suresh A. Shroff & Co., Advocates and Solicitors, New Delhi, India | July 2011 – July 2012
    - Advised clients on both domestic and cross-border mergers, acquisitions, and private equity transactions
    - Assisted private equity investors with investments in private and public companies across various sectors, including pharmaceuticals, mining, and automobile
    - Assisted foreign clients in establishing and acquiring operations in India, both on a standalone basis and in partnership with Indian entities
    - Advised clients on joint venture transactions in the defence procurement sector, including foreign investment in defence manufacturing and defence offsets

III. Academic Appointments

- **Professor of Practice**, University of Petroleum and Energy Studies (UPES), Dehradun, Uttarakhand, India | Present
- **Honorary Research Chair Professor**, Centre for ADR and Arbitration, NIRMA University, Ahmedabad, Gujarat, India | Present
- **Distinguished Visiting Professor**, West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences (WBNUJS), Kolkata, West Bengal, India | Present
- **Visiting Professor**, National Law School of India University (NLSIU), Bangalore, Karnataka, India | Present
- **Nominated Member**, Board of Studies, Faculty of Law, Nirma University, Ahmedabad, Gujarat, India | Present
- **Nominated Member**, Board of Studies, Tamil Nadu National Law University, Tamil Nadu, India | Present
- **Visiting Faculty: NALSAR University of Law,** Hyderabad, National Law University, Orissa, Vivekananda Institute of Professional Studies, Delhi, O.P. Jindal Global University, Sonepat | Present
- **Adjunct Visiting Professor,** West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences

(WBNUJS), Kolkata, West Bengal, India | January 2020 – **November 2020**

IV. Empanelment with Arbitral and Mediation Institutions

- Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC), Singapore
- Asian International Arbitration Centre (AIAC), Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia | 2023–2026
- Brazilian Centre for Mediation and Arbitration (CBMA), Brazil
- India International Arbitration Centre (IIAC), New Delhi, India | 2023–2028
- Singapore International Mediation Centre (SIMC), Singapore | 2026–2028

V. Public Policy Engagements

- **Non-Resident Expert**, Vidhi Centre for Legal Policy | Present
    - Undertakes project-based research, strategy, analysis, and review of public policy
- **Policy Consultant,** Lexidale, International Public Policy Consulting | Present
    - Undertakes project-based research, strategy, and comparative public policy analysis
- Member, Drafting Committee, 'The Mysore and Karnataka Universities (Special Provisions) Act', **Knowledge Commission and Ministry of Higher Education, State of Karnataka**
- Member, Drafting Committee, 'Legal Reforms for Selection and Recruitment of Civil Servants', **Karnataka State Public Service Commission, State of Karnataka**
- Member, Committee on 'Legal Reforms in Criminal Procedure Code', under Justice Mallimath, **Law Commission of India**, Government of India
- Researcher, 'Indian Defence Offset Policy' — Task Force on Defence Modernization, **Ministry of Defence**, Government of India
- Research and Editorial Assistant, 'March of Consumer Law and Practice', **Ministry of Consumer Affairs**, Food and Public Distribution, Department of Consumer Affairs, Government of India
- Member, Committee to Draft 'Misleading Advertisements and Amendments to the Consumer Protection Act', **Ministry of Consumer Affairs**, Food and Public Distribution, Department of Consumer Affairs, Government of India
- Delegate, 'Workshop on Defence Procurement', **Confederation of Indian Industry**, New Delhi, March 26, 2012
- Member, Review Committee, 'Code to Combat Sexual Harassment', National Law School of India University (NLSIU), Bangalore

VI. Certifications and Awards

- Associate Member, **Chartered Institute of** Arbitrators (CIArb), London, United Kingdom
- Pioneer Member, **Asian Institute of Alternative Dispute Resolution (AIADR)**, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- Recipient, **Joachim Herz Fellowship Award** (2013–2014), awarded for academic excellence to international students of the Bucerius/WHU Master of Law and Business – Joachim Herz Program

- **Recipient, DAAD – 'Passage to India'** Full Scholarship, Faculty of Law, University of Cologne, Germany, 2010

VII. Publications

- **Books:**
    - Real Estate (Regulation & Development) Act, 2016: A Practitioner's Guide, 2019 (Eastern Book Company)
    - Interim Relief in International Commercial Arbitration, 2022 (Kluwer Law International)
    - Drafting of Contracts: Basic Principles, 2022 (Eastern Book Company)
    - Drafting of Contracts: Advanced Principles, 2024 (Eastern Book Company)
    - Chapter 1, Presiding Arbitrator, Award for the XX VIS Moot 2012-2013 – Leisure Clothing, in Danubia Files 2: Lessons from the Vis Moot, published by Jus Mundi, 2024
    - Chapter on Rethinking Enforceability and Specific Performance of Shareholder Agreements, RGNUL Book Series on Corporate Law & Corporate Affairs (Issue IV)
    - Commentary on the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 (*under print with EBC)*
- **Articles:**
    - 'Options in Shares: A Clear Investment Option' – published in the 'In-House Lawyer,' United Kingdom, Issue No. 200, May 2012
    - Redressal Mechanism under the Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act 2016: Ouster of the Arbitration Tribunal? 10 NUJS L. Rev. 1 (2017)
    - Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act 2016: Misplaced Euphoria? Amity International Journal of Juridical Sciences, Vol. 1, 36 (2017)
    - Arbitration & Conciliation Amendment Act, 2015 – Enforcing Interim Orders, Where is the Relief? (2017) 4 NLU Delhi Student Law Journal 89 (2017)
    - Aftab v. Emaar: The End of Line for Consumer Arbitration in India? – 6, International Journal on Consumer Law and Practice, 41 (2018)
    - Defining the Contours of the Public Policy Exception - A New Test for Arbitrability in India, Indian Journal of Arbitration Law, Volume 7 Issue 2, 161 (2019) (*Cited by a Full Bench of the Supreme Court of India in Vidya Drolia & Ors. v. Durga Trading Corporation 2020 SCC OnLine SC 1018*)
    - Smart Contracts & Blockchain: The Panacea to the Unequal Bargaining Power of Consumers? – 8 International Journal on Consumer Law and Practice, 40 (2020)
    - Cultivating Confidence and Joy, The Progressive Teacher, Jan-Feb, 2020
    - Revamping Arbitrator Immunity: A Case for Reconsidering Section 42-B of the Arbitration & Conciliation Act, 1996, 1 NUJS Journal on Dispute Resolution, 1 (2021)
    - Comparing Specific Performance under the Specific Relief (Amendment) Act 2018 with the CISG and the UNIDROIT Principles: The Problems of the "Un-common Law" in India, 7, NLS Business Law Review (2021)

- Immunity of Arbitrators: Time for the Model Law to Take a Stand, International Arbitration Law Review, Issue 2, 130 (2022)
- 26 Years of The Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996: A Critical Review VII UPES Law Review (2022)
- Asymmetrical Clauses, Unilateral Appointments and Bilateral Reference: Rethinking the Intervention for Court Intervention, Volume 11, Issue 2, Indian Journal of Arbitration Law (2023)
- UNIDROIT Principles of International Commercial Contracts: An Article-By-Article Commentary, Second Edition, Wolters Kluwer, Volume 13, Issue 1, Indian Journal of Arbitration Law (2025)
- Bridging the Gap: Why India Should Adopt the CISG for International Sales of Goods (*under print in the Vindobona Journal of International Commercial Law & Arbitration)*
- Use of Soft Law in Matters of Procedure, (*under print The International Journal of Arbitration, Mediation and Dispute Management)*

- **Blogs:**
  - Does the Assignment of a Contract Assign the Arbitration Agreement: The Indian Perspective – Kluwer Arbitration
  - Can the Adoption of the CISG Save the Commercial Relationship of Parties in India? – Oxford Business Law
  - Accreditation of Arbitrators in India: A New License Requirement? – Kluwer Arbitration
  - Appointment of Sole Arbitrator: Can a Modified Asymmetrical Arbitration Clause Avoid Court Appointment? – Kluwer Arbitration
  - Business Efficacy and Regulation of Artificial Intelligence: Does India Need a Stand-alone Legislation? – National Law School Business Law Review Blog
  - No Claim Certificates in Indian Construction Arbitration: Balancing Coercion and Discharge - National Law School Business Law Review Blog
  - The Shift from Arbitration to Mediation in Government Contracts: An Opportunity for Introspection? – Law School Policy Review
  - Cross-Examination in Commercial Arbitration in India: Creating 'Courtrooms of Choice' – Centre for Business and Commercial Law
  - Contract Law and Specific Relief: The 'Un-common' Indian Law – Indian Journal of International Economic Law
  - *TRF Ltd. & Perkins*: Limiting 'Freedom of Contract' and the Choking of Party Autonomy – National Law School India Review Online
  - Do Data Protection Laws Enhance the Role of 'Venue' in Remote Arbitration Hearings? – Law School Policy Review
  - 'Suit For Price' Under the Sale of Goods Act, 1930: Specific Performance in Disguise? – National Law School of India Business Law Review
  - Promoting Arbitration and Killing it: The Curious Creation of 'Statutory Arbitration' -

National Law School of India Business Law Review

- Stamping Arbitral Awards: An Illogical Fallacy - National Law School of India Business Law Review
- BGS V. NHPC – Implications Beyond the 'Seat' & 'Venue' Debate – RGNUL Student Research Review
- Two Indian Parties Can Choose a Foreign Seat: But What About Substantive Law? – Commercial and Financial Reporter
- No Arbitration in Consumer and Real Estate Disputes - IndiaCorpLaw
- Consumers Cannot be Compelled to Arbitrate Disputes – IndiaCorpLaw
- 2019 Amendment to Arbitration Law: Foreign Arbitrators in Indian Seated Arbitrations – IndiaCorpLaw

VIII. Other Qualifications and Achievements

- **Fellow** Member, iBNex – International Network for Lawyers
- Drafted Course Material on International Commercial Arbitration for the **Post-Graduate Diploma** in Alternative Dispute Resolution, NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad, Telangana, India
- Drafted Course Material on Drafting and Negotiating Contracts for the **Post-Graduate Diploma** in Drafting, Negotiation and Enforcement of Contracts, NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad, Telangana, India
- **Member, Case Committee**, XIth and XIIth National Law School Trilegal International Arbitration Moot, **2018** and **2019**
- **Drafter**, **Case Record**, NLIU – 9th R.K. Tankha Memorial International Arbitration Moot, 2024
- **Drafter, Case Record,** RMNLU – S & A Law Offices International Arbitration Moot, 2025
- **Master's Thesis Supervisor**, Bucerius Law School, Hamburg, Germany
- **Course Instructor** at:
    - Single Credit Course on Practice and Procedure of International Commercial Arbitration, NUJS Kolkata, West Bengal, India, 2020
    - Course on Contract Drafting, Nirma University, Ahmedabad, Gujarat, India, 2022
    - Course on Contract Law, Master of Business Laws, NLSIU, Bangalore, Karnataka, India, 2021-22
    - Elective Course on Drafting of Commercial Documents, NLSIU, Bangalore, Karnataka, India, 2019-20
    - Intensive Seminar Course on Negotiation and Drafting of Contracts, NLSIU, Bangalore, Karnataka, India, 2020-21
    - Elective Course on International Commercial Arbitration, Nirma University, Ahmedabad, Gujarat, India, 2021-24
    - Post-Graduate Diploma on Alternative Dispute Resolution, NALSAR, Hyderabad, Telangana, India, 2019-23

- Post-Graduate Diploma on Drafting and Negotiating Contracts, NALSAR, Hyderabad, Telangana, India, 2020-23
- International Commercial Laws and Convention on International Sale of Goods, conducted by the Chair on International Trade Law, Ministry of Commerce, NLSIU, Bangalore, Karnataka, India, December 2019
- Certificate Course on Drafting of Commercial Documents, NLU, Orissa, India, October 2019
- Mediation in Company Law Disputes, conducted by Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs, Ministry of Corporate Affairs, November 2019
- Guest Faculty, Negotiation, Mediation and Arbitration, Jindal Global Law School, Sonipat, Haryana, India, September 2020-23
- Seminar Course on International Commercial Arbitration & Drafting of Commercial Documents, School of Law, UPES, Dehradun, Uttarakhand, India, September 2018, 2019 & 2022
- Alternative Dispute Resolution, Vivekananda Institute of Professional Studies, Delhi, India, October 2019
- Workshop on Drafting and Pleading, Vivekananda Institute of Professional Studies, Delhi, India, October 2019,
- Workshop on Drafting and Pleading, UPES, Dehradun, Uttarakhand, India, 2018
- Seminar Course on Drafting of Commercial Documents, NLSIU, Bangalore, Karnataka, India, 2017-18 & 2019-20, 2020-21
- Seminar Course on Negotiation and Commercial Documents, NUJS Kolkata, West Bengal, India, 2020-21
- Training Bank Officials, Adopting and Implementing the Securitization and Reconstructions of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, organized by the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD), 2020 - 2022
- Training Session, South Asia Legal Team, Hindustan Unilever Limited
- Post Graduate Diploma in Business Laws for the National Academy of Direct Taxes (NADT), Nagpur, Feb & Jun 2021
- Wipro Capacity Enhancement Programme, Nov 2020 – Jan 2021
- Certificate Programme for Larsen and Toubro Executives (L&T), Feb & Sept 2021

- **Member, Advisory Board/Peer Review** at:
  - Board of Studies, NIRMA University
  - External Member, Board of Studies, Tamil Nadu National Law University
  - NUJS Journal on Dispute Resolution
  - Royal Institute of Colombo, Sri Lanka
  - Journal on Corporate Law & Governance, NLU Jodhpur

- Indian Law Review
- Indian Arbitration Law Review
- NLIU Law Review
- RMLNLU Law Review
- DNLU Student Law Journal
- Commercial and Financial Law Reporter
- Research Advisory Group, JurisOpen, open-source law journal
- Journal of Indian Law and International Relations
- NILS India Law Review
- Corporate Law Journal (Expert Panel)

- **Panelist** at:
  - Pre-Vis Moot Conference, Soft Law in Arbitration: Concepts and Examples, Vienna, 2024
  - Moot Alumni Association (MAA) – Mastering the Craft of Written Advocacy (2024)
  - Reconciling Arbitration and Cross-Border Insolvency: Role of Arbitral Institution in Facilitating Cross-Border Insolvency, Vth NLSTIAC, Bengaluru
  - Moot Alumni Association (MAA) – How to Draft a Persuasive Memorandum (2023)
  - Special Lecture Series on the Legal Regime Governing Real Estate Laws, NUJS Kolkata, West Bengal, India, 2022
  - Strategic Dialogue, 'From Courts to Consensus – Deliberating Dispute Resolution Challenges in Public and Private Sectors', UPES, Dehradun
  - Virtual Round Table Discussion on Challenges of Consumer Protection Act 2019 & Way Forward, NLSIU, Bangalore, Karnataka, India,
  - International Seminar on Transnational Litigation, NIRMA University, Ahmedabad, Gujarat, India
  - 3rd CARTAL Conference on International Arbitration, NLU, Jodhpur, Rajasthan, India
  - 2nd National Law School Trilegal International Arbitration Conference, NLSIU, Bangalore, Karnataka, India
  - International Conference on Law & Technology, UPES, Dehradun, Uttarakhand, India
  - Future of Investment Arbitration in India, Webinar
  - Data Security and Confidentiality in Arbitration, 3rd NLSTIAC, Webinar
  - Future of Investment Arbitration in India, Webinar
  - Approaching International Arbitration Moots: A Detailed Analysis, UPES, Dehradun, Uttarakhand, India
  - Enforcement of Foreign Seated Arbitral Orders in India, TNNLU, Tamil Nadu, India
  - Whether Virtual Hearings Can Replace Physical Hearings, Webinar, Commercial &

Financial Law Reporter

- Roundtable on 'Taxing the Past' – Synergia Foundation, Webinar
- Winter School of NILS on 'International Dispute Settlement'

- **Arbitrator** at:
  - Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot, Vienna, 2018-24
  - Willem C. Vis East International Commercial Arbitration Moot, Hong Kong, 2017 - 2023
  - National Law School Trilegal International Arbitration Moot, NLSIU, Bangalore, Karnataka, India, 2017 - 2024
  - Frankfurt Investment Arbitration Moot Court held at New Delhi, India, 2012
  - BCDR-AAA Annual Middle East Vis Pre-Moot, Bahrain, 2018-21
  - Sri Lanka Pre-Moot Finals, 2023
  - Al Cancun Vis Pre Moot Finals, 2023
  - CAM-CCBC, Hanseatic Pre-Moot, Hamburg, 2018-23
  - FDI International Investment Arbitration Moot, South Asia Regional Rounds, 2020
- **Member**:
  - ASSOCHAM, Uttarakhand Council
  - Industry-Academia Panel, National University of Juridical Sciences, Kolkata
  - Young MCIA, Mumbai Centre for International Arbitration
  - HK45, Hong Kong Centre for International Arbitration
  - YSIAC, Singapore International Arbitration Centre
  - Asian International Arbitration Centre
  - Young ICSID
  - YIAG, The London Court of International Arbitration
  - Core Committee, Asia Pacific Vis Pre-Moot (2020-2024)
- Moot Coach for the following teams: West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences (WBNUJS) Vis Team, Vienna and Hong Kong (2023, Round of 16), National Law University, Jodhpur, Hong Kong (2022), National Law School of India University (NLSIU), Bangalore Vis Team, Vienna (2018, Semi-Finalists, 2019 and 2020, Quarterfinalists), National Law University, Orissa, Vis-East Team (2019, Honourable Mention for Claimant and Respondent Memoranda)
- **Judge**, Asia Pacific Regional Manfred Lachs Space Law Moot Court (2016), Philip C. Jessup International Moot Court Competition – India Qualifying Rounds (2018), and various other moot court competitions
- Participated in the Intercultural Seminar, Bucerius/WHU Master of Law and Business – Joachim Herz Program, Hamburg, Germany, September 2013

- **Teaching Assistant**, Law of Torts, National Law School of India University (NLSIU), Bangalore, Karnataka, India
- Lecturer, IMS, Bangalore, Karnataka, India, and Law School Tutorials (LST), Dehradun, Uttarakhand, India
- **Elected MLB Representative**, Examination Review Board, Bucerius/WHU, 2013–2014
- **Elected** President, Student Bar Association, National Law School of India University (NLSIU), 2010–2011

IX. Additional Skills

- Languages: English (native), Hindi (mother tongue), German (beginner, M1)