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AGENDA

Bengaluru Edition 2026



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08:30 – 09:00 A.M



Registration

09:00 – 10:00 A.M



Session 1: LawTech Revolution: AI, Automation & the Future of Legal Practice

Moderator:

• Gaurav Sahay — Founding Partner, Arthashastra Legal

Panelists:

- Dolvi Oswal — Dolvi Oswal, Legal Tech and Innovation at Zensar Technologies
- Abhishek Gemawat — Vice President Legal and Compliance at Zepto
- Adv. Abhishek Bhatnagar, Founder at Cyberonics India
- Saloni Agara Dwarakanath — AVP & Head of Legal, India at Apex Group Ltd
- Anvesha Kumar — Director - Legal at JLL
- Anurabh Choudhary — Founding Partner, Lawknit

10:00 – 10:15 A.M.



Coffee Networking Break

10:15 – 11:00 A.M



Session 2: Commercial Mediation & Arbitration: From Bangalore to Global Enforcement

Moderator:

• Divya Chandrasekaran — Founder, IPact Legal

Panelists:

- Srikant Parthasarathy — Director - Legal & General Counsel at Zyeta
- Usha Lakshmipathaiah — Partner at Krishnamurthy & Co. (K Law)
- Rishabh Gandhi — Founder, Rishabh Gandhi & Advocates

11:00 – 11:45 A.M



Session 3: IP Strategy for Startups & GCCs: Protecting Code, Data & Algorithms

Moderator:

• Ananya Sanyal — Founder at ClarioNya - Legal Strategy You Can Act On

Panelists:

- Dr. Akshay Kant Chaturvedi — Corporate Head-IPR at Gujarat Fluorochemicals Limited
- Yash Gupta — Senior Associate Consultant at Infosys
- Ankita Sabharwal, Partner at Chadha & Chadhaior
- Arvin Tamilarasu — Manager - IP at Simple Energy

11:45 – 01:00 P.M



Session 4: AI-Generated IP: Ownership, Licensing Enforcement

Moderator:

• Harish Kumar Racha, Manager IP Intelligence at Danaher Corporation

Speakers:

- Paromita Ghosh — Senior Manager at Duracell
- Govind Chaturvedi — Legal Counsel - Reliance Retail Limited
- G.V. Anand Bhushan — Board Member at American International School Chennai
- Krishna Chellapilla — Head - Patents, Prosecution & Copyrights at Tata. Consultancy Services
- Dr. Shivani Srivastava — Founder at IntevoIP
- Varsha Tomar — Senior Associate at Arthashastra Legal
- Balasubramanian Loganathan -- IP Leader at Sun Mobility

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01:00 – 01:15 P.M		Award
01:30 – 02:30 P.M		Lunch Networking Break
02:30 – 03:15 P.M		Session 5: Regulatory Technology (RegTech): Compliance Automation & Reporting Innovations. Moderator: • Prathik Karthikeyan — Chief of Legal Engineering & Growth at LITT Panelists: • Sathish Kolar Ramamoorthy, General Counsel Vice President - Legal at Manipal Hospitals (MHCL) • Shihabudin (Shihab) Abdulkhader, Chief Legal Officer at Star Health and Allied Insurance Co. Ltd • Palak Jhalani
03:15 – 04:15 P.M		Session 6: ESG, Corporate Governance & Digital Compliance Frameworks Moderator: • Ritu Bhargava — Lead Managing Associate at Anand and Anand Panelists: • Rajesh Kumar — In-House Legal Counsel at Larsen & Toubro Limited • Kiran Ajayakumar — Co-Founder at AI Kyro • Smitha Chandrashekar — Legal Director at HARMAN International • Shashank S — Senior Business Analyst - ESG at InCorp India
04:15 – 04:30 P.M		Coffee Networking Break
04:30 – 05:30 P.M		Session 7: Building Innovation-Driven Legal Teams: Skills, Culture & Tech Adoption Moderator: • Zuber Syed — Founder & Managing Partner at Zuber & Partners Panelists: • Reeva Gujral Singhal — Senior Legal Counsel at Reliance Retail Limited • Debasish Roychowdhury — General Counsel at In-Solutions Global Ltd • Shikhar Kapoor — Assistant Vice President-Legal at Fortune 500 Company • Priyesh Sharma — Assistant Vice President- Legal at Knowledge Realty Trust
05:30 – 05:40 P.M		Closing Remarks & End of Summit Day

EDITOR'S NOTE

**"Celebrating excellence,
connecting leaders, and shaping
the future of law."**



The legal landscape is evolving at an unprecedented pace, shaped by innovation, technology, and increasing global complexity. Today's legal professionals are not just advisors, they are strategic leaders driving transformation, influencing business decisions, and shaping the future of industries.

At Bespoke Global Legal Summit, our vision is to bring together a dynamic community where knowledge, innovation, and collaboration converge. This platform is designed to foster meaningful conversations, highlight emerging trends, and celebrate the individuals and organizations redefining the legal ecosystem.

This edition celebrates distinguished speakers, valued partners, past awardees, and Bengaluru 2026 award winners shaping the future of the legal ecosystem.

We extend our sincere gratitude to our partners and sponsors whose continued support makes this platform possible.

Summiga Safdar

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF



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The Bespoke Global Legal Summit 2026 brings together some of the most influential legal professionals, industry leaders, and innovators to explore the evolving landscape of law in a rapidly changing world. Hosted in Bengaluru, this edition focuses on the intersection of law, technology, and business transformation.

As industries continue to be reshaped by innovation, legal professionals are no longer just advisors, they are strategic enablers driving growth, managing risk, and shaping the future of organizations. The summit serves as a platform where knowledge meets opportunity, fostering meaningful discussions, insights, and collaboration.

The Bengaluru edition features engaging sessions, expert panels, and keynote discussions covering critical areas such as Intellectual Property, Artificial Intelligence in legal practice, litigation strategy, and emerging legal technologies. It offers valuable perspectives on navigating complex legal challenges while embracing innovation.

Beyond knowledge exchange, the summit also celebrates excellence through prestigious awards, recognizing outstanding contributions across the legal fraternity. It further enables meaningful networking among peers, partners, and decision-makers across industries, strengthening connections that drive the future of law.

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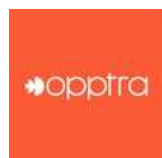
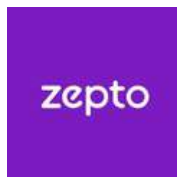
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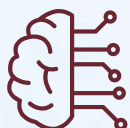
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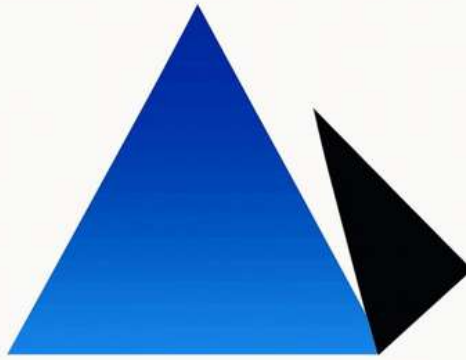
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How Artificial Intelligence is reshaping roles, redefining skills, and transforming the legal profession

Artificial Intelligence is rapidly reshaping the legal landscape, transforming how professionals work, think, and deliver value. Tasks that once required hours of manual effort, such as legal research, document review, and contract analysis, are now being streamlined through intelligent automation.

As a result, roles built around routine and predictable work are becoming increasingly vulnerable. This shift marks one of the most significant transitions the legal profession has witnessed in decades.

However, **this shift is not about replacement, it is about evolution.**

AI cannot replicate human judgment, strategic thinking, negotiation, or relationship-building, which are core elements that define the legal profession. Instead, it enhances efficiency, enabling lawyers to focus on higher-value, advisory-driven work that requires insight, creativity, and critical thinking.

The modern legal professional is no longer just a practitioner of law, but a strategic partner, leveraging technology to drive business decisions, manage risk, and create long-term impact.

This transformation is also redefining skill requirements. Legal professionals must adapt by embracing technology, understanding data-driven insights, and developing interdisciplinary expertise that extends beyond traditional legal knowledge.

Ultimately, the future of law lies in collaboration between human intelligence and artificial intelligence, where technology empowers professionals, enhances capabilities, and unlocks new possibilities across the legal ecosystem.

Key Takeaways

- Routine legal tasks are most vulnerable to automation
- Human skills remain irreplaceable
- Technology enhances, not replaces lawyers
- Future lawyers must be tech-enabled

“The future of law is not human vs AI, it is human and AI working together.”

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In-House Legal Counsel, Larsen & Toubro Limited



With **19+ years of experience**, Rajesh Kumar serves in a dual role as **HRBP – Project Sites & In-House Legal Counsel**, overseeing statutory compliances across HR, Industrial Relations (IR), Governance, and Audits. Holding an MBA in Human Resources along with a Law degree, he brings a strong blend of HR and Legal expertise to drive organisational effectiveness.

He specialises in Employment Law, Contract Drafting, Negotiation & Finalisation, Strategic Workforce Planning, and Industrial Relations Management, while advising HR teams on legal and compliance frameworks. Rajesh plays a key role in ensuring **regulatory adherence, risk mitigation**, and fostering a compliant and positive work culture.

"True organisational strength lies in aligning legal compliance with people strategy."



Dr. Paromita Ghosh

Senior Manager, The Duracell Company

Dr. Paromita Ghosh is a seasoned professional leading **global initiatives in intellectual property strategy and competitive intelligence** at The Duracell Company, supporting innovation and long-term growth. With experience across Duracell and GE, she brings a strong technology and strategy perspective to building global innovation pipelines in R&D-driven organisations.

Her work focuses on the impact of **emerging technologies, including AI**, on innovation, technology mapping, and IP portfolio strategy. She holds a **PhD in Battery Technology from Jadavpur University** and contributes actively to the evolving intersection of AI, innovation, and intellectual property.

"True innovation lies in aligning AI, technology, and intellectual property."



Dr. Akshay Kant Chaturvedi

Corporate Head – IPR, Gujarat Fluorochemicals Limited



With over **30+ years of experience**, Dr. Akshay Kant Chaturvedi is an IP-driven scientist and inventor with **200+ patents and publications** across global jurisdictions including the US, Europe, and India. Holding multiple qualifications including D.Sc., Ph.D., MBA, and LL.B., he brings strong expertise in intellectual property, organic chemistry, and pharmaceutical research.

He specialises in **IP strategy, patents, and R&D across APIs, formulations, and specialty chemicals**, including fluoropolymers and EV chemicals. He plays a key role in driving **innovation, IP protection, and regulatory compliance**, and is widely recognised as a speaker at global conferences and industry platforms.

"Innovation thrives where strong research meets robust intellectual property strategy."

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Srikant Parthasarathy

Director – Legal & General Counsel, Zyeta

With **17+ years of experience**, Srikant Parthasarathy is a business-oriented legal leader working across technology, venture capital, commercial contracting, and real-estate-led businesses. Triple-qualified as a Chartered Accountant, Lawyer, and CIMA (UK), he brings a strong blend of legal and financial expertise to support business growth.

He specialises in venture capital transactions, commercial contracting, and governance frameworks, including investment structuring, SHA/SSA documentation, cap table governance, and founder agreements. He plays a key role in ensuring **regulatory compliance, risk mitigation**, and building effective legal frameworks that enable scalable and sustainable operations.

"Strong legal strategy lies in enabling business growth while ensuring governance and risk alignment."



Kiran Ajayakumar

Co-Founder, AI Kyro



With extensive experience in **business development, strategy, and global expansion**, Kiran Ajayakumar has led sales, partnerships, and growth initiatives across international markets. He has managed global accounts including Sephora, Penumbra, Airbus, Honeywell, and ABB, driving strategic collaborations and market expansion.

He specialises in **AI, cybersecurity, GRC, and IP**, and has played a key role in building partnerships, scaling operations, and leading **GTM strategy and business growth**. At AI Kyro, he focuses on delivering **AI-driven solutions that enhance efficiency and enable scalable enterprise growth**, while driving innovation through intelligent automation and data-driven decision-making.

"The future of AI lies in ensuring it behaves with the same integrity it was designed for."



Dolvi Oswal

Legal Tech and Innovation, Zensar Technologies

Dolvi Oswal is a legal professional specialising in **legal operations and legal technology**, with experience across high-growth, YC-backed startups and enterprise environments. She focuses on leveraging **AI and automation** to streamline legal workflows, enhance efficiency, and build scalable legal processes that align with evolving business needs.

Her work sits at the intersection of **law, technology, and business strategy**, driving contract lifecycle management, process optimisation, and operational excellence. She contributes to building **tech-enabled legal frameworks and digital solutions**, supporting transformation initiatives and enabling agile, data-driven legal functions that add strategic value to organisations.

"The future of legal lies in combining technology with strategic thinking to drive efficiency and scale."



Debasish Roychowdhury

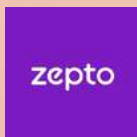
General Counsel, In-Solutions Global Ltd



Debasish Roychowdhury is an award-winning General Counsel with over **22 years of experience** in **governance, legal, risk, and compliance**, spanning corporate governance, M&A, contract management, regulatory compliance, data privacy, and AI ethics. He holds qualifications including Company Secretary, LLM, LLB, and MBA.

He currently serves as **General Counsel and Head of Legal, Compliance, and Secretarial at In-Solutions Global Limited**, leading legal and compliance functions and driving strategic initiatives. A recognised thought leader and speaker, he is known for his insights on **law, technology, and ethics**, enabling organisations to manage risk while supporting innovation and growth.

"Effective governance lies in balancing innovation with strong legal and ethical foundations."



Abhishek Gemawat

Vice President – Legal & Compliance, Zepto

Abhishek Gemawat is an accomplished legal leader with over **13 years of experience across manufacturing, supply chain, and e-commerce sectors**, specialising in legal, compliance, and secretarial functions. He has played a key role in closing **debt and equity fundraising exceeding \$1 billion**, managing complex global structures and leading due diligence for IPOs.

He brings strong expertise in **negotiating complex lending deals, commercial contracts, and regulatory compliance**, covering CCI, FEMA, and consumer laws. As a trusted advisor to leadership, he enables **business growth, risk management, and seamless product launches**, while ensuring a robust and agile compliance framework.

"Strong legal leadership lies in enabling growth while safeguarding business integrity and compliance."



Sathish Kolar Ramamoorthy

General Counsel VP – Legal & Company Secretary,
Manipal Hospitals (MHEL)



With over **25 years of experience**, Sathish Kolar Ramamoorthy is a seasoned legal professional with expertise in corporate and commercial law, M&A, corporate governance, compliance, litigation, and intellectual property rights. He has led key legal initiatives across diverse sectors, bringing strong strategic and regulatory insight.

He brings a **technology-driven perspective to legal strategy**, enabling practical and innovative solutions in complex environments. His experience includes advising multinational corporations, managing investments and risk, and contributing to legal education as a visiting faculty, reflecting his commitment to excellence and continuous learning.

"Effective legal leadership lies in blending legal expertise with innovation to navigate a dynamic business landscape."



Yash Gupta

Senior Associate Consultant, Infosys

Yash Gupta is a technology professional currently serving as a Senior Associate Consultant at Infosys, with experience across leading organisations such as Hitachi and Kent RO Systems Ltd. He brings a strong foundation in **technology, coding, and problem-solving**, applying innovative approaches to real-world challenges.

He is particularly passionate about **AI and its practical applications**, leveraging emerging technologies to drive impact and efficiency across business processes. A B.Tech graduate from Harcourt Butler Technical University, he focuses on building scalable solutions and continuously exploring advancements in the evolving tech landscape.

"Innovation begins with curiosity and is driven by the courage to solve real-world problems."



Reeva Gujral Singhal

Senior Legal Counsel, Reliance Retail Limited



Reeva Gujral Singhal is a seasoned legal professional with nearly **two decades of experience** in **corporate litigation, intellectual property, regulatory advisory, and legal strategy**. She leads the Litigation and IP functions at Reliance Retail Limited, supporting diverse business verticals across retail, fashion, food & beverages, and consumer services.

She oversees **high-stakes litigation, IP portfolio management, and complex regulatory matters**, including M&A, arbitration, consumer disputes, and labour laws. Known for her strategic approach, she plays a key role in **protecting brand assets, mitigating risk, and enabling business growth**.

"Strategic legal frameworks are essential to protect value while enabling sustainable business growth."



Govind Chaturvedi

Legal Counsel, Reliance Retail Limited

Govind Chaturvedi is an in-house legal counsel at Reliance Retail Limited and a **dual-licensed lawyer (India & Canada)** with an LL.M. in Common Law from Osgoode Hall Law School, York University. He brings expertise in **contract negotiations, corporate advisory, and intellectual property**, including trademarks, patents, designs, and copyright.

He has experience in **commercial litigation before the Supreme Court of India** and advises on consumer law, arbitration, telecom regulations, data protection, and social media laws. He is also the founder of Creators Legal and has a keen interest in **technology, privacy, and evolving digital legal frameworks**.

"In a digital world, legal strategy must evolve alongside technology and innovation."



Smitha Chandrashekar

Legal Director, HARMAN International



Smitha Chandrashekar is a seasoned legal leader with over **20+ years of experience** in **contract negotiation, ethics & compliance, employment, privacy, risk management, and litigation**. She has extensive experience managing complex legal environments for multinational organisations, supporting M&A and corporate governance.

She is currently part of the **Global Ethics, Integrity & Privacy (EIP) and Employment team at HARMAN**, driving global compliance, investigations, policy frameworks, and risk management strategies. Known for her strategic approach and leadership, she is recognised for excellence in legal and compliance operations.

"Strong legal leadership is built on integrity, strategy, and the ability to navigate complexity with clarity."

Priyesh Sharma

Assistant Vice President – Legal, Knowledge Realty Trust

Priyesh Sharma is a legal professional with expertise in **mergers & acquisitions, private equity, real estate, asset management, and REITs**, along with experience in foreign investments, venture capital, and real estate financing. He brings a strong foundation in handling complex corporate and transactional matters.

His work spans across **infrastructure financing, employment law, and general corporate advisory**, supporting diverse industries including real estate, e-commerce, pharmaceuticals, finance, manufacturing, FMCG, and funds. He is known for delivering **practical legal solutions that enable business growth and efficient deal execution**.

"Effective legal strategy is key to driving seamless transactions and sustainable business growth."



Prathik Karthikeyan

Chief of Legal Engineering & Growth, LITT



Prathik Karthikeyan leads Legal Engineering and Growth at LITT, working at the intersection of **law and technology** to design scalable and efficient legal systems. With academic experience from Jindal Global Law School and the Universiteit van Amsterdam, his career began in international law at a Hague-based tribunal, building a strong foundation in global legal frameworks.

He has worked closely with leading academicians and transitioned into the startup ecosystem as part of a founding team, gaining hands-on experience in business and growth. Today, he focuses on **legal AI, system design, and scaling legal operations**, contributing actively to India's evolving legal-tech and startup ecosystem.

"The future of legal lies in building systems that evolve with technology and business."



Ritu Bhargava

Lead Managing Associate, Anand and Anand

Ritu Bhargava is an experienced legal professional with a strong background in **corporate law, litigation, and advisory**, with experience in the internet and technology sector. She brings a well-rounded approach to legal practice, combining research, legal assistance, and strategic insight across diverse matters.

She is skilled in **litigation, corporate advisory, and public speaking**, and is known for her structured and solution-oriented approach to legal challenges. A graduate of Gujarat National Law University, she focuses on delivering **practical, business-aligned legal solutions** in complex and evolving environments.

"Strong legal practice is built on clarity, research, and the ability to adapt to evolving challenges."



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Chief Legal Officer,
Star Health and Allied Insurance Co. Ltd



Shihabudin (Shihab) Abdulkhader is a seasoned corporate legal leader with extensive experience in **business transformation, legal strategy, and organisational scaling**. Since 2006, he has led senior roles driving **process innovation, risk reduction, and the establishment of high-performing legal functions** across diverse geographies.

He brings strong expertise in **regulatory compliance, government relations, litigation management, employment law, M&A, and cross-border transactions**, with a commercial, business-focused approach. As a leader, he has built and managed large legal teams, supported strategic initiatives, and enabled growth through **robust governance and operational excellence**.

"Effective legal leadership drives transformation by aligning strategy, risk, and business growth."



Arvin Tamilarasu

Manager – IP & Strategy, Simple Energy

Arvin Tamilarasu is an innovator, engineer, and IP strategist with over **13 years of experience** across **research, development, and technology commercialization**. With a background in mechanical engineering, he specialises in **innovation management, patent strategy, and intellectual property development**, helping translate ideas into commercially viable solutions.

He has expertise in **R&D leadership, IP strategy, technology transfer, and patent commercialization**, and has led initiatives in patent licensing and collaborations with global automotive and technology players. His work focuses on **bridging innovation with market application** and unlocking value from intellectual assets.

"Innovation creates value when ideas are protected, scaled, and brought effectively to market."



Adv. Abhishek Bhatnagar

Founder & Managing Partner, Cyberonics India



Adv. Abhishek Bhatnagar is a distinguished legal professional and Founder of Cyberonics India, a PAN India law firm specialising in **cyber law, cyber forensics, and complex litigation**. A fourth-generation lawyer, he focuses on the evolving intersection of **law and technology**, handling matters involving digital evidence, data breaches, and online fraud.

He brings expertise in **cyber law, criminal litigation, consumer protection, and corporate advisory**, delivering strategic solutions in complex cases. He also actively contributes to the legal ecosystem through **lectures, workshops, and professional engagements**, promoting awareness in emerging areas of cyber law.

"In the digital age, legal excellence lies in adapting swiftly to technology while upholding core principles of justice."



Anvesha Kumar

Director – Legal, JLL India

Anvesha Kumar is Director – Legal at JLL India, leading legal strategy across **real estate infrastructure, consultancy management, and construction operations**. With over a decade of cross-industry experience spanning healthcare, media, technology, and pharmaceuticals, she brings a strong blend of legal and business expertise.

She specialises in **commercial contracts, strategic advisory, and operational excellence**, enabling efficient business processes and risk-managed growth. Known for her practical approach, she plays a key role in aligning legal frameworks with organisational objectives in complex, fast-paced environments.

"Effective legal strategy enables businesses to grow with clarity, confidence, and control."



Ananya Sanyal

Founder – ClarioNya, Legal Strategy You Can Act On



Ananya Sanyal is the Founder of ClarioNya, bringing over **20+ years of experience** as a General Counsel and executive leadership partner across global and India-led organisations. She works closely with founders, boards, and leadership teams at critical stages of **growth, expansion, governance, and strategic transformation**.

Her work sits at the intersection of **law, business strategy, and governance**, enabling leaders to make confident, forward-looking decisions in complex environments. Known for her business-first approach, she focuses on **building resilient organisations and unlocking long-term value**, reflecting the evolving role of legal leaders as strategic partners.

"Legal leadership today is about shaping business strategy, not just advising on risk."



Balasubramanian L

GM & Head – IP, Standards & New Explorations, SUN Mobility

Balasubramanian L ("Bala") is an IP and innovation leader working at the intersection of **engineering, intellectual property, and strategy**. With deep expertise in inventive thinking frameworks, he has led the development of high-impact IP portfolios, enabling 1,000+ patent filings across automotive, electronics, and healthcare sectors.

He specialises in building **end-to-end IP processes, policy frameworks, and innovation ecosystems**, while actively contributing to industry standards and policy with government bodies. His work focuses on enabling organisations to **innovate with clarity, protect with precision, and scale with confidence**.

"Innovation delivers impact when ideas are strategically protected and effectively scaled."



Dr. Shivani Srivastava

Founder, IntevoIP



Dr. Shivani Srivastava is an Intellectual Property strategist, advocate, and registered patent & trademark agent with over **20+ years of experience** helping innovators, startups, universities, and corporates unlock the value of their IP. With a PhD in Bioinformatics and leadership training from IIM Calcutta, she brings a strong blend of **technical expertise, legal insight, and business strategy**.

She specialises in **IP portfolio management, patents, trademarks, due diligence, valuation, and commercialization** across sectors including pharma, biotech, and deep tech. Known for her business-driven approach, she focuses on aligning IP with **innovation, growth, and long-term value creation**.

"Intellectual property is not just about protection, it is about unlocking innovation and driving growth."

Shikhar Kapoor

Assistant Vice President – Legal, Fortune 500 Company

Shikhar Kapoor is an experienced in-house legal professional with over **17 years of expertise in corporate law, intellectual property, contracts, HR, and regulatory compliance**. He brings a strategic approach to managing legal risk and ensuring compliance with both local and international regulations.

He specialises in **developing and implementing legal strategies, policies, and processes** that enhance efficiency, reduce costs, and strengthen compliance frameworks. Known for his structured and business-focused approach, he plays a key role in **protecting organisational interests while enabling performance and growth**.

"Strong legal strategy enables organisations to manage risk while driving sustainable growth."



Palak Jhalani

Legal Counsel, Opptra



Palak Jhalani is a cross-border legal and compliance professional with experience advising **growth-stage startups across India, Southeast Asia, and the GCC**. At Opptra, she focuses on **company setup, governance, cross-border structuring, and multi-jurisdictional compliance**, supporting businesses in scaling across global markets.

She specialises in **commercial agreements, regulatory advisory, data privacy, and product compliance**, handling a wide range of contracts including distribution, logistics, licensing, and vendor agreements. Known for her practical and business-oriented approach, she helps organisations navigate **complex international legal and compliance frameworks**.

"Modern legal strategy is about enabling global growth while managing regulatory complexity effectively."



Divya Chandrasekaran

Founder & Managing Counsel, iPact Legal

Divya Chandrasekaran is the Founder & Managing Counsel of iPact Legal, a boutique practice focused on **corporate advisory, commercial contracts, and intellectual property**. With nearly **15 years of experience** across law firms and in-house legal roles, she brings a strong blend of legal expertise, strategic insight, and business-oriented thinking across diverse sectors.

She works closely with leadership teams and general counsel offices on **contract structuring, risk assessment, and scalable legal frameworks**. Her practice also focuses on **intellectual property strategy and portfolio management**, helping organisations effectively protect, strengthen, and commercially leverage their IP assets.

"Strong legal frameworks are built by balancing business priorities with practical risk management."



Usha Lakshmipathaiah

Partner, Krishnamurthy & Co. (K Law)



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Usha Lakshmipathaiah is a Partner at Krishnamurthy & Co. (K Law), Bengaluru, with over a decade of experience in **dispute resolution and advisory work**. She represents businesses, individuals, and startups across **commercial and civil disputes, intellectual property litigation, insolvency (IBC), arbitration, and labour matters**, with a strong focus on delivering effective and timely outcomes.

She regularly appears before **trial courts and the High Court of Karnataka**, bringing a strategic and detail-oriented approach to litigation and advisory. A graduate of Gujarat National Law University, she is known for delivering **practical, solution-oriented legal counsel** in complex and high-stakes matters.

"Effective advocacy lies in combining legal precision with practical problem-solving."



Zuber Syed

Founder & Managing Partner, Zuber & Partners

Zuber Syed is an Advocate and Founder & Managing Partner at Zuber & Partners, a Hyderabad-based business law practice. He advises businesses, promoters, and international clients on **corporate law, transactions, regulatory matters, and disputes**, delivering strategic and commercially aligned legal solutions across sectors.

His work centres on **complex business and technology-driven matters**, including cross-border operations, data protection, cybersecurity, and regulatory risk. Known for his structured and business-focused approach, he enables organisations to navigate **high-stakes environments with clarity, precision, and confidence**, supporting sustainable growth and compliance.

"Strategic legal advisory is key to navigating complexity and enabling confident business decisions."



Gaurav Sahay

Founder, Arthashastra Legal



Arthashastra Legal



Gaurav Sahay is the Founder of Arthashastra Legal and a seasoned legal professional with over **20+ years of experience** across **technology, corporate and commercial transactions, M&A, private equity, employment law, and real estate**. He has advised Indian and international clients, bringing a strong blend of **legal precision and commercial insight**.

He specialises in **technology-driven transactions, data protection, and corporate advisory**, including SaaS and cloud agreements, joint ventures, and cross-border strategies. Known for his pragmatic and solution-oriented approach, he enables businesses to **navigate complex regulatory environments and drive sustainable growth**.

"Effective legal counsel blends strategic insight with practical execution to drive business success."



Arthashastra Legal

Varsha Tomar

Senior Associate, Arthashastra Legal

Varsha Tomar is a legal professional with experience across **litigation and corporate advisory**, bringing a balanced perspective to legal strategy and dispute resolution. She began her career in litigation, handling matters involving **white-collar crime, civil disputes, and personal law**, building a strong foundation in legal processes and enforcement.

She specialises in **contract drafting, company incorporations, and governance frameworks**, supporting clients across commercial and regulatory matters. Known for her pragmatic and detail-oriented approach, she focuses on aligning **legal strategy with business objectives** to enable effective and compliant growth.

"Strong legal thinking comes from understanding both the letter of the law and the realities of business."



Rishabh Gandhi

Founder, Rishabh Gandhi and Advocates



Rishabh Gandhi is an Advocate, Arbitrator, and former Trial Court Judge with over **15+ years of experience** in **commercial, arbitration, construction, infrastructure, real estate, and contractual disputes**. He is a member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb), London, and is empanelled with leading ADR institutions.

He regularly appears in **arbitration proceedings and related court matters**, and also serves as an arbitrator in both ad hoc and institutional cases. He has contributed to legal publications on **arbitration, mediation, and emerging areas such as AI in dispute resolution**, reflecting his continued engagement with evolving legal frameworks and best practices.

"Dispute resolution is most effective when it delivers clarity, efficiency, and finality."



Shashank S

Senior Business Analyst – ESG, InCorp India

Shashank S is a professional working in the **ESG and sustainability domain**, with experience in **BRSR reporting, analysis, and auditing** for top listed entities in India. With a background in **commerce, law, and finance**, he brings a multidisciplinary perspective to corporate governance and sustainability practices.

He has a strong interest in **ESG frameworks, corporate governance, and regulatory alignment**, focusing on the interplay between the letter and spirit of compliance. Known for his analytical and business-oriented mindset, he is passionate about driving **sustainable and responsible business practices**, while continuously building expertise in the evolving ESG landscape.

"The true impact of governance lies in balancing compliance with purpose."



G.V. Anand Bhushan

Board Member, American International School Chennai



G.V. Anand Bhushan is the **Founder of Bhushan Rajaram** and a dual-qualified lawyer (India & California) with over **20+ years of experience across corporate, technology, intellectual property, disputes, and regulatory matters**. He brings a strong blend of law firm leadership and in-house General Counsel experience, advising global organisations and high-growth businesses.

His expertise includes **cross-border M&A, commercial contracts, technology and IP transactions, data privacy, and compliance**. He has held leadership roles at Cognizant (APAC), Meta, and Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas, and is known for his **practical, business-focused legal approach**.

"Strong legal leadership combines deep expertise with a practical understanding of business and global complexity."



Saloni Agara Dwarakanath

AVP & Head of Legal, India, Apex Group Ltd

Saloni Agara Dwarakanath leads legal strategy at the intersection of **regulation, business growth, and governance**, partnering with leadership teams to enable informed and commercially sound decision-making. She brings a strong focus on aligning legal frameworks with business objectives in dynamic environments.

Beyond her role, she is an active speaker on **leadership, legal strategy, and the evolving role of in-house counsel**, and mentors students and professionals on building confidence, executive presence, and purposeful careers. She is known for her **practical, forward-thinking approach to legal leadership**.

"Legal leadership is about enabling bold decisions with clarity, confidence, and sound judgment."



Arunabh Choudhary

Co-Founding Partner, LawKNIT Partners



Arunabh Choudhary is the Co-Founding Partner of LawKNIT Partners, a Bengaluru-based technology-driven law firm focused on combining **legal expertise with intelligent technology integration**. Through LawKNIT, he works on building innovative legal solutions that deliver efficient, business-oriented outcomes for clients across sectors.

He has extensive experience in **general corporate advisory, technology law, fintech regulations, transactional structuring, regulatory compliance, and commercial negotiations**. He advises technology companies, startups, financial institutions, and investment funds, while actively driving **legal-tech innovation and modern legal service delivery**.

"The future of legal services lies in combining legal insight with technology-driven innovation."



Ankita Sabharwal

Partner, Chadha & Chadha Advocates & IP Attorneys

Ankita Sabharwal is a Partner at Chadha & Chadha Advocates & IP Attorneys, where she heads the firm's **Data Privacy Practice**. She is a technology, data privacy, and intellectual property lawyer with extensive experience advising global and domestic clients on regulatory and commercial matters involving innovation and emerging technologies.

Her expertise includes **DPDPA, GDPR compliance, cybersecurity, AI governance, cross-border data transfers, and privacy frameworks**. She also advises on **IP protection, technology transactions, and digital business compliance**, helping organisations navigate evolving regulatory landscapes with practical legal solutions.

"In the digital era, effective legal strategy lies in balancing innovation, privacy, and responsible governance."



Krishna Chellapilla

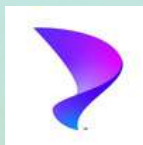
Head – Patents, Prosecution & Copyrights,
Tata Consultancy Services



Krishna Chellapilla has nearly **25 years of experience** across diverse aspects of **Intellectual Property Rights**, and currently leads the Patents, Prosecution & Copyright functions at Tata Consultancy Services (TCS). His primary focus is on creating, managing, and protecting TCS intellectual property assets across global jurisdictions.

He specialises in **patent prosecution, examiner interviews, and oral proceedings** before the European Patent Office (EPO) and the US Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO). He brings extensive expertise in managing complex global patent portfolios and driving strategic IP protection initiatives. Prior to joining TCS, he led an India-based law firm and also worked with a US-based law firm as an IP attorney.

"Strong intellectual property strategy transforms innovation into long-term business value."



Harish Kumar Racha

Manager – IP Intelligence, Danaher Corporation

Harish Kumar Racha is an IP and analytics professional with over **10 years of experience in patent research, biotechnology innovation, and intellectual property strategy**. He currently leads the IP Intelligence function at Danaher Corporation, where he has built and scaled teams focused on patent search, landscape analysis, and portfolio strategy.

His expertise includes **Freedom-to-Operate (FTO), patentability, invalidity, and sequence-based searches**, along with advising on IP risks, white space analysis, and R&D strategy. With academic backgrounds in biotechnology and law, he brings a unique ability to bridge **science, legal strategy, and business objectives**.

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DR. SHIVANI SHRIVASTAVA Founder | IntevoIP

Dr. Shivani Shrivastava is a distinguished intellectual property leader known for enabling innovation-driven growth and strategic IP value creation across industries. With over two decades of experience, she has played a pivotal role in helping organizations protect, scale, and commercialize their IP assets.

Through IntevoIP, she continues to drive business-focused IP strategies, empowering startups and enterprises to transform innovation into sustainable competitive advantage.

 **LEGAL COUNSEL OF THE
YEAR (FEMALE)**



SHRI UTSAV VAID Manager (Legal) | Petronet LNG Limited

Shri Utsav Vaid is a seasoned legal professional with over 9 years of experience, currently serving as Manager (Legal). He specialises in regulatory frameworks governing oil, gas, and infrastructure, with a strong focus on contractual and dispute resolution matters.

He has proven expertise in drafting, litigation strategy, arbitration proceedings, and stakeholder management across diverse business functions. Known for delivering pragmatic legal solutions, he supports informed decision-making while ensuring risk mitigation and maintaining the highest standards of professional excellence.

 **LEGAL COUNSEL OF THE
YEAR – ENERGY SERVICES**

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RISHABH GANDHI

Founder | Rishabh Gandhi and Advocates

Rishabh Gandhi is a distinguished arbitration practitioner with strong expertise in commercial, infrastructure, and contractual disputes. As Founder of Rishabh Gandhi and Advocates, he has developed a focused practice centred on arbitration and dispute resolution.

He is known for his structured approach to complex disputes, representing clients in both institutional and ad hoc arbitrations. He is a member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CI Arb), London, and is empanelled with leading ADR institutions, and regularly appears in arbitration proceedings and related court matters.



**DISTINGUISHED ARBITRATION
PRACTITIONER OF THE YEAR**



SMITHA CHANDRASHEKAR

Legal Director | HARMAN International

Smitha Chandrashekar is a distinguished legal leader with over two decades of experience in governance, risk, and compliance, strengthening ethical and regulatory frameworks within global organizations. At HARMAN, she contributes to advancing ethics, integrity, and employment practices, enabling resilient and accountable business practices.

Her career reflects a strong focus on strategic leadership, operational excellence, and building robust compliance cultures. She is also actively engaged in industry and pro bono initiatives.



**LEGAL EXPERT OF THE YEAR – GRC
(GOVERNANCE, RISK &
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**RISING STAR OF THE YEAR
– DATA PRIVACY**

ANKITA SABHARWAL

Partner | Chadha & Chadha Advocates & IP Attorneys

Ankita Sabharwal is recognised for her contributions to data privacy and technology law in India. As Head of the Data Privacy Practice at Chadha & Chadha Advocates & IP Attorneys, she advises organisations on privacy governance, DPDPA and GDPR compliance, cross-border data transfers, cybersecurity, and digital risk management.

Recognised in the Women's Power Listing 2026, Ankita is known for delivering commercially practical legal solutions across emerging technologies, AI governance, and innovation-driven business models.



**LEGAL COUNSEL OF THE
YEAR (MALE)**

RAJESH KUMAR

In-House Legal Counsel | Larsen & Toubro Limited

Rajesh Kumar is recognised for his strong contribution to legal compliance, governance, and workforce strategy within complex project environments. Serving in a dual role across HRBP–Project Sites and In-House Legal Counsel functions, he brings extensive experience in employment law, industrial relations, compliance management, and contract negotiations.

Known for aligning legal compliance with people strategy, Rajesh plays a key role in supporting organisational governance, risk mitigation, and operational effectiveness across large-scale business functions.

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SHRI PIYUSH SINGH

Dy. Manager (Legal) | Petronet LNG Limited

Shri Piyush Singh is a legal and public policy professional currently serving as Deputy Manager (Legal) at Petronet LNG Limited. He specialises in regulatory compliance, policy analysis, and legal advisory, with strong expertise in statutory interpretation and regulatory frameworks.

He plays a key role in supporting regulatory matters, drafting legal and policy documents, and ensuring compliance in a dynamic business environment. He has previously been associated with organizations such as MSL India and Godrej Industries, bringing diverse industry experience to his role.



**LEGAL COUNSEL OF THE
YEAR – INFRASTRUCTURE**



IntevoIP

Intellectual Property & Strategy Advisory

IntevoIP is a full-service Intellectual Property and strategy advisory firm delivering business-focused solutions across patents, trademarks, and portfolio management. The firm supports startups, SMEs, and corporates in protecting, managing, and maximizing the value of their intellectual assets.

With a strong focus on practical and commercially aligned strategies, IntevoIP enables organizations to convert innovation into a competitive advantage, driving sustainable growth and long-term value creation across industries.



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With a focus on clarity, strategy, and execution, the practice delivers commercially aligned legal solutions across sectors, including technology, infrastructure, and cross-border operations. The firm is known for its responsive approach, partner-led engagement, and ability to handle complex, multi-jurisdictional matters.



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**LEGAL TEAM OF THE YEAR
– ENERGY SERVICES**

PETRONET LNG LTD – LAW DEPARTMENT

Petronet LNG Limited is one of India's leading and fastest-growing companies in the energy sector, operating LNG receiving and regasification terminals at Dahej, Gujarat and Kochi, Kerala, with a combined capacity of 27.5 MMTPA. The company plays a significant role in meeting the country's gas demand and accounts for a substantial share of LNG imports in India.

As a joint venture of BPCL, GAIL, IOCL, and ONGC, Petronet LNG is at the forefront of strengthening India's energy security. With ongoing expansion initiatives and strategic projects, the company continues to drive growth, efficiency, and long-term value in the energy sector.



DR VINAY NARAYAN PARANJAPE

**Chief Legal Officer (GGM &
President – Legal),
Petronet LNG Limited**

LEADERSHIP SPOTLIGHT

Dr. Vinay Narayan Paranjape is a seasoned legal professional with over 30 years of experience, including more than two decades in the energy and hydrocarbon sector. He has held leadership roles at Power Grid Corporation and has worked with organizations such as REC, GAIL, Adani, ThyssenKrupp, and Kirloskar.

He holds dual doctorates in Environmental Chemistry and Law (LL.D.) and specializes in energy laws, contracts, arbitration, and regulatory frameworks. He is also a member of leading arbitration bodies and has contributed to legal education and industry forums.



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01 A company's AI system independently creates a patentable invention.

Who owns the patent rights? _____

03 Two companies legally use identical trademarks simultaneously.

How is this possible? _____

05 A startup trains its AI model using copyrighted material without permission.

Under what doctrine could this still be defended legally? _____

07 A contract exists, consideration exists, and signatures exist — yet the agreement is void.

Why? _____

09 A company loses protection over its trade secret.

Why? _____

02 A contract signed digitally is legally challenged despite valid consent.

On what grounds could this happen? _____

04 A witness tells the truth in court, yet the testimony is rejected.

Why? _____

06 A company copies a competitor's product design exactly but wins the lawsuit.

How? _____

08 A lawyer argues a case without speaking a single word in court — and still wins.

How? _____

10 An AI-drafted contract is signed by both parties but remains unenforceable.

Why? _____

Answers

01 — Depends on jurisdiction and inventorship laws.

02 — Fraud, coercion, lack of authentication, or procedural defects.

03 — Different trademark classes/jurisdictions.

04 — Inadmissible hearsay or procedural violation.

05 — Fair use/fair dealing arguments.

06 — The design lacked enforceable protection.

07 — Illegal object/purpose or incapacity.

08 — The lawyer submitted written arguments/evidence.

09 — It failed to keep the information confidential.

10 — The agreement violated legal requirements or public policy.



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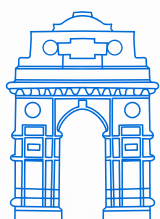
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