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- / Technology and Media Law
- / Corporate/Commercial Law
- / Tax Law
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- / Data Protection Practice
- / Environment Law
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- / Labour Law
- / Sports Law

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- / Technology & Software
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- / IoT and AI/ML
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- / Food and Healthcare
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### **Tarun Khurana (Partner and Patent Attorney - Software/Electronics/Mechanical Group)**

Tarun has over 20 years of experience in a broad range of Intellectual Property (IP) subject matters, and is the Co-Founding Partner and Patent Attorney of Khurana & Khurana (K&K) and of its Patent Research and IP Asset Management Firm, IIPRD, both of which are among the Leading IP and Commercial Law Practices with 10 Offices in India, and over 220 Professionals. The firms also have regional offices in US, GCC/UAE, Thailand, Indonesia, Vietnam, Myanmar, Bangladesh, Malaysia, Sri Lanka, and Nepal. Tarun is ranked among the top Patent Prosecution Practitioners in India by IAM 1000 (and also by IAM 300 Strategists), and focuses on Patent Portfolio Management, Litigation, Valuation and IP Commercialization mandates for numerous Indian and International Corporates ranging from Small Start-ups to Fortune 500 companies including Reliance Jio, Sun Pharma, NATCO, Accenture, Imagination Technologies, Huawei, Indian Oil Corporation, Xiaomi, ABB, ZTE, Fujitsu, Kyocera, SABIC, Indian Institute of Technology (Delhi/Guwahati/Roorkee/Palakkad/Indore/Hyderabad), Emerson, Daimler, Cadence, Airbus, L&T, Glenmark, Simon, IISc, Marico, UPL, Avery Dennison, among many others.

Tarun has a strong experience in Patent Drafting in the domain of Computer Networking and has drafted over 5000 applications in aggregate till date, a strong portion of which are based in the Semiconductor, Networking, Engineering, Database, Cloud, E-commerce, Security and Telecom domains.

Tarun focuses on Electronics, Telecom, Computer Implemented, and Mechanical subject matters, and has also worked with Corporates/Institutes across other technical and business domains as well. He has, apart from handling Indian and International Clients for filing and prosecution matters in India, also actively assisted numerous US and European Law and Licensing Firms and Corporates in providing Patent Support Services such as Conducting Patent Searches, Preparing Claim Charts, Preparing Specifications / responses to office actions, undertaking Landscape/Analytics, E-Discovery Support among other like mandates that IIPRD focuses on. Tarun is well versed with US, EP, and Indian Patent Laws. Tarun has a Bachelors in Computer Science Engineering from Pune University, a Masters in Software Systems from BITS Pilani, Bachelors in Law, an MBA from IIM Lucknow, and is in pursuit of his

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**Meenakshi Khurana (Partner and Patent Attorney - Pharmaceutical-Life Sciences Practice Group)**

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Abhishek is a Partner and an ardent promoter and believer of IPR and has worked in different areas of IPR over a stretch of 15 years as an IP practitioner, entrepreneur, legal expert and a trainer. Abhishek has dealt with various types of IPR matters including Patent Searches, Patent Drafting, Patent Prosecution, Patent Commercialization, Trademark Litigation, Domain Name Dispute Resolution with UDRP, Copyright and Database Infringement Counselling. He started his stint in Intellectual Property with Evalueserve where he worked with several multinationals on their IPR projects, after which he joined Netscribes India to develop their in-house IP team. In 2010 he decided to take a plunge and started his own IPR solutions firm closer2patents, which supported over 300 clients in 16 countries having completed over 1000 IPR projects and is now a part of Khurana & Khurana after a strategic acquisition, making Abhishek a partner and head of Mumbai office of Khurana & Khurana. He also undertakes several IP training & awareness programs at colleges, NGOS and government institutes and is a faculty for IPR at the ICS, Thane of India & MSME Institute, and in his quest to strengthen the IP ecosystem has made submissions to the Governments of India & Japan. He has the distinction of being invited consecutively for the President of India's National awards for his patent pending inventions. In terms of qualification, he is a B.Tech-Chemical from UDCT and a practicing lawyer and a registered Patent Agent.

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Sharat has owned and implemented critical processes for IP departments across geographies for Patent Portfolio Development for fortune 100 companies. He introduced innovative business models for optimum utilization of in-house patent resources and outside counsel resources over a significant scale (# assets >5000) and successfully collaborated with multiple stakeholders to execute such models.

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Anubhav specializes in streamlining complex and multilayered transactions and has successfully advised many clients, ranging from Fortune 500 Companies to MSMEs, Startups, High Net-worth Individuals, etc. to achieve a tax efficient and legally compliant position for their high value transactions. Anubhav has extensive experience in conducting due diligence and legal and tax reviews.



Anubhav regularly assists his clients during their routine assessment proceedings and subsequent appellate proceedings, filing of refund claims, etc. He also assists his clients during various audits and reviews conducted by Indirect Tax Authorities, etc. Anubhav also assists and represents his clients during investigation proceedings conducted by Revenue and Intelligence Authorities. Further, he has assisted multiple clients during proceedings initiated under the Prohibition of Benami Property Transactions Act, 1988.

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Anubhav also possesses considerable experience in drafting and vetting of strategic documents to help businesses mitigate tax and legal complications.

Anubhav is a practicing Advocate, alumnus of the prestigious Campus Law Centre, Faculty of Law, University of Delhi. Additionally, he is a qualified Chartered Accountant, Cost Accountant, and a certified Information System Auditor (ISA-ICAI), and appears regularly before the Tax Tribunals, NCLT, High Courts & Commercial Courts.

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She has worked extensively in Drug Discovery research and was actively involved in designing novel NCE's with desired Biological and Physiochemical properties, their Chemical Synthesis, Optimization, Lead Determination and Scale ups. She has several discovery patents to her credit. The successful NCE's from one metabolic disorder projects is under clinical development. In addition to Drug Discovery experience, she has also CRO experience in handling FTE/FSS work for national as well as international clients. She has doctorate degree in chemistry from Panjab University, Chandigarh. She was recipient of University Gold medal in M. Sc (Hons), Chemistry and B. Sc (Hons), Chemistry from Panjab University, Chandigarh. She has done several advanced Intellectual Property Courses from WIPO and also holds a Post Graduate Diploma in Patents Law from NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad.

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He has an extensive experience in conducting Investigation & Litigation and has represented numerous corporate for devising their Prosecution and Litigation Strategies. Amarjeet also provides valuable and strategic advice in preparing various commercial contracts and agreements, explaining the companies on various contract conditions, ensuring that the contract made is in compliance with legal requirements, government regulations.

He has deep insight into the real estate issues and has successfully carried out the due diligence of various Real Estate Projects, and has been advising clients on strategies regarding Real Estate issues. His key areas of practice include: Infrastructure & Real Estate laws, Commercial & Civil laws.

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She has handled matters pertaining to Intellectual Property Rights disputes; commercial disputes, including contractual disputes and interpretation of contracts, recovery of dues, claim for damages; also represented Banks for recovery of their dues before the Debt Recovery Tribunals, under DRT Act as well as under SARFAESI Act, including recovery suits on behalf of Banks and matters relating to negotiable instruments, pledges etc. on behalf of Banks; Company law, which includes oppression and mismanagement, Insolvency, rectification of register etc.; invoking and/or defending on behalf of corporates as well as individuals involving Writ jurisdiction of High Court and Supreme Court of India; labour and service matters; matters pertaining to Consumer law involving deficiency in service and/or defect in goods.

She brings many years of expertise in drafting various agreements, and contract documentation, which include Assignment deeds, Share Purchase Agreement, Distributor Agreement, Leases, Licenses, Memorandum of Understanding, Family Settlement Agreements, Power of Attorneys, Wills, Gift Deed etc.

### **Chhavi Pande (Principal Associate – Litigation, Banking & POSH)**

Chhavi is a Principal Associate in the Litigation Department with Khurana and Khurana Advocates and IP Attorneys. She brings with her more than 17 years of experience in the Legal domain. She has extensively been handling matters related to Banking Law, Cyber laws, Labour law, Employment matters, Family disputes, Consumer Disputes, Criminal and POSH. She has also worked extensively on drafting and vetting of various Contracts and Agreements related to Intellectual Property laws, Non-Disclosure

Agreements, drafting legal notices, rejoinders, lease agreements, employment contracts, commercial contracts, providing legal opinions etc.

She is POSH Trainer and empaneled as an external member of the Internal Complaints Committee (ICC) with various Indian and International clients. She has conducted more than 100 plus awareness sessions, trainings and workshops for the employees and ICC members on “The Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013”. She has imparted trainings to the ICC members on their roles and responsibilities as ICC members, addressing the POSH Complaints, preparation and submission of Annual report, Impact of Sexual harassment at workplace and the consequences of non-compliance under the POSH Act. Besides these, Chhavi regularly renders training sessions to Employees of multiple companies across India on wide range of topics such as POSH, POCSO, Labour Law, Cyber Laws, Intellectual Property Laws inter alia.

Chhavi regularly writes blogs and articles to spread the awareness on the POSH Act and varied topics of Law. Chhavi has worked with companies like Shotam Consultants, SPI Offshore Pvt. Ltd., SP Info Systems, Global Energy Talent, SKE&C, Phoenix Global Trade Solutions Pvt Ltd., and PS Legal Advocates and Consultants. She has done her PGDHRM from XLRI, MSc [Forestry], LLB and LLM.

### **Rishi Vohra (Principal Associate – Litigation)**

Rishi is working as a Principal Associate - Litigation at Khurana & Khurana. He graduated from Institute of Law, Kurukshetra University in 2014 and started his career in the field of Criminal as well as Civil Litigation and in a short span of 8 years has earned a good position in the legal fraternity. Rishi has been an integral part of the litigation practice and also has experience ranges from handling complex Commercial/Civil litigation to managing volume litigation and regulatory compliance. His core area pertains to Commercial Litigation, Insolvency & Bankruptcy, Property Law, Companies Act, Contract Act, Arbitration, Recovery of Debts Act and various aspects of Criminal Law etc. His clients regularly seek him for high value disputes that require a tailored and out-of-the-box approach.

Rishi is actively involved in Arbitration, Civil as well as Commercial litigations. Apart from regularly appearing before the Supreme Court of India, and the High Court of Delhi, he also has been appearing before various High Courts of India as well as before various district courts/forums/tribunals/quasi-judicial authorities in and around Delhi.

Rishi has established a robust network with several lawyers and counsels all over India (ranging from remote districts to various metropolitan cities) to effectively manage contentious issues/litigation as well as ensuring legal compliance and due diligence for various clients. He is also a member of Delhi High Court Bar Association, Delhi Bar Association (Tis Hazari) & New Delhi Bar Association (Patiala House).

### **Rajat Sabu (Senior Associate - Litigation)**

Rajat is a Senior Associate in the Litigation Department of Khurana & Khurana, Advocates & IP Attorneys. Enrolled with the Bar Council of Delhi, he carries a total of 8 years of work experience in Legal as well as in the field of Administration & Management. Being extensively involved in Litigation, he is engaged in dealing with Constitutional Matters, Commercial disputes, Recovery matters, Insolvency Proceedings & Litigation pertaining to Oppression-Mismanagement, to name a few. In addition to the same, he carries over 6 years of experience in drafting bespoke contracts and providing Legal Advisory to the Clients both, in India as well as abroad. Furthermore, he has vast experience in Assisting & Briefing Senior Counsels for a wide array of matters listed before the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, High Court of Delhi, NCLT, NCLAT, RERA, PMLA, to name a few. To give brief insights into his academic background, he is a B.A. (Hons) History graduate from Sri Venkateswara College, University of Delhi and secured Rank-II in the same, post which, he pursued L.LB from University of Delhi and graduated in the year 2017.

**Arjun Santhosh (Senior Associate - Litigation)**

Arjun Santhosh is a Senior Associate in the Litigation practice of Khurana and Khurana and IIPRD and has over 6 years' experience in litigation and arbitration practice. He has represented several corporate and institutions in litigations before various courts and tribunals and is also involved in various arbitrations (ad-hoc and institutional). In many disputes, Arjun have acted as both briefing counsel and lead counsel conducting trial and arguments before various courts and tribunals. He has represented clients in several actions for interim relief, the challenge of arbitral award and constitution of arbitral tribunals.

Arjun has gathered considerable experience and expertise in handling various corporate and commercial disputes, ad-hoc and institutional arbitrations, white collar criminal proceedings, writ petitions, corporate insolvency, employment matters, consumer disputes, indirect tax disputes and like.

Some of his recent work includes handling a hotly contested property dispute matter on behalf a leading builder in connection with their dispute at an ongoing apartment project situated in Bangalore, handling criminal proceedings arising out of sexual harassment and an appeal for leading agro company in a software code dispute. In the beginning of his practice, he has acted as a briefing counsel for a public sector company in a group of writ petitions before the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala regarding compensation for land acquired under Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013.

Before joining Khurana and Khurana, Arjun was with J Sagar Associates at their Bangalore office.

**Snigdha Singh (Senior Associate - Litigation)**

Snigdha is a Senior Associate at Khurana & Khurana in the Litigation Department. She graduated from Damodaram Sanjivayya National Law University, Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh in 2018. She is a gold medallist in Property Law and Family Law. Since graduation, Snigdha has focused on myriad areas of litigation including but not limited to pre-litigation advice, strategizing, correspondences drafting, filing and handling of matters w.r.t. to Show Cause Notices under Black Money Act, 2015 & prosecution under Income Tax Act, 1961; Summons under Customs Act, 1962 w.r.t. Gold & NDPS Transactions, quashing of First Information Reports; Writ Petitions, Appeals; Anticipatory Bail applications, regular bail applications, matrimonial disputes, and other commercial proceedings etc. Snigdha has extensive experience in handling matters at the Supreme Court including Special Leave Petitions, Civil Appeals etc. She also has extensive experience in disputes related to Arbitration & Conciliation Act, 1996. Snigdha has presided as a Panellist in 9th Intra Moot Court Competition, DSNLU, Visakhapatnam. She has also headed the drafting of the moot proposition for 1st IILM National Moot Court Competition 2022 by IILM Law School, Gurugram. Snigdha has authored papers titled "Economic Implications of National Food Security Act, 2013 and its International Trade Impacts" and "Gender Justice: Victimization without a Cause". In the span of more than 4 years, Snigdha has honed her skills in various aspects of civil, commercial and arbitration disputes. She is known for her diligence and sincerity. As her passion, she keeps her boat afloat in Litigation by working for Human Rights issues viz-à-viz Public Interest Litigations, Domestic Disputes etc.

**R. Hemavathi (Senior Associate - Litigation)**

Hemavathi is a Senior Associate working with the Litigation team at Khurana and Khurana. She graduated from Government Law College, Chengalpattu, Tamil Nadu in the year 2018. She completed her masters in IPR from the Madras University in 2021. Hemavathi is also enrolled in the Tamil Nadu State Bar Council. She has gathered considerable amount experience in the field of civil and commercial litigations, Banking, Insolvency matters, family disputes, Labour and Service cases and real estate matters. She has argued many cases before High Court, Debt Recovery Tribunals, National Company Law Tribunal, Sub-ordinate courts, Real Estate Regulatory Authority. She has 5 years' experience in litigation.

**Ishita Tiwari (Senior Associate – Compliance & Regulatory Practices)**

Ishita is a Senior Associate in the Compliance and Regulatory Department at Khurana & Khurana with over 8 years of experience in the Consulting Industry. She has a rich experience in setting up of business in India, delivery and management – Corporate Law, FEMA Compliances, Company secretarial matters, Corporate Governance, Risk management, RBI Compliance, ESG and CSR Compliance, NDA. Ishita is also pursuing Law Degree from Allahabad State University.

Ishita is also skilled in Corporate Secretarial functions including various corporate law, Drafting Agreements, Preparing Agenda for Meetings, Minutes, Register Maintenance, Incorporation of new companies (Foreign Subsidiary, Private, Public Non-Profit Organization, Nidhi, and Producer Companies), Preparing Annual, Filing forms, FC-FPR, FC-TRS,FLA, KYC Compliance, Shareholder Agreements, Due Diligence, Secretarial Audit, and other statute based on requirements.

Ishita also has rich experience of providing Secretarial Compliance and Legal Advisory on retainership basis.

**Harsh Sharma (Associate - Litigation)**

Harsh is an Associate working with the Litigation Team at Khurana and Khurana. He graduated in the year 2020 with a B.A.LLB (Hons.) Degree from M.S University of Baroda and is provisionally enrolled with the State Bar Council of Gujarat. During his undergraduate course he has interned extensively in the areas of Dispute Resolution and Litigation, including with firms like Karanjawala & Co. He has previously also interned with the Trademarks & Copyright Team at Khurana and Khurana where he worked exclusively in the field of Trademark Prosecution. He is sufficiently skilled in carrying out Legal Research and Legal Drafting.

**Nishank Barolia (Associate - Litigation)**

Nishak is an Associate working with the Litigation Team, at Khurana and Khurana. His expertise lies in Real Estate Litigations, with a specialization in RERA, as well as proficiency in Commercial Litigation, Insurance, Industrial and Consumer Disputes, Civil Litigation, Family Disputes, Aviation Law, Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, MSME Claims, and Arbitration. With a strong background in Civil Litigation, Nishank has appeared in diverse matters including those before the Real Estate Authority and various Consumer Commissions dealing with service deficiencies and product defects. He has represented clients in forums ranging from the City Civil Court to the National Company Law Tribunal, as well as before the Metropolitan Magistrate Court, invoking and defending on behalf of both corporates and individuals. His practice extends to the Writ jurisdiction of the Bombay High Court and the Supreme Court of India. In his current capacity, Nishank leads the Litigation practice at the Mumbai Office and excels in drafting a range of agreements and contract documentation including Leases, Licenses, Memorandum of Understanding, Family Settlement Agreements, Power of Attorneys, Wills, and Gift Deeds. He also offers expertise in vetting documents, conducting legal research, preparing arguments, and responding to legal notices. Nishank's adeptness in formulating legal strategies and providing sound advice ensures the best representation for clients. Leveraging his extensive experience and profound knowledge, he consistently strives to deliver favorable outcomes and contributes significantly to the success of the legal team at Khurana and Khurana Advocates and IP Attorneys.

**Medha Banta (Associate - Media and Entertainment Law)**

Medha is an Associate working with the Media & Entertainment law team at Khurana & Khurana. She is well qualified in the area of Intellectual Property Laws with a specialisation in music and copyrights. She holds a Masters degree in IPR and Technology Laws from Jindal Global Law School, Sonapat and has done IPR certification courses from WIPO and Harvard Law School. She has previously worked with various artists and production houses of the film and music industry. Her area of practice focuses on handling transactions related to music, entertainment, media and copyright laws.

**Harsha Aswani (Associate – Corporate/ Media and Entertainment)**

Harsha Aswani is an Associate working with Corporate and Media & Entertainment Team at Khurana & Khurana Advocates and IP Attorneys. She is actively involved in drafting, vetting, structuring and summarising various Agreements related to Intellectual Property and Commercial Agreements. She has a hands on experience of working on Agreements related to Media & Entertainment Laws, inter-alia to name a few, Option Agreements, Showrunners Agreement, Talent Management Agreements, Artist Endorsement Agreements, Celebrity Service Agreements, Line Production Agreements, In-Film/Show Integration Agreements, Exploitation of Satellite Rights Agreements, Production Agreements. In her brief association with Advocate Ritisha Mukherjee, Attorney Media & Entertainment Law, she assisted in conducting script clearance, OTT Compliances, and drafting of Domestic and Overseas Film Distribution Agreements, Music Distribution Agreements, Legal opinions, amongst others. Currently, she is also handling compliance mandates for Start-ups and R&D entities, including Applications for DSIR Recognition, SIRO Recognition, and Application for use of Make in India logo.

Harsha has an LL.M. in IPR from National Law University, Jodhpur, and earned a “Gold-Medal” for her exemplary performance. She is a WIPO alumna and was honoured to be one of the top 52 candidates from around the globe and one of the youngest and highest ranked participants from India in the 12th Advanced International Certificate Course (AICC) on “IP Asset Management for Business Success”, organized by WIPO, KIPO, KIPA, and KAIST, in 2021. WIPO gave her the opportunity to actively engage in healthy discussions and negotiations related to licensing of IP with people from different demographics & backgrounds. She also has a keen interest in designing & drafting customized Trade-Secret Protection Policies for companies and their employees with identified trade secrets/confidential information.

**Ashish Laxmanrao Kankal (Associate - Litigation)**

Ashish is an Associate working with the Litigation team at Khurana & Khurana. He did his graduation in B.Pharmacy from the AISSMS College, Pune University, Pune, and post-graduation M.Pharmacy from ALRAD COP, Pune University, Pune. He also holds a LL.B. degree from TMV's Law College, Pune. He has past experience of internships under various Advocates and law firms. He is actively involved in contract drafting and vetting and appearing before the courts for various litigation matters. His area of practice focuses on preparing FER responses for Patents, Trademark prosecution, and infringement, dealing with commercial matters, due diligence, and handling client queries.

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Anuja Saraswat is an Associate working with the Litigation team at Khurana & Khurana. She has graduated with a B.A.LL.B. (Hons.) degree from Narsee Monjee Institute of Management Studies, Kirit P. Mehta School of Law, Mumbai. She is also specialized in Intellectual Property Laws. She has prior experience as an intern at various law firms including but not limited to K&S partners and Intl Advocare where she has worked along with the trademark litigation as well as prosecution team. She also holds experience in vetting and drafting Legal Agreements.

**Samrat Singh Kang (Associate - Litigation)**

Samrat is an Associate working with the Litigation team at Khurana and Khurana. He graduated as one of the top three candidates during his time at Law School and holds a WIPO Certification in Intellectual

Property, is a dynamic IP Attorney with three years of invaluable experience in Intellectual Property prosecution, strategy development, and landscape analysis. He also possesses instrumental experience in litigation, having recently been involved in major cases at Delhi High Court, Allahabad High Court, Delhi District Courts, and DRT. In addition to his litigation proficiency, Samrat has contributed to the firm in various capacities, including drafting and reviewing legal documents for clients in the Corporate and Banking sectors, issuing Legal Notices related to IP and Employment matters, and providing advisory and strategies for IP licensing and commercialization. His versatile skills also benefit the firm in Data Privacy and Protection mandates.

#### **Devanshu Bedi (Associate - Litigation)**

Devanshu Bedi is an associate working with the Litigation team at Khurana and Khurana. He graduated as one of the top three candidates during his time at Law School. He is a dynamic individual committed to continuous self-improvement, having 5 years of invaluable experience in Indirect Tax Litigation, Intellectual Property prosecution, Indirect Tax Planning & Advisory, Various legal & technical tax compliances and Financial Analysis in relation to GST (Goods & Services Tax) as well as the erstwhile Central Excise, Service Tax & VAT regime.

Having extensive experience in litigation, he has recently been involved in major cases at Madhya Pradesh High Court & CESTAT New Delhi. He also specializes in conducting internal tax audits, due diligence, tax reviews, dealing with proceedings arising out of regular course and subsequent appellate proceedings, scrutiny and enquiries of the jurisdictional officers, investigation proceedings conducted by the intelligence agencies like DGGI & Anti Evasion Wing and proceedings related to refunds under the GST Law.

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Anvita G. Joshi is an Associate working with the Litigation team at Khurana and Khurana. Having graduated with a B.A., LL.B. degree from Symbiosis Law School, Hyderabad in 2022, she is enrolled in the Karnataka State Bar Council. She is experienced in the field of IPR prosecution and has handled matters before the Trade Marks Registry. She is skilled at legal research, drafting and client advisory. Given Anvita's passion for IPR, she has now diversified her practice into IP litigation before the courts of Karnataka.

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#### **Tarun Khurana (Partner and Patent Attorney - Software/Electronics/Mechanical Group)**

Tarun has over 20 years of experience in a broad range of Intellectual Property (IP) subject matters, and is the Co-Founding Partner and Patent Attorney of Khurana & Khurana (K&K) and of its Patent Research and IP Asset Management Firm, IIPRD, both of which are among the Leading IP and Commercial Law Practices with 10 Offices in India, and over 220 Professionals. The firms also have regional offices in US, GCC/UAE, Thailand, Indonesia, Vietnam, Myanmar, Bangladesh, Malaysia, Sri Lanka, and Nepal. Tarun is ranked among the top Patent Prosecution Practitioners in India by IAM 1000 (and also by IAM 300 Strategists), and focuses on Patent Portfolio Management, Litigation, Valuation and IP Commercialization mandates for numerous Indian and International Corporates ranging from Small Start-ups to Fortune 5 companies including Reliance Jio, Sun Pharma, NATCO, Accenture, Imagination Technologies, Huawei, Indian Oil Corporation, Xiaomi, ABB, ZTE, Fujitsu, Kyocera, SABIC, Indian Institute of Technology (Delhi/Guwahati/Roorkee/Palakkad/Indore/Hyderabad), Emerson, Daimler, Cadence, Airbus, L&T, Glenmark, Simon, IISc, Marico, UPL, Avery Dennison, among many others.

Tarun has a strong experience in Patent Drafting in the domain of Computer Networking and has drafted over 5000 applications in aggregate till date, a strong portion of which are based in the Semiconductor, Networking, Engineering, Database, Cloud, E-commerce, Security and Telecom domains.

Tarun focuses on Electronics, Telecom, Computer Implemented, and Mechanical subject matters, and has also worked with Corporates/Institutes across other technical and business domains as well, He has, apart from handling Indian and International Clients for filing and prosecution matters in India, also actively assisted numerous US and European Law and Licensing Firms and Corporates in providing Patent Support Services such as Conducting Patent Searches, Preparing Claim Charts, Preparing Specifications / responses to offices actions, undertaking Landscape/Analytics, E-Discovery Support among other like mandates that IIPRD focuses on. Tarun is well versed with US, EP, and Indian Patent Laws. Tarun has a Bachelors in Computer Science Engineering from Pune University, a Masters in Software Systems from BITS Pilani, Bachelors in Law, an MBA from IIM Lucknow, and is in pursuit of his PhD. He also has certifications from IIT Delhi, WIPO, Asian School of Cyber Laws, Indian Law Institute, and International Software Testing Board among many others. Tarun is also a regular speaker at numerous Institutes and Corporates including International Conferences such as GIPC, WIPF, CII, FICCI, along with at entities such as NTPC, Indian Oil Corporation, IITs, TIFAC, DIT, CSIR, Moserbaer, IIM Lucknow, ASSOCHAM, Managing Intellectual Property (MIP), Indian Oil Corporation, NALSAR, ONGC, Delhi Technical University, and Tata Group Companies among many others.

### **Rajesh Jain (Partner and Head - Software/Electronics/Mechanical Group)**

Rajesh is a Partner at Khurana & Khurana and IIPRD. He is a graduate in mechanical engineering from IIT Kanpur with 44 years of experience of working in Indian Ordnance Factories, wherein, his job responsibilities involved handling technology related matters like Technology Transfer, Technology Assimilation, Documentation, Product Design and Development, their Trials and Production including selection of Production Technologies, setting up facilities culminating in production. He has worked on varied Products and Production Technologies in the field of Automobiles, Bullet Proof Vehicles, Small Arms, Battle Tanks and Infantry Combat Vehicles-including their Engines, Transmission, Armour and Armament, Vision Devices-Passive as well as Thermal, Laser Range Finders, etc. Currently, at K&K, Rajesh focuses on handling Patentability, Patent invalidation, FTO studies and analyses, technology/patent landscape analysis, Drafting Patent Applications, Due Diligence Studies and preparing Responses to Office Actions for a number of clients in Engineering, Automotive, Mechanical, Electro-mechanical, Materials, and allied industries.

### **T S Sharat (Director IP & Patent Attorney - Software/Electronics/Mechanical Group)**

Sharat is a Patent Attorney with 17 years of experience in Intellectual Property Asset Management (IPAM) with focus on the entire patent life cycle (invention ideation & review, patent intelligence, patentability assessment, inventor interview, patent drafting, foreign filing decision, patent prosecution, foreign prosecution intelligence, licensing potential analysis, infringement analysis, litigation support etc.).

Sharat's expertise lies in end-to-end Patent Portfolio Development/Management. He has drafted and prosecuted thousands of patent applications for US, EU, IN jurisdictions in technical domains such as (but limited to): software, client-server arch., home media, consumer electronics, VLSI circuits, image processing, computer memory architecture, 5G communication protocols & standards, computer networks, cloud computing, AI-based technologies, mechatronics, mechanical systems/apparatus/devices, energy and material sciences, etc.

Sharat has owned and implemented critical processes for IP departments across geographies for Patent Portfolio Development for fortune 100 companies. He introduced innovative business models for optimum utilization of in-house patent resources and outside counsel resources over a significant scale (# assets >5000) and successfully collaborated with multiple stakeholders to execute such models.

Sharat has trained/mentored numerous patent agents, attorneys, engineers and scientists on patenting, patent drafting & prosecution, claim interpretation, patent law, emerging best practices, etc. He created and led the single largest team in India for drafting and prosecution to deliver high volume prosecution



and drafting services (~3000+ US/Global OA responses/year and ~200 patent applications/year) for a Japanese consumer electronics giant (also one of top 5 fliers in US).

Sharat has also led multi-million \$ engagements with fortune 100 companies for Patent Portfolio Management/Development and achieved IP budget savings of up to 30% while adding value with unique blend of innovative IP service offerings, trained human capital and disruptive technology tools.

Sharat is very passionate about technology and its use in gaining efficiency and improving quality in IP transactions. As a subject matter expert, he implemented a rare amalgamation of patent expertise and technology (+ data science) in IP Asset management disrupting the patent prosecution space to gain process and spend efficiency of ~25%.

Sharat regularly collaborates with Patent attorneys, in-house counsels, Chief Patent counsels, CIPOs, Licensing executives/attorneys, Patent Portfolio managers to formulate and execute IP strategies, aligning IP Asset Management with Business and Strategic imperatives, and achieving CTO/CIPO/CFO goals.

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Swapnil has worked for Indian, US, Chinese, Australian, German & Canadian clients for projects such as but not limited to patent research, patent drafting, preparing response to office actions etc. He has worked in domains like Electronics, Telecommunication, Software, Mechanical, Instrumentation, Automobile, Semiconductor, and Electrical for patent research, drafting of patent applications and office action projects. His primary responsibilities in the firm includes patent drafting, office action response drafting, prior art searches, Infringement Analysis, clearance searches, and on projects relating to sophisticated technologies ranging from electronics, computer sciences, IT, electronics and telecommunication, mechanical, biomedical devices, and business method domain.

Swapnil is currently focused on product conceptualization, getting early adopters in firm, client acquisition, Business development, building team, creating business systems / business processes and facilitating start-up in Maharashtra, Gujarat & Goa Jurisdictions for motivating and assisting them in filing of various IPR's in best of their interest.

Swapnil has written several articles, has several publications, as IEEE research papers in the domain of network security, to his credit in leading journals and conferences with ISBN and ISSN numbers. He has also been speaker in more than 10 national conferences, academic institutions and corporate, such as but not limited to, YMCA University of Science & Technology - Department of Electronics and Information Technology (DeitY), Ministry of Communication and Information Technology, Government Of India, Amity Innovation Facilitation Centre- Amity University - National Research Development Corporation (NRDC), K studio Solutions Private Limited, Dr. D.Y. Patil College of Engineering (DYPIE) & Sinhgad Technical Education Society.

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Parvez Kudrolli is a Principal Associate at Khurana & Khurana and IIPRD. His expertise lies in consultancy, business development and client relationships relating to Patent Drafting, Searches, Analysis, Prosecution, Training and Commercialization. Parvez has been an Inventor, Patentee and Entrepreneur and has obtained patents for his inventions in India & USA. He has experience of developing & inventing software related inventions, drafting & prosecuting patent applications, conducting patent workshops, commercializing patent rights and managing a Software IPR related Startup Company. He has a degree in B.Sc. (Maths) and is a Registered Patent Agent admitted to practice before the Indian Patent Office.

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With more than 7 years of experience in Patent Prosecution and Drafting, Bhanu has domain expertise in drafting and prosecution of patent applications across a wide range of technology domains including mechanical, electrical, electronics, telecommunications, automobile, and electro-mechanical domains. He holds a Bachelor of Technology (B.Tech) degree from Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Technical University, Uttar Pradesh. He has also completed his Law degree (LL.B.), and is a registered Patent agent with Indian Patent Office. Bhanu provides strategic advice to domestic and multinational clients including start-ups

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Sanjay Sharma is an IP strategist with 10+ years of experience in helping inventors and corporate protect, assert and monetize their inventions globally. Sanjay has extensive experience in designing customized patent support services related to patent development, acquisition and enforcement. He has hands-on experience in technology research & analytics, technology assessment, technology landscape, technology road-map, technology scouting, market feasibility research. Sanjay has worked closely with individual inventors, IP lawyers, Patent Professionals as well as with corporate counsels, R&D teams, in-house IP teams and advised them on IPR and post-grant review cases, portfolio management, patent-product overlap analysis, out-licensing of technologies etc. Sanjay has proven technological expertise in Semiconductor, Network Devices, Communication Protocols, Memory Devices, A.I, Autonomous Vehicles, Block- chain, Green Tech, Electronics, Software and ICT domains amongst others.

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