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Ver 70 years have passed since the foundation of an independent legal system in India was laid in 1949. A lot has changed and many laws have been amended since then. With changing times, the judicial system and laws in India have evolved over the decades but the process is an ongoing one and will continue for years to come; several laws still need to be fine-tuned for the benefit of the society that we live in. A central legal system, which serves as a one-stop solution for everything legal in India, is still a distant dream. A central legal system would refer to an authorized legal database created in order to digitally store and maintain the data of all the courts, tribunals, committees, articles, and acts. Once again technology seems to be an indispensable component required to be at the helm of harnessing the vast swathes of legal data available in the country. Technology is the only tool to dig through this gold mine of information and make legal research faster to benefit the fraternity.

By maintaining faith in the Indian legal system and building a strong civil society in abidance with the Indian Constitution, members of our legal fraternity play a crucial role in upholding the law of the land. To identify the contributions and felicitate such individual stakeholders of the legal system, Forbes India and Legitquest have come together for the 'Forbes India Legal Powerlist 2020'.

The Forbes India Legal Powerlist 2020 (1st Edition) has been aimed at identifying and felicitating young lawyers who exemplify distinction, quality service delivery, and those who demonstrate superior leadership, reputation and profile as Indian lawyers. In the Legal Powerlist 2020, nominees – practicing lawyers including those from various private and public institutions belonging to different sectors in India -- were short-listed through a stringent jury process. The finalists were then felicitated at a grand virtual event in the presence of an august gathering comprising of some of the most prominent and powerful names in the legal profession.

About Legitquest

Legitquest is a deep tech B2B data-as-a-service platform for everything that a legal professional needs. The company's vision is to empower businesses and legal professionals to make data-driven decisions, and to use technology to build a Research and Analytics platform fuelled by the world's largest litigation database.

Founded in 2017 by advocate Karan Kalia, IlTian Rohit Shukla and Phd in finance Himanshu Puri, Legitquest has already built a state-of-the-art legal research tool and is now leveraging Al and machine learning to build analytics products never seen or built before in the legal field in India. The analytics products include crafting the winning arguments, predicting outcomes of cases, best performing lawyers and trademark threat infringement assessment.



Top Managing Partners — Above 10 years of experience

\Lambda flourishing business and a robust workforce are indicators of a good Managing Partner, who is the powerhouse of a law firm. This event category, in particular, recognises and appreciates the phenomenal leadership shown by Managing Partners that has led to impressive law firm performance. All Managing Partners or equivalents in a practice firm, possessing a valid

license from any State Bar in India, were invited to enter the nomination process. The details of their achievements/outstanding work, contribution to the growth, business performance or enhanced profile of the firm coupled with shaping the firm's vision, work culture and business strategy through their leadership were assessed to finalise the winners.



Raian N. Karanjawala Karanjawala & Co.



Anand Desai



C.R. Dua Dua Associates, Advocates & Solicitors



Rajiv Luthra L&L Partners



Suhail Nathani Economic Laws Practice



Rohit Kochhar Kochhar & Co.



Pallavi Shroff Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co.



Akshay Chudasama Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co. ("SAM & Co")



Hemant Singh Inttl Advocare



Rajesh Narain Gupta SNG & Partners



Ravi Singhania Singhania & Partners LLP



Abhijit Joshi



Gopika Pant Indian Law Partners (ILP)



Anand S. Pathak



Vineet Aneja Clasis Law



Dr. Manoj Kumar Hammurabi & Solomon Partners



Dr. Joshita Davar khemani





Srishti Ojha





Sourav Ghosh



Vikrant Rana S.S.RANA & CO.



Gunjan Paharia ZeusIP Advocates LLP



Krishnava Dutt Argus Partners



Mahua Roy Chowdhury Royzz & Co.



Archana Rajaram Rajaram Legal





Aditya Chopra

Sandeep Kapooi Algo Legal



Top Law Firms of the Year

Above 10 years of experience

An adequate consolidation of an organized professional apparatus, a sagacious leadership, a proficient workforce, and a decorous work ethic form an efficient law firm that does not limit itself to providing relief to its clients. This event category invited nominations from Indian Law Firms in the country and abroad to recognise their outstanding performance. All the Law Firms registered under Indian laws and recognised by the Bar Council of India, which

have demonstrated professional excellence in legal practice during the period 1st April, 2019 to 30th September, 2020, were eligible to enter the nominations list. The Firms were required to divulge their business strategy and vision, along with the plan which would help them achieve their long-term goals. In addition, the Firms were asked to reveal how they have contributed to the growth and evolution of the legal profession in India.







Corporate & Commercial



Infrastructure & Projects | Insolvency & Bankruptcy | Litigation | Media & Broadcasting | Real Estate & Construction



Corporate & Commercial | Labour & Employment | Litigation | White Collar Crime | Private Equity & Venture Capital



Litigation | Anti-Dumping | Real Estate & Construction | Mergers & Acquisitions | Private Equity & Venture Capital



Technology Law | Mergers & Acquisitions | Private Equity & Venture Capital | Litigation | Capital Markets & Securities Laws



Anti-Trust & Competition Law | Anti-Dumping | Litigation | Taxation (Direct & Indirect) | Infrastructure & Projects



Anti-Trust & Competition Law | Banking & Finance | Mergers & Acquisitions | Capital Markets & Securities Laws



Arbitration | White Collar Crime | Real Estate & Construction | Labour & Employment | Technology Law



Corporate & Commercial | Labour & Employment



Banking & Finance | Privatization & Divestments



White Collar Crime



Corporate & Commercial



Intellectual Property Rights



Anti-Trust & Competition Law | Litigation



ADVOCATES LLP
Intellectual Property Rights



Anti-Trust & Competition
Law | Corporate & Commercial
| Litigation | Arbitration



Aviation | Energy (Renewable & Conventional) |Insolvency & Bankruptcy Real Estate & Construction | Arbitration



Banking & Finance | Corporate & Commercial | Litigation | Mergers & Acquisitions | Real Estate & Construction



Intellectual Property Rights











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Admiralty & Maritime Law | Defence & Aerospace | Capital Markets & Securities Labour & Employment



Banking & Finance | Insolvency & Bankruptcy | Mergers & Acquisitions



Corporate & Commercial | Labour & Employment | Insolvency & Bankruptcy

Below 10 years of experience



Corporate & Commercial

Advocates & Solicitors



Corporate & Commercial



Arbitration | White Collar Crime



Energy (Renewable & Conventional) | Oil and Gas



Corporate & Commercial



Insolvency & Bankruptcy |

Arbitration

Arbitration



Private Equity & Venture Capital



Intellectual Property Rights



Corporate & Commercial



Intellectual Property Rights



Private Equity & Venture Capital | Corporate & Commercial



Franchising / Licensing Agreements / Distributorship Agreements | Private Equity & Venture Capital



Life Sciences & Pharmaceuticals | Mergers & Acquisitions | Private Equity & Venture Capital



Admiralty & Maritime Law | Banking & Finance | Capital Markets & Securities Laws



Corporate & Commercial | Fintech | Mergers & Acquisitions | Private Equity & Venture Capital | Technology Law



Fintech | Private Equity & Venture Capital | Start-ups practice | Technology Law



Taxation (Direct & Indirect)

Top Lawyers of the Year

Above 10 years of experience

This category felicitated independent practitioners, advocates, members of the Bar who not only excel in their role as lawyers but also contribute to the evolution of law. All lawyers in India with a valid practise license from a State Bar were eligible to contest for the recognition (categorised under 41 practice areas). The lawyers were requested to provide the details of their professional achievements/outstanding work in their areas of practice/specialization

from 1st April, 2019 to 30th September, 2020 to assess their performance. In addition, they were asked to specify their ideas on what sets them apart as leaders in their respective fields, details of positive client outcomes, and what it means to be a successful lawyer in order to make the assessment process comprehensive. The lawyers were also assessed on parameters like how they have contributed to the growth and progress of the wider legal community.



Pallavi Shroff Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co. Litigation | Anti-Trust & Competition Law | White Collar | Arbitration



Anand S. Pathak P&A Law Offices Arbitration | Anti-Trust & Competition Law | Corporate & Commercial



Sanjay Gupta SNG & Partners Litigation



Harsh K. Sharma Prosoll Law Inc. (Chambers of Adv. Harsh K. Sharma) Litigation | White Collar Crime



Rohit Kochhar Kochhar & Co. White Collar Crime



Ritu Bhalla Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co. Litigation | Arbitration



Akshay Chudasama Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co. Private Equity & Venture Capital | Corporate & Commercial | Real Estate & Construction | Mergers & Acquisitions



Suhail Nathani Economic Laws Practice Anti-Trust & Competition Law / Corporate & Commercial



Tejas Karia Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co. Litigation | Technology Law | Arbitration



Vijayendra Pratap Singh AZB & Partners Litigation | Arbitration



Pratibha Jain Nishith Desai Associates Private Equity & Venture Capital



Radhika M. Dudhat Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co. Corporate & Commercial I Corporate Governance





Sujjain Talwar Economic Laws Practice
Corporate & Commercial / Infrastructure & Projects



Mamta Jha Inttl Advocare Intellectual Property Rights



Justin Bharucha Bharucha & Partners Corporate & Commercial



Rupinder Malik J. Sagar Associates Anti-Bribery & Anti-Corruption | Mergers & Acquisitions



Krishnava Dutt Argus Partners Insolvency & Bankruptcy | Mergers & Acquisitions



Shweta Bharti Hammurabi & Solomon Partners Arbitration | Insolvency & Bankruptcy | Aviation



Dr. Manoj Kumar Hammurabi & Solomon Partners Privatization & Divestments | Corporate & Commercial | Project Finance | Mergers & Acquisitions



Dr. Poornima Advani The Law Point Litigation | Admiralty & Maritime Law | Capital Markets & Securities Laws | Infrastructure & Projects | Arbitration



DP Singh Bharucha & Partners White Collar Crime



Shilpa Shah Singhania And Partners LLP Litigation



Mahua Roy Chowdhury Royzz & Co. Intellectual Property Rights



Sundari R Pisupati Tempus Law Associates Private Equity & Venture Capital | Foreign Investment | Mergers & Acquisitions



Akil Hirani Majmudar & Partners Technology Law | Corporate Governance | Foreign Investment | Life Sciences & Pharmaceuticals | Mergers & Acquisitions



Jayesh H Juris Corp Insolvency & Bankruptcy / Banking & Finance



Abhijit Joshi Veritas Legal Private Equity & Venture Capital | Mergers & Acquisitions



Payal Chawla JUSCONTRACTUS Litigation



Neel Mason Mason & Associates Media & Broadcasting | Intellectual Property Rights



Stephen Mathias Kochhar & Co. Telecommunications | Fintech | Technology Law



Krishna Vijay Singh Kochhar & Co. White Collar Crime | Arbitration



Amit Aggarwal SNG & Partners
Privatization & Divestments | Banking & Finance | Real | Estate & Construction



Naresh Thacker Economic Laws Practice Litigation | Arbitration



Vineetha MG Samvad Partners Private Equity & Venture Capital | Banking & Finance | Mergers & Acquisitions | Infrastructure & Projects | Corporate & Commercial



Siddharth Raja Saakshya Law
Private Equity & Venture Capital |
Corporate & Commercial | Mergers & Acquisitions



Kartik Nayar KN Legal Litigation | Arbitration



Nitesh Rana Independent Practitioner Litigation



Firdouse Wani LCZF Litigation



Rishab Gupta Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co. Arbitration



Vandana Pai Bharucha & Partners Private Equity & Venture Capital



Vaishali Mittal Anand and Anand Intellectual Property
Rights | Life Sciences & Pharmaceuticals



Kunal Tandon Tandon & Co. Litigation | Media & Broadcasting | Insolvency & Bankruptcy



Puja Sondhi Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co. Private Equity & Venture Capital | E-Commerce | Mergers & Acquisitions



Nivedita Tiwari Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co.
Private Equity & Venture Capital |
Mergers & Acquisitions



Vineet Aneja Clasis Law Mergers & Acquisitions | Corporate & Commercial



Pradeep Ratnam Kochhar & Co. Banking & Finance



Shilpa Mankar Ahluwalia Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co. Banking & Finance | Fintech



Kavitha Vijay Universal Legal Private Equity & Venture Capital | Banking & Finance | Mergers & Acquisitions | Fintech



Natashaa Shroff Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co. Private Equity & Venture Capital | Mergers & Acquisitions



Archana Rajaram Rajaram Legal Private Equity & Venture Capital | Technology | Fintech | Start-ups practice



Kunal Thakore Talwar Thakore & Associates Anti-Trust & Competition Law



Reena Khair Kochhar & Co. Anti-Dumping





Safir Anand Anand and Anand Intellectual Property Rights



Sanjay Notani Economic Laws Practice Anti-Dumping



Prashant Gupta Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co. Capital Markets & Securities Laws



Rahul Gulati Talwar Thakore & Associates Capital Markets & Securities Laws



Naval Satarawala Chopra Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co Anti-Trust & Competition Law



Nishant Menon Kochhar & Co. Litigation | Arbitration



Kaadambari **Counsel Practice** Litigation



Jatin Aneja Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co. Project Finance | Energy (Renewable & Conventional) | Infrastructure & Projects



Anju Gandhi SNG & Partners Banking & Finance



Pooja Patel Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas Private Equity & Venture Capital | Corporate & Commercial | Mergers & Acquisitions



Sonali Malhotra SM & Associates Law Chamber Litigation



Raghubir Menon Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co. Private Equity & Venture Capital | Corporate Governance | Foreign Investment | Mergers & Acquisitions | Joint Ventures |



Madhavan Srivatsan Law Office Of Madhavan Srivatsan Start-ups practice | Corporate & Commercial | Mergers & Acquisitions | Energy (Renewable & Conventional)



Babu Sivaprakasam Economic Laws Practice Banking & Finance



Feroz Dubash Talwar Thakore & Associates Mergers & Acquisitions



Mustafa Motiwala Clasis Law Litigation | Arbitration | Insolvency & Bankruptcy



Manoj Menon Dua Associates Private Equity & Venture Capital



Alok Tewari Kochhar & Co. Real Estate & Construction



Nishant H. Shah **Economic Laws Practice** Taxation (Direct & Indirect)



Sadhav Mishra SNG & Partners Real Estate & Construction



Shiraz Patodia Dua Associates Anti-Dumping



Aliff Fazelbhoy ALMT Legal Labour & Employment



Rajarshi Chakrabarti Kochhar & Co Corporate & Commercial / Labour & Employment



Suhas Srinivasiah Kochhar & Co. Labour & Employment



B.R. Srinivas Dua Associates Real Estate & Construction



Rohit Jain Economic Laws Practice Taxation (Direct & Indirect)



Pradeep Kumar Jain Singhania & Co., LLP *Arbitration*



Shweta Shroff Chopra Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co. Anti-Trust & Competition Law



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Agreements | Mergers & Acquisitions



Kunal Mehra Dua Associates Anti-Trust & Competition Law



Arunabh ChoudharyJuris Corp *Fintech*



Anshul Prakash Khaitan & Co. Labour & Employment



Kruti Desai ALMT Legal Labour & Employment



Sushmita Gandhi IndusLaw Insolvency & Bankruptcy | Arbitration



Siddharth Srivastava Khaitan & Co. Insolvency & Bankruptcy



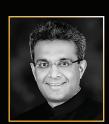
Waseem Ismail Pangarkar MZM LEGAL Litigation | White Collar Crime



Vaibhav Gaggar Gaggar & Partners Anti-Trust & Competition Law



Abhixit Singh ASP Advocates Litigation | Arbitration



Shreyas Jayasimha Aarna law Insolvency & Bankruptcy



Mithun V Thanks Shardul Amarchand
Mangaldas & Co.
Private Equity & Venture Capital
I Mergers & Acquisitions



Sidharth Mody
Desai & Diwanji
Private Equity & Venture Capital |
Joint Ventures | Foreign Investment |
Mergers & Acquisitions



Vineet Shingal Khaitan & Co. Mergers & Acquisitions



Iqbal Khan Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas Mergers & Acquisitions | Private Equity & Venture Capital



Sonali Mahapatra Talwar Thakore & Associates *Banking & Finance*



Savitha Kesav Jagadeesan Kochhar & Co. Intellectual Property Rights



Rituparno Bhattacharya Talwar Thakore & Associates Banking & Finance



Aditya Narayan Saakshya Law Arbitration | Corporate & Commercial



Rohan Bagai AZB & Partners *Fintech*



Rukmini Roychowdhury Krishnamurthy & Co. Mergers & Acquisitions



Nakul Sachdeva L&L Partners, Law Offices Insolvency & Bankruptcy | Arbitration



Sameer Jain PSL Advocates & Solicitors Insolvency & Bankruptcy | Arbitration

Below 10 years of experience



Naman Joshi Chambers of Joshi & Singh *Litigation*



Siddharth Marwah Khaitan & Co. Sports & Entertainment



Mohit Rohatgi Trilegal *Anti-Bribery & Anti-Corruption*



Anshuman Mozumdar L&L Partners Law Offices Private Equity & Venture Capital | Joint Ventures | Mergers & Acquisition



Prasad Subramanyan Rajaram Legal Technology Law | Fintech | Start-ups practice



George ThomasNumen Law Offices *Litigation*



Gaurav Nair Saga Legal *Litigation | Banking & Finance*



Yuvraj Prabhakar Narvankar Independent Practitioner Litigation | Arbitration | Technology Law



Saket Satapathy Tuli & Co. Litigation



Tariq Khan Advani & Co. *Arbitration*



Priyanka Khimani Anand & Anand & Khimani *Media & Broadcasting*



Yosham Vardhan Link Legal India Law Services Mergers & Acquisition



Kritika Krishnamurthy AK and Partners Banking & Finance



Prateek Bagaria Singularity Legal LLP Arbitration | White Collar Crime



Ankit Sinha Juris Corp Banking & Finance



Ankit SahniAjay Sahni & Associates
Intellectual Property Rights



Anshul Sunil Saurastri Krishna & Saurastri Associates LLP Intellectual Property Rights



Karuna Thareja Law Offices of Karuna Krishan Thareja Advocate, *Litigation*

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In-House Lawyers of the Year

The ones who not only provide legal advice to their organisations but also influence crucial business decisions with their expertise are the In-House Lawyers. All such lawyers from corporate and public sectors were recognised under this category. Nominations were invited from both dedicated In-House Lawyers as well as legal services professionals who do not hold the position of general counsel or head of legal and are not involved in any private practice matters. The nominees

were required to be Indians citizens holding valid lawyer license from any State Bar in India. The nominations filed were adjudged on the basis of professional achievements/ outstanding work from 1st April, 2019 to 30th September, 2020. The candidates were also marked on the way they alleviated risk and contributed to the financial or policy goals of their organisation along with the value addition their leadership provided to the professional strategy of their employer.



Aravind Varma WeWork



Veteran Wing Commander Sivarama Krishna Prakash Cisco System India Private Limited



Aakansha Munjhal Walmart India Pvt. Ltd.



Shine Joy Frontizo Business Services Private Limited



Krisshna TikTok



Pallavi Taneja Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd



Top General Counsels

More than just a lawyer, a General Counsel or Legal Head has significant responsibilities of acting as the legal representative and providing legal and commercial advice on a host of issues, adding a lot of value to an organisation. Recognising the best in-house performance and leadership of General Counsels, Legal Heads, and Chief Legal Officers, this category was open to Indian lawyers holding valid

licenses. The assessment was based on criteria such as professional achievements/outstanding work from 1st April 2019 to 30th September, 2020, competence in alleviating risk, contributing to the financial or policy goals of their organisation, and justifying how their leadership transformed the work culture and perspective of the in-house team.



Devaiah P M Everstone Capital



Dr. Akhil PrasadBoeing India Private Limited



Sameer Guha



Sandeep Kumar Dembla Evalueserve



Atul Juvle Schindler India



Shujath Bin Ali Ramky Enviro Engineers Ltd (KKR Portfolio Company)



Rajendra Misra The Indian Hotels Company Limited



Vineet Vij Tech Mahindra Limited



Rahul Singh CBRE South Asia Pvt. Ltd.



Navita Chaubal
Target Corporation
India Pvt Ltd.



Dr. Sanjeev Gemawat Dalmia Bharat Group



Priyanka Sinha Vodafone India Services Pvt. Ltd.



Durgesh Singh
DMI Finance Private Limited



Parul Sabharwal
Times Internet Ltd



Neera Sharma Sistema Smart Technologies Limited



Mehak Khanna Lenskart Solutions Private Limited



Anjali Ghosh Amazon Web Services



Navodit Mehra Sterlite Power



Sameer Chugh Bharti Group



Sheetal Kapur Netflix



Preeti Balwani Hindustan Coca Cola Beverages



The Blackstone Group

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Top Law Schools

Nurturing the country's subsequent generations of lawyers and thus shaping the future of the legal profession, Law Schools are pivotal institutions. This category recognised the Law Schools that are training students most efficaciously to be zealous lawyers and outstanding professionals. The eligible Law Schools were Law Universities and Deemed University colleges registered under Indian Laws and recognised by the Bar Council of India. The nominations were assessed on

grounds such as teaching methodology practised by the institute to instil knowledge, and skills and analytical thinking imparted to students to prepare them for the challenges of the future. The Law Schools were required to elaborate on their investment in technology, especially for the benefit of undergraduate students, to avail resources of the 21st century and provide details of their financial resources and their utilisation during the period 1st April, 2019 to 30th September, 2020.







Damodaram Sanjivayya National Law University, Visakhapatnam



UPES School of Law, Dehradun

The Maharaja Savajirao University of Baroda



AMITY

Amity University,

Rajasthan

GLS Law College, Ahmedabad



Asian Law College (ALC), Noida



Faculty of Law -Marwadi University, Rajkot



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On the Esteemed Panel

The jury comprised of the most sought-after names in the legal industry who came together to vote for the most deserving participants of the Forbes India Legal Powerlist 2020.



Justice Madan Lokur (Retired Supreme Court Judge) Currently- Judge of the Fiji Supreme Court



Justice A.K Sikri (Retired Supreme Court Judge) Currently- International Judge-Singapore International Commercial Court (SICC)



Mr. Sidharth Luthra Senior Advocate



Mr. R Venkataramani Senior Advocate



Dr. Menaka Guruswamy Senior Advocate



Mr. Sajan Poovayya Senior Advocate



Mr. Gopal Sankaranarayanan Senior Advocate



Dr. Faizan MustafaVice Chancellor –
NALSAR, Hyderabad



Dr. Vijayakumar Vice Chancellor – NLIU, Bhopal



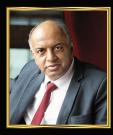
Dr. Vivekanandan Vice Chancellor – HNLU, Raipur, Chattisgarh



Dr. Amar Kumar Pandey (IPS) DGP & DG Fire and Emergency Services



Ms. Aishwarya Bhati Additional Solicitor General of India; Senior Advocate



Mr. Sanjeev Bikhchandani Co-Founder InfoEdge (Naukri.com)



Mr. Manish Kheterpal Managing Partner, WaterBridge Ventures



