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I. Executive & Professional Summary (1983-2026)

Anil Malhotra is a distinguished Senior Advocate (KC) in India with over four decades of extensive standing at the Bar (enrolled in 1983). He is internationally recognized as a leading authority on Private International Law, International Family Law, Cross-Border Matrimonial & Child Disputes, and Transnational Litigation involving Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) and persons of Indian origin globally.

Over four decades, he has conducted and argued over 1,500 matters before the Supreme Court of India, the Punjab & Haryana High Court, the Delhi High Court, various other Superior Constitutional Courts, and statutory regulatory tribunals across India, with a substantial portion forming reported landmark precedents in Indian law journals. He has been appointed by Constitutional Courts as Amicus Curiae in 37 significant public interest and cross-border family law matters involving fundamental rights, child custody, inter-country parental child abduction, and human trafficking.

Mr. Malhotra is widely instructed as an Expert Witness on Indian Law by foreign superior courts—including the High Court of Justice (England & Wales - Family Division & Chancery Division), UK County Courts, Superior Courts of Justice in Canada (Ontario & British Columbia), US State and Federal Courts (California, New York, Michigan, Minnesota, Washington, North Carolina, Nevada, Massachusetts), Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia, and courts across Europe (Switzerland, Netherlands, Austria)—having rendered approximately 150 independent expert reports and single joint expert determinations. He has co-authored 10 authoritative legal treatises on International Family Law and NRI legal issues, authored over 1,500 published legal articles, and served as a high-level government advisor on diaspora legislative reforms.

II. Educational Attainments & Academic Background (1980-1985)

- **Master of Laws (LL.M.) — University of London, London, United Kingdom** (November 1985). *Specialized Coursework:* Studied Comparative Family Law at the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) and Law and Society in South Asia at the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS). Authored an 80-page LL.M. dissertation titled "*Locus Standi and Public Interest Litigation: A Study in the Indian Context*" under the supervision of Prof. (Dr.) Werner F. Menski (June 1985).
- **Bachelor of Laws (LL.B. -Professional) - Department of Laws, Panjab University, Chandigarh, India** (1983). Professional degree qualifying for enrolment as an Advocate in India.

- **Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.) — Panjab University, Chandigarh, India (1980).**

III. Chronological Career History & Professional Roles (1985-2026)

The following section sets out all primary professional, judicial, governmental, institutional, and academic appointments held by Anil Malhotra in chronological order, accompanied by key duties, responsibilities, and major achievements.

Executive Overview & Professional Standing

As Senior Advocate and Lead arguing Counsel “*on legs*” at Malhotra & Malhotra Associates in all Superior Courts all over India, the practitioner brings over four decades (1985 to 2026 onwards) of distinguished legal standing, appellate advocacy, and specialized transnational advisory. Practicing extensively before the Supreme Court of India, the High Court of Punjab & Haryana, the High Court of Delhi, various State High Courts, and premier National Appellate Tribunals, the Counsel has established an authoritative footprint in constitutional law, complex commercial litigation, private international law, and cross-border family jurisprudence.

The Counsel acts as a principal legal strategist for high-stakes appellate matters, transnational dispute resolution involving Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) and Overseas Citizens of India (OCIs), foreign diplomatic missions, and sovereign consular posts. The practice is characterized by rigorous doctrinal analysis, extensive trial and appellate briefing, expert testimony in foreign judicial proceedings, and institutional commitment to public interest and pro bono legal aid.

Practice Domain	Core Scope & Representative Mandates
Constitutional & Appellate Advocacy	Over 1,500 complex briefs argued before the Supreme Court of India, High Courts (Punjab & Haryana, Delhi), CAT, DRAT/DRT, NCLAT/NCLT, CCI, and NCDRC.
Private International & Transnational Law	Conflict of laws, recognition and execution of foreign decrees under Sections 13 & 44A CPC, anti-suit injunctions, forum conveniens, and cross-border asset tracing.
International Child & Matrimonial Law	Habeas corpus for international child abduction/repatriation, inter-country adoptions under HAMA & Hague Adoption Framework, international surrogacy, and cross-border alimony.
Diplomatic & Institutional Representation	Empaneled counsel to foreign Embassies/High Commissions in New Delhi; expert witness reporting in UK, US, Australian, and Canadian courts on Indian law.
Pro Bono & Legal Aid	Punjab State Legal Services Authority panel counsel; amicus curiae appointments; representation of indigent litigants and vulnerable children before Superior Courts.

1. Constitutional & Appellate Advocacy

Superior Court Representation & Volume of Advocacy

With an extensive appellate record comprising more than 1,500 argued and briefed matters, the Counsel provides seasoned advocacy across complex statutory frameworks and constitutional questions. The practice encompasses Special Leave Petitions (SLPs) and statutory appeals under Article 136 of the Constitution of India before the Supreme Court of India, as well as extraordinary writ petitions under Articles 226 and 227 before the High Court of Punjab & Haryana and other Indian High Courts.

Specialized Tribunals & Regulatory Forums

The Counsel regularly appears before specialized national dispute resolution forums, including the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT), the Competition Commission of India (CCI), erstwhile MRTP Commission, Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT), Debt Recovery Appellate Tribunal (DRAT) / Debt Recovery Tribunal (DRT), and the National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission (NCDRC). These mandates frequently involve high-value corporate restructuring, contentious competition practices, regulatory compliance challenges, debt recovery actions under the SARFAESI Act, and administrative service jurisprudence.

Private International & Transnational Law

Cross-Border Conflict of Laws & Jurisdictional Challenges

A cornerstone of the practice is representing Non-Resident Indians (NRIs), Overseas Citizens of India (OCIs), persons of Indian origin (PIOs), and foreign corporate entities in intricate cross-border conflicts of law. The Counsel routinely handles multi-jurisdictional litigations involving concurrent proceedings in Indian and overseas courts (such as the UK, USA, Canada, Australia, and the EU), addressing complex issues of domicile, nationality, choice of law, and forum non conveniens.

Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Decrees (Sections 13 & 44A CPC)

The Counsel possesses deep specialized expertise in navigating the statutory conditions governing the recognition and execution of foreign judgments and decrees under Section 13 and Section 44A of the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908 (CPC). This includes:

- **Evaluation of Competence and Jurisdiction:** Challenging or defending foreign judgments based on whether the foreign court possessed competent international jurisdiction over the parties and the subject matter.
- **Substantive Merits & Principles of Natural Justice:** Litigating matters where foreign ex-parte decrees are contested under Section 13(b) for not being given on the merits of the case, or under Section 13(d) for violation of natural justice.
- **Public Policy & Fraud Defenses:** Invoking and defending against public policy exceptions under Section 13(f) and allegations of fraudulent procurement under Section 13(e).
- **Execution via Reciprocating Territories:** Enforcing certified decrees from reciprocating territories under Section 44A CPC directly as Indian District Court decrees, as well as initiating substantive suits on foreign judgments from non-reciprocating territories.

Anti-Suit Injunctions & Transnational Asset Protection

The Counsel regularly briefs and argues applications for anti-suit and anti-enforcement injunctions to restrain vexatious or oppressive parallel proceedings instituted in foreign jurisdictions, safeguarding clients against unconscionable cross-border forum shopping. Additionally, the practice encompasses cross-border asset recovery, succession of transnational estates, and partition of ancestral agricultural and urban properties across North India.

International Child & Matrimonial Law

International Child Abduction & Habeas Corpus Petitions

Given that India is not a signatory to the 1980 Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction, parental child removal disputes require nuanced constitutional advocacy. The Counsel is a premier authority in drafting and arguing Writ Petitions of Habeas Corpus under Article 226 and Article 32 for the summary repatriation or retention of removed minors. The practice balances the doctrines of comity of courts against the paramount consideration of the 'welfare and best interests of the child' under the Guardians and Wards Act, 1890, and binding Supreme Court jurisprudence.

Inter-Country Adoption & Surrogacy Regulation

The Counsel provides comprehensive legal navigation through the intersection of the Hague Adoption Convention, Central Adoption Resource Authority (CARA) guidelines, and domestic personal laws, notably the Hindu Adoptions and Maintenance Act, 1956 (HAMA). The practice resolves complex statutory impediments in foreign recognition of direct adoptions, NOC clearances, and immigration visa clearances for adopted minors. Furthermore, the Counsel advises on legal parentage, citizenship acquisition, and cross-border regulatory compliance in international commercial and altruistic surrogacy arrangements.

Transnational Matrimonial Litigation & Ancillary Relief

The Counsel manages complex cross-border matrimonial breakdowns, including defending against fraudulent foreign divorce decrees, initiating restitution of conjugal rights, securing maintenance and permanent alimony under Section 25 of the Hindu Marriage Act, 1955, and prosecuting remedies under the Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005 (PWDVA) and Indian Penal Code/Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita provisions involving NRI spouses.

Institutional, Diplomatic & Consular Representation

Malhotra & Malhotra Associates and the Senior Counsel serve on the official legal panels and approved attorney lists of several foreign Embassies and High Commissions stationed in New Delhi (including missions representing North American, European, and Commonwealth nations). Core duties under this vertical include:

- **Consular Advisory & Verification:** Providing authoritative legal evaluations on Indian civil status, validity of Indian marriages, divorce decrees, birth certifications, and adoption deeds for foreign consular officers.
- **Expert Witness Reporting in Foreign Courts:** Rendering formal expert opinions, affidavits, and live expert witness testimony on Indian private international law and family law before the

High Court of Justice (Family Division) of England & Wales, US State/Federal Courts, Canadian Superior Courts, and Australian Family Courts.

- **Diaspora Protection & Property Rights:** Advising foreign missions on bilateral legal problems, consular protection of detained foreign nationals, and safeguarding property rights of the global Indian diaspora from illegal encroachment or fraudulent alienation.

Pro Bono & Legal Aid Advocacy

Demonstrating an enduring commitment to access to justice, the Counsel serves as pro bono legal aid counsel for the Punjab State Legal Services Authority (PSLSA). In this capacity, the Counsel regularly accepts references to represent indigent litigants, abandoned spouses, marginalized women, and minor children in superior appellate courts without charge.

The Counsel is also frequently appointed as Amicus Curiae by the High Court of Punjab & Haryana to assist the bench in intricate legal questions concerning international child custody, legal reforms for NRI marriages, and the modernization of inter-country family dispute mechanisms.

Summary of Professional Standing

In summary, the Counsel's extensive career since 1987 synthesizes high-caliber appellate litigation skills with rare, internationally recognized subject-matter mastery in private international law. This dual capability makes the chambers an indispensable bridge between domestic judicial institutions across India and foreign legal jurisdictions worldwide.

2. Associate Advocate / Chamber Pupil — Chambers of Late Mr. Justice Kuldip Singh, Barrister-at-Law (January 1986 – August 1987)

Between January 1986 and August 1987, the practitioner served as Associate Advocate and Chamber Pupil in the premier litigation chambers of Mr. Kuldip Singh, Barrister-at-Law (Lincoln's Inn, London) and Senior Advocate at the High Court of Punjab & Haryana in Chandigarh. This period coincided with a momentous phase in Mr. Kuldip Singh's distinguished career, during which he served as Senior Standing Counsel for major state universities and statutory boards, was appointed Advocate General of Punjab (May–August 1987), and subsequently Additional Solicitor General of India (August 1987) prior to his historic elevation as Judge of the Supreme Court of India in December 1988.

Pupillage and junior association within these chambers provided rigorous, high-level exposure to superior court litigation, English common law advocacy traditions, sophisticated statutory interpretation, and the craft of appellate advocacy across constitutional, administrative, civil, and service law.

Key Operational Vertical	Detailed Duties, Scope & Jurisprudential Depth
Constitutional Administrative Research	& Deep-dive research on Articles 14, 16, 19, 226, 309, and 311; doctrine of administrative fairness; natural justice; proportionality; and judicial review of executive policies.
Appellate Briefing Pleadings Drafting	& Drafting substantive writ petitions, replies/rejoinders, stay applications, LPA briefs, and preparing comprehensive daily chamber briefs for Senior Counsel.

Court Appearances & Motion Practice	Regular appearances before Division Benches and Single Benches of the High Court in motion hearings, admission calls, interim stay applications, and pass-overs.
Statutory & Institutional Matters	Assisting on complex legal matters for premier state institutions, universities, cooperative federations, land acquisition appeals, and election petitions.

3. Constitutional, Administrative & Service Law Research

Under the direct tutelage of Mr. Kuldip Singh Bar-at-Law (KC) (January 1986- August 1987), the Counsel spearheaded rigorous legal research for landmark matters argued before the High Court and the Supreme Court. The scope of doctrinal inquiry included:

- **Judicial Review of State Action:** Examining administrative decisions against constitutional touchstones under Articles 14 and 19, focusing on arbitrariness, Wednesbury unreasonableness, doctrine of legitimate expectation, and procedural ultra vires.
- **Civil Services Jurisprudence:** Analysing complex service disputes involving recruitment rules, inter-se seniority, roster-point reservations, departmental inquiries, suspension orders, and constitutional safeguards under Article 311 of the Constitution of India
- **Land Acquisition & Statutory Compensation:** Researching statutory valuations, solatium enhancements, and public purpose challenges under the Land Acquisition Act, 1894.
- **Cooperative, Educational & Municipal Law:** Preparing statutory opinions and comparative case-law digests for major regional universities (Panjab University, Punjabi University, Guru Nanak Dev University), the Punjab Agricultural University, and state cooperative marketing federations.

Appellate Briefing & Chamber Work

Chamber pupillage (January 1986- August 1987) demanded the highest standards of precision in pleadings drafting and master briefing. Daily chamber responsibilities encompassed:

- **Drafting Extraordinary Writ Petitions:** Drafting Civil Writ Petitions (CWPs) and Criminal Writ Petitions under Article 226/227, framing precise grounds of challenge, concise statements of facts, and carefully tailored prayers for mandamus, certiorari, and prohibition.
- **Appellate Briefs & Letters Patent Appeals:** Preparing appellate briefs for Letters Patent Appeals (LPA) before Division Benches and Special Leave Petitions (SLPs) for Senior Counsel appearing before the Supreme Court.
- **Master Briefs & Oral Argument Preparation:** Synthesizing voluminous lower court records into crisp, chronological case digests, identifying pivotal statutory provisions, and preparing bench-ready proposition sheets for Senior Advocate (KC) Barrister Kuldip Singh.

Court Appearances & Independent Advocacy

In addition to chamber drafting, the Counsel gained extensive hands-on courtroom experience before the Punjab and Haryana High Court, handling active daily lists:

- **Preliminary Admission Hearings:** Arguing motion matters at the preliminary notice stage to secure issuance of notice of motion and ad-interim ex-parte stays against adverse executive orders.
- **Interlocutory & Miscellaneous Applications:** Conducting hearings on applications for condonation of delay, amendment of pleadings, impleadment of necessary parties under Order 1 Rule 10 CPC, and early hearing requests.
- **Call of the List & Mentioning:** Managing court mentions for urgent listings, bench pass-overs, and coordinating with the High Court Registry for scrutiny and clearance of urgent filings.

Foundational Impact & Mentorship Legacy

Working under the direct guidance of Late Mr. Justice Kuldip Barrister-at-Law (KC) (January 1986-August 1987) Singh instilled core professional tenets that would define the practitioner's independent practice established subsequently in September 1987. Key enduring competencies acquired include:

- **Rigorous Legal Reasoning:** Cultivating an analytical approach rooted in first principles of jurisprudence and English common law precedents.
- **Ethical Standards of the Bar:** Adherence to unyielding standards of professional rectitude, institutional deference to the judiciary, and zealous client representation.

Appellate Craftsmanship: Mastery over concise oral advocacy, effective structuring of legal propositions, and courtroom composure under rigorous judicial inquiry.

4. Part-Time Lecturer in Law —Faculty of Laws, Panjab University, Chandigarh, India (1986 – 1992)

Institutional Standing & Appointment Overview

For six consecutive academic years spanning 1986 to 1992, the practitioner served as a Part-Time Lecturer in Law at the Department of Laws / Faculty of Laws, Panjab University, Chandigarh—one of India's premier and oldest institutions of higher legal learning. Appointed by university selection committees to bridge the nexus between academic legal doctrine and real-world courtroom practice, the Lecturer was entrusted with core curricular and practical training for graduating Final Year LL.B. (Professional) candidates.

The pedagogical mandate integrated rigorous classroom instruction in procedural codifications with hands-on training in trial mechanics, appellate strategy, statutory interpretation, and legal ethics. This academic tenure reinforced the Department of Laws' tradition of engaging distinguished active practitioners to mentor prospective members of the Bar and the Bench.

Curricular Domain	Pedagogical Scope & Course Delivery
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Civil Procedural Law	Comprehensive instruction on the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908 (CPC), including jurisdictional hierarchy, res judicata, pleadings (Plaints/Written Statements), interlocutory injunctions (Order 39), execution proceedings (Order 21), and civil appeals/revisions.
Matrimonial Remedies & Family Law	Detailed lectures on matrimonial relief under the Hindu Marriage Act, 1955, Special Marriage Act, 1954, Guardians and Wards Act, 1890, maintenance enforcement, custody adjudication, and early trends in cross-border marriage disputes.
Pleadings, Drafting & Conveyancing	Clinical instruction on practical legal drafting: complaints, written statements, writ petitions under Article 226/227, affidavits, civil misc. applications, deeds of settlement, and commercial instruments.
Moot Court & Trial Mentorship	Supervising simulated trial court proceedings, mentoring student moot court teams for national competitions, framing moot propositions, and conducting mock appellate hearings.
Professional Ethics & Bar Conduct	Inculcating statutory standards under the Advocates Act, 1961, Bar Council of India Rules on professional etiquette, duties to the client, duty to the court, conflict of interest, and professional accountability.

Core Curricular Delivery & Course Specializations

Civil Procedural Law (Code of Civil Procedure, 1908)

Instruction in Civil Procedure emphasized a practical understanding of civil litigation stages from institution of suit to final decree execution. Key modules included:

- **Jurisdiction & Bar to Suits:** Pecuniary, territorial, and subject-matter jurisdiction (Sections 9–20 CPC); principles of Res Sub Judice (Section 10) and Res Judicata (Section 11).
- **Pleadings & Discovery:** Structural drafting of Complaints (Order 7) and Written Statements with counter-claims/set-offs (Order 8); framing of issues (Order 14); interrogatories and admissions (Orders 11 & 12).
- **Interim Remedies & Execution:** Temporary injunctions and interlocutory orders (Order 39); appointment of receivers (Order 40); comprehensive decree execution mechanisms (Section 51 & Order 21).

Matrimonial Remedies & Family Jurisprudence

Courses delivered in family law focused on statutory remedies and emerging judicial interpretations, covering:

- **Substantive Matrimonial Relief:** Restitution of conjugal rights (Section 9 HMA), judicial separation (Section 10), void and voidable marriages (Sections 11 & 12), and fault vs. breakdown grounds of divorce (Section 13 & 13B).

- **Financial Relief & Custody Adjudication:** Maintenance pendente lite (Section 24) and permanent alimony (Section 25); custody and guardianship adjudication under the Guardians and Wards Act, 1890, centered on the best-interests-of-the-child test.

Clinical Legal Education, Court Craft & Moot Mentorship

Recognizing that conventional lectures alone do not equip graduates for the rigors of superior court litigation, the Lecturer integrated clinical methods into the curriculum:

- **Simulated Trials & Mock Benches:** Organized mock trial court sessions where students conducted examination-in-chief, cross-examination, and marking of exhibits under the Indian Evidence Act, 1872.
- **National Moot Court Coaching:** Mentored Panjab University student delegations participating in premier national moot court competitions, evaluating written memorials and training orators on courtroom demeanor and response to bench queries.
- **Drafting Workshops:** Conducted line-by-line critique sessions on student drafts of complaints, written statements, bail applications, and writ petitions, emphasizing precision, clarity, and elimination of surplusage.

Professional Ethics & Continuing Legacy

The six-year lecturing tenure left an enduring legacy at the Panjab University Faculty of Laws. Many former students guided during this period went on to achieve distinguished careers as designated Senior Advocates, High Court Judges, judicial officers in the subordinate judiciary, and corporate general counsel across India and overseas.

The blend of academic discipline and active courtroom practice developed during this appointment formed the foundation of the practitioner's subsequent scholarly contributions, including authoring authoritative treatises, contributing research to international law journals, and delivering continuing legal education lectures globally.

5. Additional Central Government Standing Counsel (ACGSC) — Government of India (November 1997 – November 2000)

Executive Overview & Statutory Appointment

Between November 1997 and November 2000, the practitioner served a three-year statutory tenure as Additional Central Government Standing Counsel (ACGSC) for the Government of India at the High Court of Punjab & Haryana at Chandigarh. Appointed by the Ministry of Law and Justice (Department of Legal Affairs), the Counsel was charged with defending the sovereign, constitutional, financial, and administrative interests of the Union of India across its diverse civilian ministries, Armed Forces, and Paramilitary organizations.

This statutory role encompassed comprehensive appellate litigation defence in extraordinary writ petitions under Articles 226 and 227, Letters Patent Appeals (LPAs), contempt proceedings, and civil appellate references. A defining milestone of this tenure was the conceptualization, institutional coordination, and execution of the historic first-ever High Court Pension Adalat (People's Court), resolving hundreds of entrenched military pension disputes.

Operational Focus	Core Scope & Strategic Responsibilities
Central Ministries Defense	Representation of Ministry of Home Affairs, Finance, Railways, External Affairs, Telecommunications, and Central PSUs in writ, civil, and regulatory challenges.
Armed Forces & Paramilitary	Defending the Ministry of Defence (Army, Navy, Air Force) and Central Paramilitary Forces (BSF, CRPF, ITBP, CISF) in court-martial challenges, service disputes, and pensionary claims.
High Court Pension Adalat	Pioneered and administered the first High Court-level Pension Adalat; coordinated with MoD, PCDA (Pensions) Allahabad, and Record Offices for on-the-spot settlement of long-pending veteran litigations.
Legal Advisory & Supreme Court Vetting	Vetted written statements, counter-affidavits, and tendered formal legal opinions on whether to accept High Court judgments or prefer Special Leave Petitions (SLPs) before the Supreme Court.

Defence of Union of India Ministries & Departments

As ACGSC, the Counsel acted as the primary courtroom defender for diverse Central Government portfolios before the High Court of Punjab & Haryana. Key ministerial defence portfolios included:

- **Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA):** Defending statutory actions, preventive detentions, internal security orders, citizenship issues, and service matters concerning central police organizations.
- **Ministry of Finance (Revenue & Economic Affairs):** Representing the Union in complex challenges against customs tariffs, central excise duties, enforcement directorate proceedings, and public financial institutional recoveries.
- **Ministry of External Affairs & Regional Passport Offices:** Handling high volumes of writ petitions challenging passport impoundments, revocations, overseas citizen documentation, and consular clearances.
- **Ministry of Communications & Information Technology:** Representing the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) and postal authorities in tender disputes, public procurement arbitrations, and regulatory service claims.

Armed Forces & Paramilitary Defence Jurisprudence

The North Indian region, encompassing Punjab and Haryana, represents the largest concentration of active-duty soldiers, veterans, and military establishments in the country. Consequently, the Counsel managed a substantial and sensitive portfolio of military and paramilitary defence litigation:

- **Armed Forces (Army, Navy, Air Force):** Appearing in writ petitions challenging Summary Court Martial (SCM) convictions, administrative dismissals, denial of promotion boards for commissioned officers, and claims arising under the Army Act, 1950, Navy Act, 1957, and Air Force Act, 1950.

- **Central Paramilitary & Police Forces:** Defending disciplinary proceedings, termination of recruits, border deployment disputes, and service conditions under the Border Security Force Act, 1968, CRPF Act, 1949, and ITBP Act, 1992.
- **Disability & Operational Casualty Litigation:** Addressing complex medical and legal questions regarding whether disabilities or fatalities suffered by service personnel were 'attributable to or aggravated by military service' under Entitlement Rules for Casualty Pensionary Awards.

Pioneering Administration of the High Court Pension Adalat (Peoples' Court)

Genesis & Institutional Architecture

During the late 1990s, the High Court of Punjab & Haryana was burdened with thousands of pending writ petitions filed by aging military veterans, disabled soldiers, and war widows (Veer Naris) seeking retiral benefits, family pensions, and disability pensions. To resolve this protracted litigation, the Counsel actively assisted in conceptualizing, organizing, and administering the first-ever institutional Pension Adalat (People's Court) directly within the premises of the Punjab & Haryana High Court.

Multi-Agency Synergy & On-the-Spot Resolution

The Counsel orchestrated vital operational coordination between judicial officers, the Ministry of Defence, the Principal Controller of Defence Accounts (PCDA-Pensions, Allahabad), Army/Air Force/Navy Record Offices, and Defence Pension Disbursing Officers (DPDOs). By bringing all sanctioning and disbursing authorities together under one roof:

- **Instant Verification of Service Records:** Eliminated decades of bureaucratic correspondence by matching military service sheets with claims in real time.
- **Immediate Issuance of Pension Payment Orders (PPOs):** Facilitated on-the-spot sanction and revised PPO generation for ordinary family pensions, liberalized family pensions, and disability pensions.
- **Substantial Judicial De-Clogging:** Resulted in the amicable withdrawal and formal disposal of hundreds of pending writ petitions, setting a national benchmark for alternate dispute resolution in government litigation.

Appellate Vetting, Advisory & Institutional Legacy

Beyond daily appearances, the Counsel played a crucial advisory role for the Central Agency Section and the Ministry of Law and Justice. This involved drafting comprehensive counter-affidavits that withstood rigorous judicial scrutiny and tendering objective legal opinions advising against unmerited government appeals where settled law favoured the citizen.

This three-year tenure established the practitioner's reputation for institutional integrity, masterful handling of complex public law briefs, and an ability to harmonize zealous defence of the sovereign with compassionate administrative dispute resolution.

6. Standing Counsel — Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER), Chandigarh (2000 – 2003)

Executive Overview & Statutory Mandate

Between 2000 and 2003, the practitioner served as Standing Counsel for the Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER), Chandigarh—an autonomous tertiary medical and research institution established by an Act of Parliament (Post-Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research, Chandigarh, Act, 1966) and declared an Institute of National Importance under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India.

As principal institutional counsel, the practitioner was entrusted with the comprehensive defence of PGIMER's statutory autonomy, academic standards, administrative governance, faculty administration, and clinical reputation. The mandate encompassed high-stakes litigation before the Supreme Court of India, the High Court of Punjab & Haryana, the Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT), and consumer dispute redressal agencies across all three tiers (District Forums, State Commissions, and the National Commission - NCDRC).

Litigation & Advisory Vertical	Institutional Scope & Doctrinal Focus
Medical Negligence & Tortious Liability	Defending tertiary hospital administration, heads of surgical/clinical departments, and resident doctors in consumer claims before SCDRC and NCDRC applying the Bolam test and standard-of-care principles.
Faculty & Service Jurisprudence	Handling professorial recruitment disputes, Assessment Promotion Scheme (APS) challenges, reservation rosters, superannuation controversies, and disciplinary inquiries before CAT and High Court.
Post-Graduate Admissions & Academic Regulations	Defending entrance examinations, merit cut-offs, institutional quotas, MD/MS/DM/M.Ch. seat allocations, and foreign medical degree equivalency disputes under Articles 226/227.
Procurement, Tenders & Statutory Advisory	Defending multi-crore public tenders for advanced medical equipment, hospital infrastructure contracts, biomedical waste regulations, and rendering statutory opinions under the PGIMER Act, 1966.

Medical Negligence Defense & Consumer Protection Jurisprudence

As a apex referral centre handling the most critical medical and surgical emergencies across North India, PGIMER frequently faced complex allegations of deficiency of service and medical negligence under the Consumer Protection Act, 1986. The Standing Counsel spearheaded the institutional defence across forums:

- **Application of the Bolam Standard:** Establishing that clinicians acted in accordance with a practice accepted as proper by a responsible body of medical men skilled in that particular art, differentiating unavoidable clinical complications from actionable professional negligence.

- **Expert Medical Board Evidence:** Coordinating clinical audit reports and peer evaluations from specialized medical boards to substantiate treatment protocols before the State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission (SCDRC) and the National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission (NCDRC) in New Delhi.
- **Informed Consent & Emergency Doctrine:** Successfully pleading the doctrine of implied and emergency consent in trauma care, intensive care units (ICU), and multi-organ surgical interventions where immediate life-saving procedures were administered.

Faculty Administration & Service Jurisprudence

The Counsel represented the Governing Body and the Director of PGIMER before the High Court and the Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT) in high-stakes service litigations that directly impacted academic excellence and administrative morale:

- **Assessment Promotion Scheme (APS):** Defending the criteria, peer-review mechanisms, and selection committee evaluations governing the time-bound promotion of Assistant Professors to Associate Professors, Additional Professors, and Professors.
- **Inter-Se Seniority & Reservation Rosters:** Litigating delicate seniority questions between direct recruits and promotees, as well as the constitutional implementation of reservation rosters in super-specialty faculty posts in alignment with Supreme Court constitutional bench rulings.
- **Disciplinary & Administrative Proceedings:** Handling judicial reviews of major penalty proceedings, departmental inquiries, and compliance with the Central Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1965.

Post-Graduate Admissions & Academic Regulations

PGIMER's post-graduate and post-doctoral entrance examinations (MD, MS, DM, M.Ch., Ph.D.) attract top medical talent nationwide. The Standing Counsel defended the sanctity of the institute's admission process against repeated writ challenges:

- **Sanctity of All-India Entrance Tests:** Defending evaluation methods, percentile calculations, answer key challenges, and time-bound counselling schedules before the High Court of Punjab & Haryana.
- **Institutional & In-Service Quotas:** Defending policy determinations regarding institutional preferences, sponsored candidate quotas, and rural service incentives in specialized residency programs.

Commercial Procurement, Public Tenders & Statutory Governance

In addition to contentious courtroom litigation, the Counsel provided crucial advisory services to the Institute's Standing Finance Committee and Estate Management:

- **High-Value Medical Equipment Tenders:** Defending PGIMER against pre-bid and post-award writ petitions filed by unsuccessful multinational vendors in global tenders for MRI machines, CT scanners, linear accelerators, and surgical suites.

- **Public Interest Litigation (PIL) Responses:** Drafting comprehensive institutional affidavits in public interest litigations concerning hospital sanitation, emergency bed availability, subsidized medicines, and biomedical waste compliance.

Summary of Institutional Standing

The 2000–2003 tenure as Standing Counsel for PGIMER demonstrated the practitioner's versatility in managing diverse specialized legal domains—seamlessly integrating complex medico-legal defence with administrative, service, and public procurement law for one of the nation's foremost statutory institutions.

7. Additional Government Pleader (Civil) & Counsel, Chandigarh Housing Board — Chandigarh Administration (2003)

Executive Overview & Statutory Appointment

In 2003, the practitioner was appointed as Additional Government Pleader (Civil) for the Chandigarh Administration (Union Territory) and Legal Counsel for the Chandigarh Housing Board (CHB). In this dual capacity, the Counsel served as the chief courtroom defender and legal strategist for the local government in high-stakes civil, real estate, urban development, allotment, and municipal regulatory litigations.

The practice involved active representation before the District & Sessions Court, Subordinate Civil Courts at Chandigarh, and appellate benches of the High Court of Punjab & Haryana. The mandate required specialized mastery over urban planning legislation, public land management, statutory tenancy regulations, and the defence of executive orders against challenge by private allottees, commercial encroachers, and property developers.

Practice Vertical	Statutory Scope & Case Management Focus
CHB Allotments & Housing Disputes	Defending CHB in civil suits and writ challenges contesting cancellation of allotments, default of hire-purchase instalments, building violation penalties, and transfer authorizations.
Land Resumption & Building Byelaws	Litigating resumption and forfeiture orders under Section 8-A of the Capital of Punjab Act, 1952; enforcing zoning regulations, FAR limits, and structural safety byelaws.
Civil Injunctions & Title Suits	Defending the Administration in suits for permanent injunction, declaration of ownership, lease-hold conversions, and challenges to demolition/anti-encroachment notices.
Public Premises Eviction (PP Act)	Representing Estate Officer / Estate Office in statutory eviction proceedings and damages assessments for unauthorized occupation under the Public Premises Act, 1971.

Chandigarh Housing Board (CHB) Representation

The Chandigarh Housing Board, established as the statutory nodal body for public housing across the Union Territory, operates under the Chandigarh Housing Board (Allotment, Management and Sale of Tenements) Regulations, 1979. As Board Counsel, the practitioner managed a vast docket of contentious real estate proceedings:

- **Allotment & Hire-Purchase Cancellations:** Defending Board decisions cancelling dwelling unit allotments due to persistent default in monthly instalments, non-execution of hire-purchase tenancy agreements, or breach of basic allotment covenants.
- **Unauthorized Additions & Structural Alterations:** Prosecuting statutory violations involving non-compoundable structural modifications, unauthorized cantilever projections, and encroachment onto common passages, ensuring structural integrity and community safety.
- **Commercial Misuse of Residential Tenements:** Litigating enforcement notices and resumption actions against allottees converting residential flats into commercial shops, clinics, offices, and industrial storage units in violation of zoning regulations.
- **Transfer and Mutation Disputes:** Handling contentious litigation regarding General Power of Attorney (GPA) transfers, sub-sale disputes, and testamentary succession claims over CHB properties.

Chandigarh Administration Civil & Municipal Representation

As Additional Government Pleader (Civil), the Counsel defended the Union Territory Administration and its various departments (Estate Office, Engineering Department, Municipal Corporation) against diverse civil actions:

- **Capital of Punjab Act, 1952 & Resumption Jurisprudence:** Defending resumption orders issued under Section 8-A of the Capital of Punjab (Development and Regulation) Act, 1952, and the Chandigarh (Sale of Sites and Buildings) Rules, 1960, establishing strict compliance with natural justice before forfeiture of prime commercial and residential sites.
- **Lease-Hold to Free-Hold Policy Challenges:** Representing the Administration in disputes involving calculation of unearned increase, conversion charges, and ground rent assessments under the Chandigarh Lease-hold of Sites and Building Rules, 1973.
- **Defense Against Civil Injunctions:** Resisting ad-interim ex-parte injunction applications filed by private encroachers seeking to stall administrative anti-encroachment drives and public road-widening projects.
- **Public Premises Eviction (PP Act):** Appearing in statutory appeals before the District Judge against eviction orders passed by the Estate Officer under the Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorised Occupants) Act, 1971, recovering valuable public lands and government accommodations.

Trial Craftsmanship & Institutional Impact

Serving as Additional Government Pleader demanded intense trial court craft, including conducting detailed cross-examinations of private plaintiffs, proving official government records, and drafting

airtight written statements. The Counsel's rigorous defence shielded the public exchequer from unwarranted monetary damages and upheld the master-planned architectural heritage of Chandigarh from unplanned commercial exploitation.

This appointment further enriched the practitioner's versatile litigation background, solidifying specialized proficiency in urban property law, land tenure systems, and municipal administrative law.

8. International Expert Witness & Single Joint Expert on Indian Law (2006 – Present)

Executive Overview & International Practice Mandate

Since 2006, the practitioner has established an internationally acclaimed practice as an Independent Expert Witness and Single Joint Expert (SJE) on Indian Law in foreign judicial proceedings across the globe. Appointed by Foreign Superior Courts, Family Divisions, County Courts, Bar Councils, Barristers, Solicitors, and Foreign Governments, the Counsel provides authoritative expert evidence on complex, cross-border issues governed by Indian jurisprudence.

Over two decades (2006 to 2026), the practitioner has authored 147 detailed expert evidence reports and single joint expert determinations. The practitioner regularly delivers oral expert testimony and undergoes rigorous cross-examination before overseas courts, playing an indispensable role in assisting foreign judges to interpret Indian private international law, statutory personal laws, and civil procedural codes.

Key Practice Dimension	Scope, Appointing Authorities & Global Reach
Appointing Authorities	High Court of Justice (Family Division, England & Wales), County Courts (UK), US State/Federal District Courts, Canadian Superior Courts (ONSC, BCSC, ABQB), Australian Family Courts, Singapore Family Justice Courts, and foreign consular/immigration ministries.
Volume of Expert Reports	Rendered ~150 comprehensive single joint expert determinations, party-appointed expert reports, and formal legal opinions adhering to Part 25 FPR / CPR 35 (UK) and US FRE 702.
Core Doctrinal Verticals	Child abduction & mirror orders; Section 13 CPC foreign divorce recognition; customary & CARA inter-country adoptions; commercial surrogacy; transnational succession & Hindu coparcenary partition; cross-border maintenance.
Oral Testimony & Judicial Recognition	Deposed and cross-examined as expert in US District Court of Minnesota (2021); recognized in reported Canadian jurisprudence (2016 BCSC 678; 2022 ONSC) and UK Family Division judgments.

Core Subject-Matter Verticals & Doctrinal Specializations

International Child Relocation, Abduction & Mirror Orders

Because India is not a signatory to the 1980 Hague Child Abduction Convention, foreign family courts frequently require authoritative expert determination on whether orders granting temporary relocation or contact with India can be safely made. The Expert's reports comprehensively address:

- **Enforceability of Mirror Orders & Undertakings:** Evaluating whether mirror orders obtained in foreign jurisdictions can be registered, recognized, or given summary effect by Indian courts under the Guardians and Wards Act, 1890.
- **Habeas Corpus & Repatriation Risk:** Assessing the legal mechanisms available to an aggrieved parent under Article 226/32 of the Constitution of India if a child is wrongfully retained in India, applying the balance between comity of courts and the child's paramount welfare.

Recognition & Validity of Foreign Decrees (Section 13 & 44A CPC)

A major area of foreign court instruction involves determining whether a foreign divorce, nullity, or financial decree will be recognized as valid and binding in India under Section 13 and Section 44A of the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908. The Expert analyses:

- **Competence of Foreign Jurisdiction:** Examining domicile and jurisdictional grounds under Section 13(a) in light of the landmark Supreme Court ruling in *Y. Narasimha Rao v. Y. Venkata Lakshmi*.
- **Merits of the Case & Natural Justice:** Determining if ex-parte foreign divorce decrees granted on 'no-fault' or 'irretrievable breakdown' grounds comply with Sections 13(b) and 13(d) when the respondent spouse remained in India.
- **Anti-Suit Injunctions & Public Policy:** Advising foreign courts on the risk of parallel Indian proceedings, anti-suit injunctions, and public policy exceptions under Section 13(f).

Inter-Country Adoptions & Customary Adoption Legality

The Expert regularly resolves high-stakes conflicts between domestic Indian adoption statutes and international immigration requirements:

- **HAMA vs. CARA Adoption Frameworks:** Evaluating the legal validity of direct private adoptions executed under the Hindu Adoptions and Maintenance Act, 1956 (HAMA), juxtaposed against mandatory Central Adoption Resource Authority (CARA) regulations and the Hague Adoption Convention.
- **Customary Adoptions & Evidentiary Proof:** Advising foreign immigration tribunals and courts on the strict evidentiary standards required to establish customary adoption deeds without formal civil court decrees.

International Surrogacy, Parentage & Transnational Succession

Further core areas of instruction include international commercial and altruistic surrogacy arrangements, determining legal parentage, citizenship acquisition under the Citizenship Act, 1955, and the partition of ancestral coparcenary properties under the Hindu Succession Act, 1956 for non-resident beneficiaries.

Oral Testimony, Cross-Examination & Overseas Precedents

The practitioner is seasoned in providing live virtual and in-person expert witness testimony, successfully defending expert determinations under intense cross-examination by foreign barristers and trial counsel:

- **District Court of Minnesota (USA, 2021):** Testified and underwent cross-examination as an Indian law expert on cross-border child custody, foreign decree enforcement, and mirror orders in an international family litigation.
- **Supreme Court of British Columbia (BCSC, Canada):** Expert opinion on Indian marriage validity, registration, and matrimonial property rights recognized in landmark reported precedent 2016 BCSC 678.
- **Ontario Superior Court of Justice (ONSC, Canada):** Expert evidence cited and relied upon in reported 2022 ONSC cross-border matrimonial and child custody determinations.
- **High Court of Justice (Family Division, England & Wales):** Frequently instructed as Single Joint Expert under Part 25 FPR, providing decisive clarity on mirror order mechanics and Indian court jurisdiction.

Professional Independence & Expert Witness Code Compliance

In discharging all expert mandates, the practitioner strictly adheres to the governing procedural rules of the appointing foreign courts—including Part 25 of the Family Procedure Rules and CPR Part 35 (England & Wales), Rule 702 of the Federal Rules of Evidence (United States), and equivalent Commonwealth Expert Witness Codes of Conduct. The practitioner maintains uncompromised objectivity, acknowledging an overriding duty to the court that supersedes any obligation to instructing parties.

This specialized practice has positioned the Counsel as one of the most respected and authoritative international single joint experts on Indian private international law globally.

9. Fellow & Secretary of International Child Relocation Committee — International Academy of Family Lawyers (IAFL) (2007 – Present)

Executive Overview & International Leadership Mandate

The International Academy of Family Lawyers (IAFL) is the premier worldwide organization of peer-recognized family law practitioners, comprising elite specialists from over 60 countries. The practitioner was elected as a Fellow of the IAFL on January 29, 2007, marking nearly two decades of active contribution to global family law reform. On August 15, 2024, the practitioner was appointed Secretary of the IAFL International Child Relocation Committee, assuming executive leadership over global policy development, judicial training, and cross-border child relocation standards.

In this executive capacity, the practitioner steers international initiatives to harmonize relocation jurisprudence across common-law and civil-law jurisdictions, actively promoting the application of the HCCH 2010 Washington Declaration on International Family Relocation. The mandate bridges developed international treaty frameworks with non-signatory jurisdictions in South Asia and the developing world.

Strategic Dimension	Global Scope, Duties & High-Level Engagements
IAFL Fellowship Standing	Elected Fellow on January 29, 2007; representing the Indian Bar in the premier worldwide academy of peer-vetted family law specialists across 60+ jurisdictions.

Executive Leadership	Committee	Appointed Secretary of the International Child Relocation Committee on August 15, 2024; directing global research agendas, drafting committee policy papers, and coordinating global education for Fellows.
Washington Promotion	Declaration	Championing the 13 core principles of the HCCH 2010 Washington Declaration on International Family Relocation: non-presumptive best interests test, direct judicial communications, and structured contact safeguards.
Diplomatic & Governmental Missions	Inter-	Speaker and expert contributor at the landmark '15 Years of the HCCH Washington Declaration' conference in Washington DC (April 2025), co-hosted by the Embassy of Canada, HCCH, and IAFL.

Global Policy & Promotion of the HCCH Washington Declaration

Adopted in March 2010 at the International Judicial Conference on Cross-Border Family Relocation co-organized by the Hague Conference on Private International Law (HCCH) and the International Centre for Missing & Exploited Children (ICMEC), the Washington Declaration establishes a universal framework for resolving disputes where one parent seeks to relocate across international borders with a minor child. As Secretary of the IAFL Relocation Committee, the practitioner drives global compliance with its foundational tenets:

- **Individualized Best Interests Adjudication:** Advocating that relocation determinations must be made without presumptions in favour of or against relocation, focusing strictly on the unique welfare and holistic development of the child.
- **Structured Multi-Factor Assessment:** Promoting the mandatory consideration of key factors: the child's right to maintain regular direct contact with both parents; the authentic views of the mature child; practical arrangements for housing, education, and healthcare; and the genuine motivation of both relocating and left-behind parents.
- **Direct Judicial Communications:** Facilitating structured liaison between judges of origin and destination countries via the International Hague Network of Judges (IHNJ) to establish enforceable mirror orders and cross-border undertakings prior to relocation.
- **Safeguards for Left-Behind Parents:** Ensuring destination states provide reciprocal mechanisms that prevent the unilateral termination or dilution of contact rights once relocation has taken place.

Executive Functions as Committee Secretary

Since assuming the Secretariat on August 15, 2024, the practitioner has led several high-impact institutional initiatives:

- **Global Education of IAFL Fellows:** Organizing international webinars, specialized panel discussions, and clinical workshops educating over 1,000 elite family lawyers across Europe, the Americas, Asia-Pacific, and Africa on emerging relocation jurisprudence.

- **Comparative Legislative Recommendations:** Conducting worldwide comparative legal analyses to assist sovereign legislatures in formulating statutory notice periods, mediation mandates, and expedited relocation court procedures modelled on leading enactments (such as Canada's reformed Divorce Act).
- **Bridging Non-Signatory Jurisdictions:** Providing specialized doctrinal pathways for non-Hague convention jurisdictions (such as India and Middle Eastern nations) to incorporate Washington Declaration principles into domestic guardianship and custody adjudications.

Diplomatic Engagements & Washington DC Conference (April 2025)

A historic milestone of the practitioner's leadership was participating in and addressing the landmark international conference entitled '15 Years of the HCCH Washington Declaration: Progress and Perspectives on International Family Relocation', held on April 2–4, 2025 in Washington D.C., co-hosted by the Embassy of Canada, the Permanent Bureau of the HCCH, and the IAFL.

Bringing together over 200 senior judges, central authority officials, and international experts representing 49 sovereign states, the conference evaluated 15 years of progress in relocation jurisprudence. The practitioner presented expert perspectives highlighting:

- **Cross-Border Relocation Realities in the Asian Subcontinent:** Addressing practical challenges faced by diaspora families, jurisdictional conflicts, and the imperative for mutual judicial recognition between Western jurisdictions and South Asia.
- **Mitigating Parental Child Abduction:** Demonstrating how structured, fair, and legally certain relocation procedures directly reduce the incidence of desperate, unilateral parental child abductions.

Summary of Global Standing

Through his enduring Fellowship since 2007 and executive leadership as Secretary of the International Child Relocation Committee, the practitioner occupies a pivotal global position at the nexus of private international law, diplomatic family policy, and transnational child protection.

10. Member, Punjab Governance Reforms Commission & Chairperson, NRI Task Force — Government of Punjab (June 2012 – 2014)

Executive Overview & High-Level Appointment

Between June 2012 and 2014, the practitioner was appointed by the Government of Punjab (Department of Governance Reforms) as a Member of the apex Punjab Governance Reforms Commission (PGRC) and Designated Chairperson of the Task Force on Policy Procedures, Resolution and Grievances of Non-Resident Indians (NRIs). Working alongside senior civil servants, including the Commissioner of NRI Affairs as Task Force Secretary, the practitioner spearheaded comprehensive structural reforms to address acute socio-legal challenges confronting the global Punjabi diaspora.

The mandate yielded groundbreaking institutional results: authoring 5 authoritative policy reform reports submitted directly to the State Cabinet and drafting 3 landmark state statutory enactments. These legislative and policy blueprints revolutionized diaspora protection, human trafficking regulation, and cross-border matrimonial dispute resolution across North India.

Key Deliverable Category	Statutory / Policy Output & Strategic Focus
Policy Reform Reports (5 Authored)	Authored comprehensive reform blueprints on: (1) NRI Marriage Laws & Fast-Track Family Courts; (2) Human Smuggling & Unregistered Travel Agents; (3) Repatriation of Irregular Migrants; (4) NRI Property Protection & Land Laws; and (5) State Commission for NRIs Act Amendments.
Punjab Compulsory Registration of Marriages Act, 2012	Formulated and drafted statutory mechanisms mandating universal marriage registration, passport detail endorsements, and identity verifications to curb fraudulent and abandoned NRI marriages.
Punjab Prevention of Human Smuggling Act, 2012	Pioneered India's first state statutory framework criminalizing unauthorized travel agents, creating licensing regimes, and establishing stringent penalties for illegal immigration trafficking.
Punjab Travel Professionals Regulation Act, 2014	Drafted the comprehensive successor statute regulating travel agents, student visa consultants, ticketing agencies, and coaching institutes under rigorous state oversight.

The 5 Landmark Policy Reform Reports

Under the Chairpersonship of the practitioner, the NRI Task Force compiled and submitted five exhaustive policy reform reports to the Government of Punjab:

- **Report 1: Reform of NRI Marriage Laws & Creation of Family Courts:** Addressed the socio-legal crisis of abandoned Indian brides married to overseas grooms. Recommended mandatory registration of NRI marriages with passport details, inter-linking with the Passports Act, 1967 for swift passport impoundment of absconding spouses, and the establishment of dedicated fast-track NRI Family Courts across high-migration districts (Jalandhar, Hoshiarpur, Ludhiana, Kapurthala).
- **Report 2: Curbing Unregistered Travel Recruiting Agents:** Investigated the unregulated proliferation of fraudulent travel agents exploiting gullible rural youth with fake foreign employment promises. Outlined a rigorous statutory licensing and police verification architecture.
- **Report 3: Return & Rehabilitation of Irregular Migrants:** Formulated protocols for the emergency repatriation and dignified return of stranded Indian irregular migrants detained in foreign transit camps ('donkey route' victims in Central America, Europe, and the Middle East), recommending state-sponsored legal aid and vocational rehabilitation.
- **Report 4: NRI Property Dispute Resolution & Fast-Track Disposal:** Proposed specialized administrative and revenue mechanisms to protect diaspora ancestral lands and urban properties from land mafias and fraudulent power-of-attorney sales. Recommended streamlining summary eviction under Section 13-B of the East Punjab Urban Rent Restriction Act, 1949.
- **Report 5: Modernizing the Punjab State Commission for NRIs Act, 2011:** Recommended key statutory amendments to empower the Punjab State NRI Commission with quasi-judicial

powers of a Civil Court, effective execution mechanisms, and dedicated liaison with the Punjab Police NRI Wing.

Formulation & Drafting of Landmark State Enactments

Translating policy recommendations into binding legislation, the practitioner formulated and drafted three historic statutory enactments passed by the Punjab Legislative Assembly:

Punjab Compulsory Registration of Marriages Act, 2012

Enacted in accordance with Supreme Court directions in *Seema v. Ashwani Kumar*, this statute mandated compulsory registration of all marriages solemnized in the State, irrespective of religion. For NRI marriages, the draft incorporated mandatory disclosure of foreign citizenship, permanent resident status, passport numbers, and overseas residential addresses, creating an official public record to prevent bigamy, desertion, and jurisdictional fraud.

Punjab Prevention of Human Smuggling Act, 2012

Representing India's first state-level legislation targeting unlawful human smuggling rings, this enactment created a mandatory licensing regime for all immigration agents, student visa consultants, and travel recruitment firms. It instituted stringent criminal penalties (imprisonment up to 7 years), power to cancel licenses, and forfeiture of properties acquired through illegal smuggling proceeds.

Punjab Travel Professionals Regulation Act, 2014

Enacted to refine and expand regulatory oversight, this legislation consolidated the regulatory architecture governing travel agents, ticketing agents, student visa advisors, and IELTS/language coaching centres. It established District Magistrate licensing authorities, mandatory operational audits, and streamlined grievance redressal for defrauded applicants.

Institutional Impact & Public Governance Legacy

The reports and enactments formulated under the practitioner's leadership created a permanent institutional framework for diaspora governance in India. The statutory models drafted in Punjab served as pioneering templates studied and emulated by the Union Ministry of External Affairs, the Law Commission of India, and other high-emigration state governments.

This dual capacity as commission member and chief legislative architect exemplified the practitioner's rare ability to translate complex private international law challenges into pragmatic, enforceable state policy and enduring statutory codifications.

11. Special Counsel for State of Punjab — Punjab and Haryana High Court (2013 & 2015)

Forum: Punjab and Haryana High Court, Chandigarh. **Key Duties and Responsibilities:**

- **Constitutional Defence of State Acts:** Engaged by the Government of Punjab to defend the constitutional validity and legislative vires of the Punjab Prevention of Human Smuggling Act, 2012 and the Punjab Travel Professionals Regulation Act, 2014 against challenges brought by travel agents and recruiters.

12. Advisor, Non-Resident Indian (NRI) Affairs — Government of Punjab (January 2014 – 2017)

Key Duties and Responsibilities:

- **Strategic Diaspora Advisory:** Advised the Chief Minister and Department of NRI Affairs on cross-border property protection, fraudulent NRI abandonment marriages, irregular migration, and dispute redressal portals for overseas Punjabis.

13. Member, Justice Rajesh Bindal Committee on Inter-Country Child Removal — Ministry of Women & Child Development, Government of India (April 2017 – April 2021)

Appointment: Co-opted on April 25, 2017 by the Punjab and Haryana High Court into the High-Level Committee constituted by the Ministry of Women and Child Development (MWCD), Government of India. **Key Duties and Responsibilities:**

- **Statutory Bill Examination:** Examined the draft Protection of Children (Inter-Country Removal and Retention) Bill, 2016, and assessed legal, social, and international nuances regarding India's accession to the 1980 Hague Child Abduction Convention.
- **Report Drafting:** Assisted in compiling the comprehensive two-volume Justice Rajesh Bindal Committee Report (released April 21, 2021) and formulating the proposed draft Protection of Children (Inter-country Removal and Retention) Bill, 2018.

14. Resource Person & Judicial Educator — National Judicial Academy (NJA) & State Judicial Academies (2013 – Present)

Institutions: National Judicial Academy (NJA), Bhopal; Chandigarh Judicial Academy (CJA); Delhi Judicial Academy; Kerala Judicial Academy. **Key Duties and Responsibilities:**

- **Training of Judges:** Conducting advanced continuous judicial training sessions for High Court Judges, Principal District Judges, and Family Court Judges on international child abduction, surrogacy legislation, inter-country adoption, cross-border matrimonial property division, and shared parenting principles.

15. Distinguished Academic Professorships & Visiting Faculty Roles (2019 – Present)

- **Distinguished Visiting Expert — Symbiosis International University (2019 – Present):** Appointed by Symbiosis Law Schools at Pune, Nagpur, Hyderabad, and Noida for Private International Law, Family Law, Transnational Law, and Comparative Law.
- **Honorary Professor — NUALS, Kochi (May 11, 2020 – Present):** Appointed at the National University of Advanced Legal Studies (NUALS), Kochi for curriculum design, postgraduate lectures, and specialized seminars.
- **Visiting Professor — Raffles University, Neemrana (March 2021 – Present):** Lecturing on Private International Law and cross-border commercial/family disputes.
- **Adjunct Faculty — Jindal Global Law School (Feb – May 2019):** Delivered specialized modules on cross-border matrimonial disputes and international child law.

IV. Core Areas of Specialised Practice (1985-2026)

Executive Overview of Specialized Practice

With over four decades of continuous, high-level legal practice since 1985 till date, Senior Advocate Anil Malhotra provides end-to-end strategic advisory, trial coordination, and appellate advocacy before the Supreme Court of India, State High Courts, and international forums. The chambers specialize in resolving intricate cross-border private international law disputes, constitutional writ challenges, and transnational regulatory conflicts across six core pillars.

Specialized Domain	Substantive Scope & Key Statutory / Doctrinal Touchstones
1. Cross-Border Matrimonial Law	Foreign divorce recognition & challenges under Section 13 CPC; anti-suit injunctions; parallel matrimonial proceedings; Section 25 HMA permanent alimony; Section 125 CrPC / BNSS maintenance; PWDVA; execution of foreign maintenance orders under Section 44A CPC.
2. International Child Law & Custody	International child abduction & wrongful retention; Article 226/32 Habeas Corpus petitions; balancing comity vs. paramount welfare principle (GWA 1890); application of HCCH 2010 Washington Declaration on Relocation; mirror orders and cross-border visitation.
3. Intercountry Adoption & Surrogacy	1993 Hague Adoption Convention & CARA Regulations compliance; private adoptions under HAMA 1956; Guardians and Wards Act, 1890; Surrogacy (Regulation) Act, 2021; ART (Regulation) Act, 2021; declarations of legal parentage and exit visa documentation.
4. Citizenship, Immigration & OCI	Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) registration & challenging cancellation orders under Section 7D of Citizenship Act, 1955; dual nationality propositions; FRRO/BOI compliance; deportation defense; visa disputes & Look-Out Circular (LOC) quashing.
5. NRI Property, Succession & Domicile	Indian domicile determinations; probate and administration of transnational Wills; coparcenary property partition under Hindu Succession Act, 1956; summary NRI tenancy evictions under Section 13-B East Punjab Rent Act; execution of foreign money decrees.
6. Human Trafficking & Migration	Enforcement of Punjab Prevention of Human Smuggling Act, 2012 / Travel Professionals Regulation Act, 2014; Emigration Act, 1983; regulation of overseas recruiters; repatriation protocols for irregular migrants ('donkey routes'); victim compensation.

Cross-Border Matrimonial Law

Transnational matrimonial disputes represent a premier pillar of the chambers' practice, encompassing multi-jurisdictional marital breakdowns where parties reside in different sovereign legal systems. Key areas of advocacy include:

- **Recognition & Challenge of Foreign Divorces (Section 13 CPC):** Litigating the validity of overseas divorce and nullity decrees under Section 13 of the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908. Applying the definitive principles laid down in *Y. Narasimha Rao v. Y. Venkata Lakshmi* (1991) 3 SCC 451, challenging ex-parte foreign decrees obtained in non-matrimonial domiciles without submission to jurisdiction or where foreign grounds (such as 'no-fault' or 'irretrievable breakdown') contradict the personal law under which the marriage was solemnized.
- **Anti-Suit & Anti-Enforcement Injunctions:** Securing and defending urgent anti-suit injunctions before Indian High Courts and Civil Courts to restrain spouses from pursuing oppressive, vexatious, or forum-shopping parallel divorce proceedings in foreign jurisdictions (e.g., UK, USA, Canada, Australia).
- **Substantive Domestic Matrimonial Relief:** Prosecuting petitions for Restitution of Conjugal Rights (Section 9 HMA), Judicial Separation (Section 10), Nullity (Sections 11 & 12), and Contested Divorce (Section 13) under the Hindu Marriage Act, 1955 and Special Marriage Act, 1954 for Non-Resident Indian parties.
- **Transnational Maintenance & Financial Remedies:** Securing permanent alimony and maintenance under Section 25 of the HMA, Section 125 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 (and Section 144 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023), and emergency protection/residence orders under the Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005 (PWDVA). Enforcing foreign financial remedy orders in India through Section 44A execution petitions or independent suits on foreign judgments.

International Child Law & Cross-Border Custody

Because India is not a contracting state to the 1980 Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction, parental child removal disputes require sophisticated constitutional and statutory advocacy:

- **Writ Petitions of Habeas Corpus (Articles 226 & 32):** Representing left-behind foreign parents or defending retaining custodial parents in summary Habeas Corpus petitions before High Courts and the Supreme Court of India. Masterfully navigating the evolution of Indian jurisprudence from Dhanwanti Joshi (1998) and Ruchi Majoo (2011) to Nithya Anand Raghavan (2017), Prateek Gupta (2018), and Lahari Sakhamuri (2019).
- **Welfare Principle Adjudication (Guardians & Wards Act, 1890):** Demonstrating that the principle of comity of foreign courts must yield to the paramount consideration of the 'welfare and best interests of the child', evaluating physical, emotional, educational, and psychological stability.
- **HCCH 2010 Washington Declaration on Relocation:** Applying the 13 principles of the Washington Declaration to structure fair, non-presumptive international relocation proposals, ensuring direct contact with the non-relocating parent.
- **Mirror Orders & International Contact Undertakings:** Drafting reciprocal mirror orders and court undertakings filed in Indian Family Courts to give enforceable effect to overseas custody and visitation schedules.

Intercountry Adoption & Surrogacy Jurisprudence

The chambers provide leading authority on cross-border child creation, adoption legality, and parentage declarations:

- **Intercountry Adoptions (CARA & Hague Framework):** Advising prospective adoptive parents on compliance with Central Adoption Resource Authority (CARA) Adoption Regulations, the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015, and the 1993 Hague Intercountry Adoption Convention, resolving procedural delays in District Magistrate adoption orders.
- **Direct Private Adoptions under HAMA 1956:** Harmonizing customary relative adoptions executed under Section 6 and Section 11 of the Hindu Adoptions and Maintenance Act, 1956 with CARA No Objection Certificates (NOC) and foreign immigration visa clearances.
- **Surrogacy & ART Statutory Compliance:** Navigating the statutory mandates of the Surrogacy (Regulation) Act, 2021 and the Assisted Reproductive Technology (Regulation) Act, 2021; securing judicial declarations of legal parentage, birth certificates, and foreign travel documentation for children born through assisted reproduction.

Citizenship, Immigration & Overseas Citizenship of India (OCI)

The practice delivers comprehensive public law solutions for cross-border immigration, nationality, and diaspora civil rights:

- **OCI Registration & Cancellation Challenges (Section 7D):** Defending Overseas Citizens of India (OCI) cardholders against arbitrary cancellation orders passed under Section 7D of the Citizenship Act, 1955, filing writ petitions before High Courts to protect diaspora fundamental rights, property ownership, and travel liberties.
- **Citizenship Determinations & Dual Nationality:** Advising on citizenship acquisition by descent, registration, naturalization, and statutory renunciation protocols under the Indian Citizenship Act, 1955.
- **FRRO, Blacklisting & Look-Out Circulars (LOC):** Handling complex compliance with the Foreigners Regional Registration Office (FRRO) and Bureau of Immigration; prosecuting writ petitions to quash unlawful Look-Out Circulars (LOC), deportation orders, and 'Leave India' notices.

NRI Property, Transnational Succession & Domicile

Protecting multi-jurisdictional assets, ancestral estates, and executing cross-border testamentary instruments:

- **Indian Domicile Determinations:** Advising on domicile of origin, choice, and operation of law for international estate planning, succession conflicts, and cross-border tax compliance.
- **Probate & Execution of Transnational Wills:** Securing Probate, Letters of Administration, and Succession Certificates under the Indian Succession Act, 1925 for multi-jurisdictional estates with assets spanning India and foreign countries.

- **Coparcenary Partition & Land Revenue Litigation:** Representing diaspora coparceners in partition suits, challenging fraudulent alienation of ancestral lands, and litigating mutation disputes before Financial Commissioners and Revenue Courts under the Hindu Succession Act, 1956.
- **NRI Summary Tenancy Protections:** Prosecuting fast-track summary eviction proceedings under Section 13-B of the East Punjab Urban Rent Restriction Act, 1949 and corresponding tenancy enactments across India to recover possession of residential and commercial premises for NRI landlords.
- **Execution of Foreign Decrees (Section 44A CPC):** Executing money decrees from reciprocating territories (such as the UK, UAE, Singapore) directly under Section 44A CPC, and filing substantive suits on foreign judgments from non-reciprocating territories.

Human Trafficking & Migration Regulations

Drawing from his foundational role in drafting Punjab's anti-human smuggling statutes, the practitioner advises and litigates across migration regulatory enforcement:

- **Enforcement of Anti-Smuggling Legislation:** Handling cases under the Punjab Prevention of Human Smuggling Act, 2012, Punjab Travel Professionals Regulation Act, 2014, and the Emigration Act, 1983, targeting unlicensed recruiting agencies and fraudulent educational visa consultancies.
- **Rescue & Repatriation of Irregular Migrants:** Coordinating with the Ministry of External Affairs, foreign embassies, and international humanitarian agencies for the emergency repatriation of undocumented Indian youth stranded along illegal transit corridors ('donkey routes') across Latin America, Europe, and the Middle East.
- **Victim Restitution & Criminal Prosecution:** Representing defrauded migrant families to secure the recovery and restitution of extorted migration funds, attachment of smugglers' assets, and criminal prosecution under Indian penal provisions.

Summary of Chamber Capabilities

Over four decades of active bar standing, the chambers have cultivated an authoritative, internationally acknowledged mastery across all facets of transnational civil, constitutional, and family law. The practitioner remains a premier choice for foreign governments, multinational families, high-net-worth diaspora individuals, and superior courts seeking impeccable doctrinal precision and strategic litigation leadership.

V. Judicial Appointments as Amicus Curiae & Court Assistance (1998-2026)

Executive Overview & Judicial Assistance Standing

Senior Advocate Anil Malhotra has been appointed as Amicus Curiae (Friend of the Court) by Superior Constitutional Courts in India in 37 landmark cases. These appointments represent the highest form of judicial trust, calling upon the Counsel to provide objective, non-partisan doctrinal analysis and comprehensive research reports to assist Division and Full Benches in resolving novel, unsettled

questions of Private International Law, extraterritorial writ jurisdiction, inter-country adoption frameworks, child welfare, statutory harmonization, and transnational human rights.

The Counsel's Amicus Curiae submissions and written reports have repeatedly guided High Court Benches in authoring authoritative precedents that harmonized conflicting domestic enactments with international treaty obligations and filled critical statutory lacunae.

Constitutional Court & Case	Novel Legal Proposition & Amicus Assistance Scope
High Court of Kerala <i>WP(Crl.) No. 1206 of 2022 & WP(C) No. 42320 of 2022 (Rani George / RG v. UOI)</i>	Extraterritorial writ powers under Article 226 concerning the protection, medical intervention, and maternal custody of an autistic Indian child located outside India; Division Bench recorded deepest judicial appreciation.
Punjab & Haryana High Court <i>CWP No. 10555 of 2019 (Jasmine Kaur v. UOI)</i>	Harmonization of the Juvenile Justice Act, 2015, Adoption Regulations 2017, and CARA guidelines with direct customary adoptions under HAMA 1956 in intercountry child placements.
Punjab & Haryana High Court <i>CRWP No. 3440 of 2020 & CRM-M No. 820 of 2020 (Kiran V. Bhaskar v. State)</i>	Essential validity tests for customary adoptions under HAMA 1956, maintainability of parental Habeas Corpus petitions, and cross-border recognition of foreign custody orders.
Punjab & Haryana High Court <i>Human Smuggling & Victim Compensation Petitions</i>	Assisting the Court in framing comprehensive victim restitution guidelines, consular repatriation protocols for stranded irregular migrants, and regulating overseas recruitment agents.

High Court of Kerala: Extraterritorial Writ Jurisdiction & Autistic Child Welfare

WP(Crl.) No. 1206 of 2022 & WP(C) No. 42320 of 2022 (Rani George / RG v. Union of India)

In a precedent-setting cross-border family litigation, the High Court of Kerala was called upon to determine whether an Indian Constitutional Court could exercise its extraordinary writ powers under Article 226 to protect the welfare, medical treatment, and custody of an autistic Indian child residing overseas with his father. Recognizing the profound private international law implications, the Division Bench specially appointed Senior Advocate Anil Malhotra as Amicus Curiae.

- Doctrinal Assistance Rendered:** The Amicus Curiae tendered a comprehensive report analysing the extraterritorial reach of constitutional courts under the doctrine of *parens patriae*, examining whether medical intervention alone was sufficient without maternal care for a neurodivergent child, and mapping the enforceability of Indian welfare orders in foreign jurisdictions.
- Judicial Appreciation:** In its final judgment allowing the petition, the Division Bench placed explicit reliance on the Amicus submissions and recorded its deepest institutional appreciation to learned Amicus Curiae Shri Anil Malhotra for his masterful assistance.

Punjab & Haryana High Court: Harmonization of CARA & HAMA Adoptions

CWP No. 10555 of 2019 (Jasmine Kaur v. Union of India & Others)

In CWP No. 10555 of 2019, the High Court addressed the acute statutory conflict between the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015 / Adoption Regulations 2017 (governing CARA intercountry adoptions) and direct private adoptions executed under the Hindu Adoptions and Maintenance Act, 1956 (HAMA). The Court appointed Anil Malhotra as Amicus Curiae to resolve whether CARA No Objection Certificates (NOC) were mandatory for valid HAMA adoptions.

- **Amicus Report & Statutory Harmonization:** The Amicus Curiae submitted an exhaustive comparative report demonstrating that once a valid adoption is solemnized and registered under Section 6, 11, and 16 of HAMA 1956, it confers absolute legal status and cannot be annulled or subjected to conflicting administrative hurdles under the JJ Act, while simultaneously recommending procedural pathways for CARA verification to satisfy foreign immigration authorities.
- **Binding Legal Benchmark:** The judgment delivered on July 28, 2020 adopted the Amicus formulation, establishing a landmark precedent cited across Indian High Courts in intercountry relative adoption disputes.

Customary Adoptions, Habeas Corpus & Foreign Custody Decrees

CRWP No. 3440 of 2020 & CRM-M No. 820 of 2020 (Kiran V. Bhaskar v. State of Haryana)

In CRWP No. 3440 of 2020, the High Court sought the assistance of Amicus Curiae Anil Malhotra on critical questions regarding the essential validity of customary adoptions, the maintainability of Habeas Corpus petitions by biological parents seeking repatriation of minors, and the legal weight of foreign court custody orders.

- **Doctrinal Framework Provided:** The Amicus synthesized the requirements of actual physical giving and taking in adoption under Section 11(vi) HAMA 1956, elucidated the evidentiary standards required to displace natural biological custody, and outlined how Indian constitutional courts must evaluate foreign custody orders under the paramount child welfare test.

Repatriation of Overseas Scam Victims & Human Smuggling Policies

The High Court has repeatedly appointed the Counsel as Amicus Curiae in public interest litigations concerning the rescue and repatriation of young Indian migrants trapped overseas in fake employment rackets across Russia, Southeast Asia, and the Gulf, as well as those cheated by unlicensed immigration agents.

- **Inter-Agency Policy Frameworks:** The Amicus formulated actionable recommendations for institutional synergy between the Ministry of External Affairs, State Police Special Task Forces, and Overseas Indian Affairs desks.
- **Victim Compensation Schemes:** Advised the Court on establishing dedicated victim compensation funds financed through the attachment and forfeiture of fraudulent recruiters' assets under state anti-smuggling enactments.

Summary of Institutional Impact

The 37 judicial appointments as Amicus Curiae underscore Senior Advocate Anil Malhotra's pre-eminent standing as a trusted scholar-advocate of the Indian Bar. His non-partisan assistance has helped shape progressive jurisprudence, safeguard vulnerable children, protect indigent migrants, and bridge domestic statutory personal laws with modern private international law.

VI. Books Authored & Co-Authored (2005 – 2026)

1. **Practitioner's Guide to International Family Law: An Indian Perspective** (2025) — Co-authored; Published by Oak Bridge Publishing Pvt. Ltd., Gurugram {ISBN 978-81-983488-4-5}.
2. **The Global Indians and The Law** (2020) — Co-authored; Published by Oak Bridge Publishing Pvt. Ltd., Gurugram {ISBN 978-93-89176-54-4}.
3. **The Removed Child and The Law in India** (2018) — Co-authored; Published by Malhotra & Malhotra Associates, Chandigarh {ISBN 978-93-5321-776-1}.
4. **India, Inter Country Parental Child Removal and The Law** (2016) — Co-authored; Published by Universal Law Publishing / LexisNexis, New Delhi {ISBN 978-93-5035-789-7}.
5. **Surrogacy in India – A Law in the Making, Revisited** (2015) — Co-authored; Published by Universal Law Publishing Co., New Delhi {ISBN 978-93-5035-124-6}.
6. **International Indians and The Law** (2014) — Co-authored; Published by Universal Law Publishing Co., New Delhi {ISBN 978-93-5035-511-4}.
7. **Surrogacy in India – A Law in the Making** (2013) — Co-authored; Published by Universal Law Publishing Co., New Delhi {ISBN 978-93-5035-325-7}.
8. **Indians, NRIs and the Law** (2011) — Co-authored; Published by Universal Law Publishing Co., New Delhi {ISBN 978-93-5035-124-6}.
9. **India, NRIs and the Law** (2009) — Authored; Published by Universal Law Publishing Co., New Delhi {ISBN 978-81-7534-796-0}.
10. **Acting for Non-Resident Indian Clients** (London 2005) — Co-authored; Published by Jordan Publishing Limited, Bristol, UK {ISBN 0-85308-662-1}.

VII. Awards, Honors & International Memberships (2005-2026)

- **Attorney General Soli J. Sorabjee National Award (September 6, 2026):** Conferred by Former Chief Justice of India, Justice Sanjiv Khanna, on behalf of Capital Foundation Society, New Delhi, in recognition of outstanding lifetime contributions to International Family Law.
- **International Academy of Family Lawyers (IAFL):** Elected Fellow in London (January 2007); Appointed Secretary, International Child Relocation Committee (August 2024 – Present).
- **International Law Association (ILA), London:** Nominated by the Executive Council as India Member of the International Family Law Committee (May 2010).

- **Reunite International Child Abduction Centre, UK:** Designated Indian Representative (2007 onwards).
- **Professional Memberships:** Life Member, Indian Society of International Law (ISIL) (2009); Member, LAWASIA (Past Country Representative for Family Law) (2001); Member, International Bar Association (IBA) (2010); Member, Commonwealth Lawyers Association (CLA) (2005) .

VIII. PUBLICATIONS, AUTHORED BOOKS, CHAPTERS & ARTICLES (1985 – 2026)

A distinguished record of scholarly contributions in international legal journals, reference treatises, and governmental advisory publications covering Indian and Comparative Family Law, Private International Law, and Transnational Litigation:

- **June 1985 – LLM Master's Dissertation (SOAS, University of London):** Authored an 80-page LLM Essay titled “Locus Standi and Public Interest Litigation: A Study in the Indian Context” at the Law Department, School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London, under the supervision of Prof. (Dr.) W.F. Menski.
- **2001 – International Survey of Family Law (2001 Edition):** Co-authored Chapter titled “Some perspectives on Indian Family Law”, published on behalf of the International Society of Family Law by Jordan Publishing Limited, Bristol, UK (pp. 115–145; ISBN: 0-85308-704-0; www.familylaw.co.uk/ebooks).
- **2004 – International Survey of Family Law (2004 Edition):** Co-authored Chapter titled “Analysis of the law of marriage from an International Perspective, under Hindu Law”, published on behalf of the International Society of Family Law by Jordan Publishing Limited, Bristol, UK (pp. 193–203; ISBN: 0-85308-937-X).
- **2005 – International Survey of Family Law (2005 Edition):** Co-authored Chapter titled “Divorce nullity and related matters under The Hindu Marriage Act, 1955”, published on behalf of the International Society of Family Law by Jordan Publishing Limited, Bristol, UK (pp. 275–314; ISBN: 0-85308-983-3).
- **Autumn 2005 – The Judges' Newsletter (Hague Conference on Private International Law):** Co-authored Paper titled “International Parental Child Abduction Law in the Indian Jurisdiction: Case Law Analysis and Procedural Safeguards”, published in The Judges Newsletter, Vol. X (Autumn 2005), a publication of the Hague Conference on Private International Law (HCCH).
- **July 2006 – Transnational Dispute Management (TDM) Journal:** Co-authored Article titled “Enforcement of Foreign Judgments & Foreign Arbitral Awards in the Indian Civil Jurisdiction”, published in Transnational Dispute Management Journal, Vol. 3, Issue 4, pp. 2–17.
- **October 2006 – National Family Law Conference Handbook (Australia):** Co-authored Chapter 11 titled “Family Law and Religion – The Indian Experience”, presented at the 12th National Family Law Conference, Perth, Australia, and published in Conference Handbook 'Surfing the Seas of Family Law – Major Reform or a Little Housekeeping' by Law Council of Australia / Television Education Network Pty. Ltd (ISBN: 1 876267 72 0).

- **December 2006 – ISIL Private International Law Conference Papers:** Co-authored Conference Paper titled “Conflicts of Jurisdiction Interparental in Interparental Child Custody Disputes – The Indian Experience”, presented at the International Conference on Private International Law (ISIL in collaboration with TMC Asser Institute and Hague Conference) and published by ISIL.
- **June 2007 – Commonwealth Law Bulletin (Routledge / Commonwealth Secretariat):** Co-authored Article titled “Inter-Country Adoptions from India”, published in Commonwealth Law Bulletin, Vol. 33, No. 2, pp. 1–8 (ISSN: 0305-0718).
- **2007 – International Survey of Family Law (2007 Edition):** Co-authored Chapter titled “Hindu Law and Uniform Civil Code–The Indian Experience”, published on behalf of the International Society of Family Law by Jordan Publishing Limited, Bristol, UK (pp. 101–120; ISBN: 978-1-84661-066-0).
- **January 2008 – Government of Punjab Advisory Booklet:** Authored Booklet titled “An Overview of Legal Issues”, published by the Government of Punjab for the Punjabi NRI Sammelan held on January 5, 2008.
- **2008 – India and International Law (Koninklijke Brill N.V.):** Co-authored Chapter titled “Family Law and Religion – The Indian Experience”, published in India and International Law (Vol. 2, pp. 487–513), edited by Bimal N. Patel, published by Koninklijke Brill N.V., Leiden / The Netherlands.
- **2008 – Non Resident Indians and Private International Law (Hope India / ISIL):** Co-authored Chapter titled “Supplemental recommendations to draft proposal 'A need for a comprehensive legislation on the legal problems of non-residents Indians'” (pp. 504–509), published by Hope India Publications on behalf of Indian Society of International Law (ISBN: 81-7871-104-4).
- **2008 – International Survey of Family Law (2008 Edition):** Co-authored Chapter titled “Inter-country Parental Child Removal and the Law”, published on behalf of the International Society of Family Law by Jordan Publishing Limited, Bristol, UK (pp. 139–163; ISBN: 978-1-84661-116-2).
- **2009 – International Survey of Family Law (2009 Edition):** Co-authored Chapter titled “Conflict of laws in Inter-country Adoptions: The Indian perspective with special reference to the position after India ratified The Hague Convention on Adoptions”, published by Jordan Publishing Limited, Bristol, UK (pp. 215–240; ISBN: 978-1-84661-182-7).
- **2010 – International Survey of Family Law (2010 Edition):** Co-authored Chapter titled “Alternative Dispute Resolution in Indian Family Law – Realities, Practicalities and Necessities”, published by Jordan Publishing Limited, Bristol, UK (pp. 189–215; ISBN: 978-1-84661-232-9).
- **2011 – The Corporate Immigration Review (1st Edition):** Co-authored Chapter 10 titled “Immigration Law in India”, in The Corporate Immigration Review (1st Ed., Ed. Chris Magrath), published by Law Business Research Limited, UK (pp. 106–116; ISBN: 978-1-907606-14-4).

- **2011 – International Survey of Family Law (2011 Edition):** Co-authored Chapter titled “Custom as an important source of Hindu Law: its usage in International Family Migration”, published by Jordan Publishing Limited, Bristol, UK (pp. 221–246; ISBN: 978-1-84661-284-8).
- **March 2012 – Commonwealth Law Bulletin (Routledge / Commonwealth Secretariat):** Co-authored Article titled “All Aboard for the Fertility Express”, published in Commonwealth Law Bulletin, Vol. 38, No. 1, pp. 1–10 (ISSN: 0305-0718, DOI: 10.1080/03050718.2012.646733).
- **April – June 2012 – The Pravasi Today Journal:** Authored Article titled “The Dark Side of the Moon – Human Rights, Illegal Immigrants and the Law”, published in The Pravasi Today, Vol. 7, No. 02, pp. 26–28.
- **2012 – The Future of Child and Family Law (Cambridge University Press):** Co-authored Chapter titled “India – A Perspective, Indian child and family law”, in The Future of Child and Family Law - International Predictions, edited by Elaine E. Sutherland, published by Cambridge University Press, New York (ISBN: 978-1-107-00680-5).
- **2012 – International Survey of Family Law (2012 Edition):** Co-authored Chapter titled “Missing children in India: Suggestions, Remedies and Solutions”, published by Jordan Publishing Limited, Bristol, UK (pp. 123–150; ISBN: 978-1-84661-331-9).
- **January 2013 – Government of Punjab Advisory Booklet:** Co-authored Booklet titled “An Overview of Legal Issues-2013”, published by the Government of Punjab and released at the Non-Resident Punjabi Sammelan, Chandigarh.
- **2013 – The Corporate Immigration Review (3rd Edition):** Co-authored Chapter 14 on India titled “Immigration Framework in India”, in The Corporate Immigration Review (3rd Ed., Ed. Chris Magrath), published by Law Business Research Limited, UK.
- **2013 – International Survey of Family Law (2013 Edition):** Co-authored Chapter titled “Law and Surrogacy arrangements in India”, published by Jordan Publishing Limited, Bristol, UK (pp. 151–174; ISBN: 978-1-84661-726-3).
- **January 2014 – Government of Punjab Policy Booklet:** Co-authored Booklet titled “Promise to Performance – New Punjab NRI Laws, Commissions and Policies”, published by Government of Punjab, released at the Non-Resident Punjabi Sammelan.
- **Summer 2014 – Family Law Quarterly (American Bar Association):** Co-authored Article titled “To Return or Not to Return: Hague Convention Vs. Non-Convention Countries”, published in Family Law Quarterly, Vol. 48, No. 2 (Summer 2014), ABA, Chicago, USA (ISSN: 0014-729X).
- **2014 – The Corporate Immigration Review (4th Edition):** Co-authored Chapter 20 on India titled “Indian Immigration and the Law”, in The Corporate Immigration Review (4th Ed., Ed. Chris Magrath), published by Law Business Research Limited, UK.
- **2014 – International Survey of Family Law (2014 Edition):** Co-authored Chapter titled “Surrogacy for single and unmarried foreign persons: A challenge under Indian Law”, published by Jordan Publishing Limited, Bristol, UK (pp. 165–179; ISBN: 978-1-84661-991-5).

- **December 2014 – Yojana Magazine (Government of India Publication):** Co-authored Article titled “Outdated Laws – A Dilemma for Non-Resident Indians”, published in Yojana Magazine (December 2014 Issue, pp. 21–24; ISSN: 0971-8400).
- **2015 – Department of NRI Affairs Booklet (Punjab Government):** Co-authored Booklet titled “Punjab NRI Laws, Commissions and Policies”, published by Department of NRI Affairs, Government of Punjab.
- **2015 – International Survey of Family Law (2015 Edition):** Co-authored Chapter titled “Marriage and Divorce – Complete Constitutional Justice”, published by Jordan Publishing Limited, Bristol, UK (pp. 121–160; ISBN: 978-1-78473-066-6).
- **2015 – The Corporate Immigration Review (5th Edition):** Co-authored Chapter 16 on India titled “Immigration structure in India”, in The Corporate Immigration Review (5th Ed., Ed. Chris Magrath), published by Law Business Research Limited, UK (pp. 178–192; ISBN: 978-1-909830-47-9).
- **2016 – The Corporate Immigration Review (6th Edition):** Co-authored Chapter 20 on India titled “Immigration arrangements in India”, in The Corporate Immigration Review (6th Ed., Ed. Chris Magrath), published by Law Business Research Limited, UK.
- **2016 – International Survey of Family Law (2016 Edition):** Co-authored Chapter titled “Maintenance, Non-Resident Indians and the Law”, published by Jordan Publishing Limited, Bristol, UK (pp. 213–254; ISBN: 978-1-78473-217-2).
- **2017 – The Corporate Immigration Review (7th Edition):** Co-authored Chapter 11 on India titled “Changes in Immigration structure in India”, in The Corporate Immigration Review (7th Ed., Ed. Chris Magrath), published by Law Business Research Limited, UK (pp. 122–138; ISBN: 978-1-910813-61-4).
- **2017 – International Survey of Family Law (2017 Edition):** Co-authored Chapter titled “To Return or Not to Return: Hague Convention v Non-Convention Countries”, published by Jordan Publishing Limited, Bristol, UK (pp. 129–143; ISBN: 978-1-7847-3275-2).
- **2020 – The Corporate Immigration Review (10th Edition):** Co-authored Chapter 9 on India titled “Changing Immigration Law in India”, in The Corporate Immigration Review (10th Ed., Ed. Chris Magrath), published by Law Business Research Limited, UK (pp. 112–134; ISBN: 978-1-83862-443-9).
- **2021 – The Corporate Immigration Review (11th Edition):** Co-authored Chapter 8 on India titled “Immigration set-up and the Law in India”, in The Corporate Immigration Review (11th Ed., Ed. Chris Magrath), published by Law Business Research Limited, UK.
- **2021 – International Family Law Journal (LexisNexis UK):** Co-authored Article titled “Alternative dispute resolution in Indian Family Law”, published in International Family Law Journal, 2021, Issue 3, pp. 178–180 ([2021] IFL 178–180; ISSN: 1369-5762).
- **2022 – The Corporate Immigration Review (12th Edition):** Co-authored Chapter 7 on India titled “Immigration set-up and the Law in India”, in The Corporate Immigration Review (12th Ed., Ed. Chris Magrath), published by Law Business Research Limited, UK.

- **2022 – The Opinion (Punjab & Haryana High Court Bar Association):** Authored Article titled “An Inequitable Surrogacy Law”, published in The Opinion (2022 First Edition), Chandigarh.
- **2022 – The Opinion (Punjab & Haryana High Court Bar Association):** Authored Article titled “The Removed Child and the Law in India”, published in The Opinion (2022 Second Edition), Chandigarh.
- **2023 – The Corporate Immigration Review (13th Edition):** Co-authored Chapter 6 on India titled “Immigration set-up and the Law in India”, in The Corporate Immigration Review (13th Ed., Ed. Chris Magrath), published by Law Business Research Limited, UK.
- **2023 – Research Handbook on International Child Abduction (Edward Elgar):** Contributed and co-authored Chapter titled “International Child Abduction in India: Non Hague Convention Countries” in Research Handbook on International Child Abduction, The 1980 Hague Convention (Part-VI, Chapter 18), edited by Marilyn Freeman & Nicola Taylor, published by Edward Elgar Publishing Ltd., UK.
- **2023 – Reimagining the International Legal Order (Routledge):** Contributed and co-authored Chapter titled “Family Law: British and Indian Perspective” in Reimagining the International Legal Order (Part-IV, Chapter 22), edited by Vesselin Popovski & Ankit Malhotra, published by Routledge, Taylor & Francis Group, NY.
- **2023 (Q1) – The Counsel (Punjab & Haryana Bar Council Law Journal):** Authored Article titled “Contemporary Role of International conventions as Sources of Private International Law: An Indian Perspective”, published in The Counsel, Q1 2023.
- **2024 (Q4) – The Counsel (Punjab & Haryana Bar Council Law Journal):** Authored Article titled “Balancing Acts: Navigating International Custody Disputes in Indian Courts – Insights from the Bombay Judgement and Comparative Legal Perspectives”, published in The Counsel, Q4 2024.
- **2024 (Q5) – The Counsel (Punjab & Haryana Bar Council Law Journal):** Authored Article titled “Cleaning Cobwebs from a Preventive Drug Trafficking Law”, published in The Counsel, Q5 2024.
- **2026 – NALSAR International Parental Child Abduction Monograph:** Authored Chapter titled “Inter Parental Child Removal to India: Challenges, Safeguards and Remedies”, published by Registrar, NALSAR University of Law in International Parental Child Abduction Monograph (Centre for Child and Youth Justice, NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad; ISBN: 978-81-993138-4-2).
- **Ongoing – National Media & Broadcast Commentary Record:** Authored approximately 1,500 published articles on family law and allied issues across national Indian daily newspapers; participated in over 100 broadcast television discussions addressing International Family Law, Human Smuggling, Surrogacy, and NRI legal issues.

IX. PROFESSIONAL TEACHING, JUDICIAL TRAINING & ACADEMIC ENGAGEMENTS (2013 – 2026)

Comprehensive engagements as Resource Person, Distinguished Visiting Faculty, Adjunct Professor, and Course Instructor for the National Judicial Academy (India), State Judicial Academies, Public Prosecutor Programs, and premier National Law Universities:

- **September 6–8, 2013 – National Judicial Academy (NJA), Bhopal – National Conference of District & Family Court Judges:** Resource Person for adjudication of Issues relating to Women and Children. Presented in sessions on: (i) 'Issues relating to Women and Children: International Law and its Impact on India'; (ii) 'NRI Marriage: Implications in Litigation relating to Women and Children'; and (iii) 'Adoption and Surrogacy – Concerns and Judicial Responses'.
- **November 22–24, 2013 – National Judicial Academy (NJA), Bhopal – National Conference of District Judiciary:** Resource Person on adjudication of Issues relating to Women and Children. Addressed sessions on: (i) Child Abuse: Issues and Challenges; (ii) Custody of Child in NRI Cases; (iii) Adjudicating cases relating to Women and Children; (iv) Protecting Rights of Women: International Initiatives and National Perspectives; and (v) Protection Rights of Women in Matrimonial Cases.
- **March 15, 2014 – Chandigarh Judicial Academy – Refresher Course for Subordinate Court Judges:** Resource Person for Refresher-cum-Orientation Course for Judges of Subordinate Courts of Punjab, Haryana & Chandigarh. Delivered lectures on: (i) 'NRI Divorce Decrees and their recognition in Indian Courts'; and (ii) 'India Inter-parental Child Removal and the Law'.
- **April 11–13, 2014 – National Judicial Academy (NJA), Bhopal – National Conference of Family Court Presiding Officers:** Resource Person for sessions on: (i) 'NRI Marriages & Divorce'; (ii) 'Re-thinking Role of Lawyers in Family Courts'; and (iii) 'Matters relating to Custody and Guardianship: Issues and Challenges'.
- **July 25–27, 2014 – National Judicial Academy (NJA), Bhopal – Presiding Officers of Family Courts Conference:** Resource Person addressing sessions on: (i) 'Judging Family Disputes: Issues & Concerns'; (ii) 'Effective Use of ADR methods in resolving Family Disputes: Role of Family Courts'; (iii) 'NRI Marriages and Divorce-Family Courts'; and (iv) 'Rethinking Role of Lawyers in Family Courts'.
- **September 12–14, 2014 – National Judicial Academy (NJA), Bhopal – District Judiciary Presiding Officers:** Resource Person on Women and Children issues. Conducted sessions on: (i) 'Adoptions and Guardianship of Children: Role of Judiciary'; (ii) 'Crime against Children: Human Rights Perspective'; (iii) 'Surrogacy as an Emerging Concern: Judicial Response'; and (iv) 'Juvenile Justice System in India: Achievements and Shortfalls'.
- **November 28–30, 2014 – Chandigarh Judicial Academy & NJA – Regional Judicial Conference (North Zone):** Resource Person for P-871 Program on 'Strengthening Justice Delivery Systems: Tools and Techniques', organized by Punjab and Haryana High Court, CJA, and NJA. Delivered presentation on 'Transforming our Justice Delivery System: From Legalistic to Justice Orientation'.

- **July 18, 2015 – Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law (RGNUL), Patiala:** Delivered guest lecture to first-year law students on 'The Legal Profession: From the Roof Top to the Sky – What Lies Ahead'.
- **September 3, 2015 – Army Institute of Law (AIL), Mohali:** Lectured faculty and students on 'India, Intercountry Parental Child Removal and Developments in Law'.
- **August 12–15, 2016 – NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad – Elective Course:** Taught a specialized credit elective course on 'Inter-Country, Inter-Parental Child Removal Law Issues in India' to five-year B.A. LL.B. (Hons.) students.
- **April 8–9, 2017 – National Judicial Academy (NJA), Bhopal – State Judicial Academy Faculty & Judges:** Resource Person in Orientation-cum-Sensitization Program on Adoption under the Juvenile Justice Act, 2015. Presented on: (i) 'Inter-Country Adoptions: Laws & Regulations'; and (ii) 'Court Procedure & Contents of the Adoption Order (Inter-country)'.
- **August 22, 2017 – Chandigarh Judicial Academy – International Judicial Training (Sri Lanka Delegation):** Resource Person for training program of 33 District Court Judges from Sri Lanka. Presented on 'Cross Border Parental Child Abduction – Neighbors Sharing Experiences'.
- **December 9, 2017 – Chandigarh Judicial Academy – International Judicial Training (Sri Lanka Delegation):** Resource Person for 33 District Court Judges from Sri Lanka. Presented on 'Protection of Child Rights: Procedure while Dealing with Children in Conflict with Law'.
- **February 2018 – February 2019 – Symbiosis International (Deemed University) – Distinguished Visiting Expert Appointment:** Appointed as Distinguished Visiting Expert for Family Law, Private International Law, Transnational Law, and Comparative Law across SLS Pune, SLS Hyderabad, and SLS Noida (Feb 2018 – Feb 2019).
- **March 16, 2018 – Symbiosis Law School, Pune:** Delivered special lecture on the current position of Surrogacy Laws in India in the perspective of the Surrogacy Regulation Bill, 2016.
- **March 17–18, 2018 – Bharati Vidyapeeth Deemed University, New Law College, Pune:** Resource Person for Two Days Training Program on Private International Law. Delivered interactive lectures on 'Inter Country, Inter Parental Child Removal Law' and 'Surrogacy and Foreigners in India'.
- **May 12, 2018 – Chandigarh Judicial Academy – Public Prosecutors Training:** Resource Person for Punjab Public Prosecutors training on 'Child in Conflict with Law - Legal Rights and Protections'.
- **May 19, 2018 – Chandigarh Judicial Academy – Additional District Judges (Punjab & Haryana):** Resource Person for ADJs sensitization on prevalent Laws of Inter/Intra Country Adoptions. Presented on 'Law of Adoption in India - Implications'.
- **July 21, 2018 – Chandigarh Judicial Academy – Public Prosecutors Training:** Conducted session on 'Child in Conflict with Law – Legal Rights and Protections' for Punjab Public Prosecutors.
- **August 13, 2018 – Chandigarh Judicial Academy – High Court & Senior District Judges from Sri Lanka:** Resource Person at the 5th Academic Program for 35 High Court and Senior

District Judges from Sri Lanka (in presence of Hon'ble Chief Justice Priyasath Dep, PC). Presented on 'Inter-parental Child Removal, Domestic Violence and Voice of the Child'.

- **August 16, 2018 – Chandigarh Judicial Academy – District Court Judges from Sri Lanka:** Resource Person at the 6th Academic Program for 35 Sri Lankan Judges. Presented on 'Inter-parental Child Removal, Domestic Violence and Voice of the Child'.
- **August 19, 2018 – Chandigarh Judicial Academy – District Court Judges from Sri Lanka:** Resource Person at the 6th Academic Program for 35 Sri Lankan Judges. Presented on 'Protection of Child Rights Procedure while dealing with Child in Conflict with Law'.
- **September 8, 2018 – Symbiosis Law School, Pune – Distinguished Visiting Faculty Lectures:** Lectured 5-year law students on: (i) 'Requisites of Cross Cultural Lawyering'; (ii) 'Social Justice Lawyering'; and (iii) 'Pro bono Lawyering'.
- **September 29, 2018 – Chandigarh Judicial Academy – Public Prosecutors Training:** Resource Person for Punjab Public Prosecutors on 'Child in Conflict with Law – Legal Rights and Protections'.
- **October 12–16, 2018 – National Judicial Academy (NJA), Bhopal – Refresher Course for Family Court Judges:** Addressed Family Court Judges on: (i) 'Maintenance Proceedings: Radical Approach of Family Courts' (Session 8); (ii) 'Child Custody & Guardianship: Issues & Challenges' (Session 10); and (iii) 'Family Courts: Challenges and Constraints' (Session 13).
- **October 30, 2018 – Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law (RGNUL), Patiala:** Lectured faculty and students on 'Surrogacy at Crossroads: Its Economics & Future'.
- **December 1, 2018 – Chandigarh Judicial Academy – Public Prosecutors Training:** Conducted sessions on 'Child in Conflict with Law – Legal Rights and Protections' for Punjab Public Prosecutors.
- **January 19, 2019 – Chandigarh Judicial Academy – Public Prosecutors Training:** Delivered training lecture on 'Child in Conflict with Law – Legal Rights and Protections'.
- **February 1 – May 31, 2019 – Jindal Global Law School (JGLS), O.P. Jindal Global University – Adjunct Faculty:** Appointed as Adjunct Faculty to teach International Family Law.
- **April 27, 2019 – Chandigarh Judicial Academy – Public Prosecutors Training:** Delivered training session on 'Child in Conflict with Law – Legal Rights and Protections'.
- **May 25, 2019 – Chandigarh Judicial Academy – Public Prosecutors (Punjab & Chandigarh):** Resource Person for session on 'Child in Conflict with Law – Legal Rights and Protections'.
- **July 13, 2019 – Chandigarh Judicial Academy – Public Prosecutors Training:** Conducted session on 'Child in Conflict with Law – Legal Rights and Protections'.
- **August 17, 2019 – Chandigarh Judicial Academy – 7th Academic Program for Sri Lankan Judges:** Resource Person for High Court and District Court Judges from Sri Lanka on 'Victim Protection with Special Reference to Children and Women'.

- **October 1, 2019 – ILS Law College, Pune:** Lectured 5-year law students on 'Surrogacy – The Abolition of Choice' and issues arising out of Inter-Country Adoptions.
- **October 2, 2019 – Symbiosis Law School, Pune – Distinguished Visiting Faculty:** Delivered lectures to 5-year law students on: (i) 'Live in relationships – Live and let Live in'; and (ii) 'Inter country Parental Child Removal: Private International Law Issues in Marriage & Divorce in Indian cases'.
- **October 12, 2019 – Chandigarh Judicial Academy – Public Prosecutors Training:** Conducted training session on 'Child in Conflict with Law – Legal Rights and Protections'.
- **November 9, 2019 – Chandigarh Judicial Academy – Refresher Course for Civil Judges & Judicial Magistrates:** Sensitization session for Civil Judges-cum-Judicial Magistrates (Punjab & Haryana) on 'Children in Conflict with Law – Legal Rights and Protections under the Juvenile Justice Act, 2015'.
- **November 21, 2019 – Chandigarh Judicial Academy – Haryana Public Prosecutors Training:** Conducted session on 'Child in Conflict with Law – Legal Rights and Protections'.
- **November 23–24, 2019 – National Judicial Academy (NJA), Bhopal – Program on Persons Residing Abroad:** Invited for structuring and acting as Resource Person for 'Orientation Program on Cases Concerning Persons Residing Abroad'. Addressed 5 key sessions: (i) 'Overseas Indians: Issues and Challenges in Marriages, Nationality and Citizenship'; (ii) 'Inter Parental Child Removal: Custody and Guardianship Issues'; (iii) 'Issues Relating to Divorce, Maintenance, Alimony and Settlement of Property'; (iv) 'Matrimonial Offences under IPC and DV Act: Jurisdiction and Enforcement Issues'; and (v) 'Inter Country Adoptions under JJ Act, 2015 and HAMA, 1956'.
- **January 18, 2020 – Chandigarh Judicial Academy – Haryana Public Prosecutors Training:** Conducted session on 'Child in Conflict with Law – Legal Rights and Protections'.
- **January 25, 2020 – Chandigarh Judicial Academy – Civil Judges cum Judicial Magistrates (Haryana):** Sensitization program on 'Child in Conflict with Law – Legal Rights and Protections'.
- **February 22, 2020 – Chandigarh Judicial Academy – Haryana Public Prosecutors Training:** Conducted training session on 'Child in Conflict with Law – Legal Rights and Protection'.
- **May 16, 2020 – Jindal Global University (JGLS), Sonipat:** Delivered online lecture on 'The Rights Of The Child In International Parental Child Removal Conflict'.
- **July 4, 2020 – National University of Advanced Legal Studies (NUALS), Kochi:** Lectured on 'Contemporary Issues In Private International Law With Special Reference To The Outbreak Of Covid-19'.
- **July 10, 2020 – Amity Law School, Amity University, Kolkata:** Delivered online lecture on 'International Family Law In Virtual World'.
- **September 11, 2020 – Jamia Millia Islamia University (HRDC / UGC Refresher Course), New Delhi:** Resource Person for Refresher Course on Human Rights and Social Inclusion for University Faculty; lectured on 'All Aboard Surrogacy Express'.

- **February 4, 2021 – Centre for the Study of UN & Jindal Society of International Law:** Inaugural session address on 'Global Family Law – International Perspectives' and 'Global International Family Law In India – A Dilemma'.
- **February 27, 2021 – Judicial Training and Research Institute (JTRI), Uttar Pradesh:** Resource Person for UP Family Court Judges training on: (i) 'Securing The Services Of Experts Under Family Courts Act, 1984'; and (ii) 'Trial Of Matters Where Parties Are Living In Different Jurisdictions Particularly Where One Of The Parties Is Residing In A Foreign Country'.
- **March – May 2021 – Symbiosis International (Deemed University), Pune – LL.M. Course:** Taught postgraduate Master of Laws (LL.M.) course on 'Private International Law and Family Disputes'.
- **November 27, 2021 – Symbiosis International University, Pune – LL.B. Course:** Delivered lecture on 'Global Skills and Legal Practice' to undergraduate law students.
- **February 19–20, 2022 – Chandigarh Judicial Academy – Family Court Judges Workshop:** Resource Person for Family Court & District Judges (Punjab, Haryana & Chandigarh) on Family Courts Act, 1984: (i) 'Foreign Decrees and Jurisdiction of Foreign Courts in Family Matters'; and (ii) 'Jurisdiction, Shared/Joint Custody, Modification of custody orders, Visitation rights, Guardianship and Ex-parte Custody'.
- **September 17–23, 2022 – Chandigarh Judicial Academy – Bangladesh Judicial Officers Training:** Resource Person for 50 Judicial Officers from Bangladesh on 'Protection of Child Rights: Procedure while Dealing with Children in Conflict with Law'.
- **August 4, 2023 – Vidhi Centre for Legal Policy – Seminar on Model Family Code:** Addressed Session on 'Regulation of Parents Child Relations' at India International Centre (IIC), New Delhi.
- **September 1–4, 2023 – Symbiosis Law School, Pune – International Family Law Lecture Series:** Delivered lectures on: (i) 'Domestic Violence Laws: Essentials and Comparative Perspectives'; and (ii) 'Live-in Relationships and its Judicial Evolution'.
- **September 18, 2023 – Chandigarh Judicial Academy – Bangladesh Judicial Officers Training:** Resource Person for 100 Judicial Officers from Bangladesh on 'Protection of Child Rights: Procedure while Dealing with Juveniles in Conflict with Law & Re-habilitation of Children'.
- **August 14, 2025 – Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law (RGNUL), Patiala:** Expert Practitioner lecture on 'Inter Country Parental Child Removal & the Law: The Indian Perspective'.
- **October 3, 2025 – Sambhav Initiative & Pro Bono India – National Capacity Building Programme:** Delivered online expert lecture on 'Child Custody and Guardianship Orders'.
- **October 6–7, 2025 – Symbiosis Law School, Pune:** Delivered lectures on 'Hindu Law Application to Overseas citizens and Withering Indian Marriages Structure'.

- **January 31, 2026 – Graphic Era Hill University, Dehradun:** Expert Practitioner lectures on: (i) 'Breaking Tier-1 Barrier: Skills that matter more than your CGPA'; and (ii) 'First-Generation Lawyer? How to build social capital without connections'.
- **March 8, 2026 – India International Disputes Week 2026 (High Court of Punjab & Haryana):** Speaker and Panelist in Panel 3 interactive discussion on 'International Child Custody, Cross-Border Relocation and Abduction'.
- **March 27, 2026 – Rotary Club Mohali Midtown – Expert Academic Interaction:** Delivered expert talk on 'Sustainable Marriages Abroad: Challenges & Breakdown' and academic dialogue on English Migration Laws with Prof. Bernard Ryan (University of Leicester, UK).
- **April 25, 2026 – Delhi Judicial Academy (DJA), Delhi – Core Competence Conference:** Addressed Full Strength of Principal Judges, Additional Principal Judges & Family Court Judges on relevant considerations under various laws for cross-border marriage disputes and child custody & guardianship.

X. INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES & OVERSEAS ENGAGEMENTS (2005 – 2026)

Invited expert addresses, paper presentations, and session chairmanships across international forums and global legal conferences:

- **March 20–24, 2005 – XIX Biennial LAWASIA Conference (Gold Coast, Queensland, Australia):** Presented paper on 'Enforcement of Foreign Judgments and Foreign Arbitral Awards in The Indian Civil Jurisdiction' at the Civil and Syariah Family Law Potential Conflicts Session.
- **September 11–15, 2005 – 50th Anniversary Conference of Commonwealth Lawyers Association (London, UK):** Presented paper on 'International Parental Child Abduction Law in The Indian Jurisdiction: Case Law Analysis and Procedural Safeguards'.
- **June 4–8, 2006 – 72nd Biennial Conference of International Law Association (ILA) (Toronto, Canada):** Presented paper on 'Enforcement of Foreign Judgments and Foreign Arbitral Awards in the Indian Civil Jurisdiction'.
- **October 24, 2006 – Australian National Family Law Conference (Perth, Australia):** Presented paper on 'Family Law and Religion – The Indian Experience' in session on Cultural and Indigenous Issues in Family Law.
- **June 5–8, 2007 – 20th Biennial LAWASIA Conference (Hong Kong):** Presented paper on 'Conflict of Jurisdictions in Inter-parental Child Custody Disputes – The Indian Position' in session on Family Abduction of Children to Asian Countries.
- **October 8–10, 2007 – Wilton Park Conference WP 890 (San Lorenzo de El Escorial, Spain):** Presented paper on 'Migration: The Indian Experience and Managed Migration Experiments' in Session 5 on 'Can Migration be Managed: What can be learnt from the Experiences of Sending and Receiving Countries'.
- **August 18, 2008 – 73rd Biennial Conference of International Law Association (ILA) (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil):** Speaker in Rights of Children session; presented 'India, Inter Country Parental Child Removal and the Law'.

- **December 4–6, 2008 – 941st Wilton Park Conference on 'The Future of Migration' (Winston House, Steyning, West Sussex, UK):** Invited by British High Commission, New Delhi; presented on 'Illegal Immigration from India' in cooperation with IPPR, FCO, and UK Border Agency.
- **March 12–13, 2009 – 11th Annual Family Law Conference (Cape Town, South Africa):** Presented paper titled 'Challenges in Inter-Country Child Removal and The Indian Law' and address on 'India, Inter-parental Child Conflicts & the Law' (organized by Miller Du Toit Cloete Inc & University of the Western Cape).
- **April 5–9, 2009 – 16th Commonwealth Law Conference (Hong Kong):** Invited speaker on Inter-Parental Child Removal Issues; delivered presentation on Inter-Parental Child Abduction Law in India.
- **May 21–23, 2009 – 3rd LAWASIA Children and The Law Conference (Singapore):** Triple role: (i) Presented 'All Aboard for The Fertility Express' in Family Law Forum; (ii) Chaired session on 'Relocating the Child: Parental Movement and International Adoptions'; and (iii) Presented 'To Return or Not To Return: Hague Convention vs. Non-Convention Countries'.
- **August 4–7, 2009 – International Family Justice Judicial Conference for Common Law & Commonwealth Jurisdictions (Windsor, UK):** Sole legal practitioner invited amongst judges; presented on 'Cross border Child Removal Conflicts in India'.
- **June 30 – July 2, 2010 – Conference on International Child Abduction, Relocation and Forced Marriage (London Metropolitan University, UK):** Presented on 'Indian Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction Bill 2007 and the Indian Perspective on International Child Abduction'.
- **August 15–19, 2010 – 74th Biennial Conference of International Law Association (ILA) (The Hague, Netherlands):** Panelist in session on 'Out of Concern for the Child: Transnational Co-operation in Cases of Child Protection, Maintenance and Abduction'.
- **March 17–18, 2011 – 14th Annual Family Law Conference (Cape Town, South Africa):** Presented paper on surrogacy titled 'All Aboard for The Fertility Express' (organized by Miller Du Toit Cloete Inc & University of Western Cape).
- **May 13, 2013 – Symposium on International Family Law & Parental Child Removal (British High Commission & Head of Int Family Justice E&W, New Delhi):** Presented on 'The Position of Indian Law on Inter-Parental Child Removal' at India International Centre (IIC).
- **July 3–5, 2013 – 2nd International Family Law and Practice Conference (London Metropolitan University, UK):** Presented two papers: (i) 'Surrogacy: Imported from India, Need for a Regulatory Law'; and (ii) 'Abduction – To Return or Not to Return'.
- **September 16–18, 2016 – International Academy of Family Lawyers (IAFL) Conference (New Delhi):** Presented on 'India Inter-parental Child Removal and the Law' at IAFL Conference-cum-Educational Program.
- **June 5, 2017 – Seminar on Cross Border Removal of Children (Leeds, Yorkshire, UK):** Presented on 'India, Inter-Country Parental Child Removal & the Law' (supported by AILSA & Punjab State Commission for NRIs).

- **June 12, 2017 – Experts' Meeting on Domestic Violence & 1980 Hague Convention (University of Westminster, London, UK):** Presented Indian viewpoint on 'Cross Border Removal of Children from Lawful Custody'.
- **November 13–14, 2018 – International Academy of Family Lawyers (IAFL) Conference (The H Dubai, UAE):** Presented on 'Child Custody Laws in India'.
- **July 3–5, 2019 – International Conference on Gender, Inclusivity & 21st Century Family (University of Westminster / ICFLPP, London, UK):** Presented paper on 'Rights of the Removed Child'.
- **June 19–24, 2022 – 80th Biennial Conference of International Law Association (ILA) (Lisbon, Portugal):** Delivered joint presentation with Ankit Malhotra in session on 'The Contemporary Role of International Conventions as Sources of Private International Law – An Indian Perspective'.
- **April 26–29, 2023 – International Family Law Conference (Expatriate Law, Abu Dhabi, UAE):** Presented paper on 'Contemporary Role of International Conventions as Sources of Private International Law – An Indian Perspective' in session on Enforcement of Children Orders in India.
- **April 2–4, 2025 – The Washington Declaration on International Family Relocation Conference (Embassy of Canada, Washington D.C., USA):** Presented paper and presentation on 'International Child Relocation Issues: An Indian Perspective' as Indian Delegate and Secretary of the International Relocation Committee of IAFL (jointly organized with HCCH).
- **June 30 – July 1, 2025 – International Webinar Conference on 1996 Hague Child Protection Convention (University of Aberdeen / Royal Society of Edinburgh):** Delivered presentation on 'International Child Relocation Issues of a Non-Contracting State: An Indian Perspective' in bonus session on Perspectives from Non-Contracting States.
- **May 19, 2026 – IAFL Asia Pacific Chapter Meeting & Malaysian Bar Symposium (Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia):** Panelist in Session 3 on 'What is HOT in Jurisdiction & Forum Issues in Cross-Border Disputes?' speaking on Indian Family Law perspectives.

XI. DOMESTIC CONFERENCES, SEMINARS & POLICY DELIBERATIONS (2004 – 2026)

Leadership in national symposiums, policy consultations with the Law Commission of India, NCW, Union Ministries, Diplomatic Missions, and Bar Associations:

- **November 14–17, 2004 – 2nd International Conference of Indian Society of International Law (ISIL, New Delhi):** Presented paper on 'International Parental Child Abduction Law in the Indian Jurisdiction: Caselaw Analysis and Procedural Safeguards'.
- **December 9, 2005 – India International Centre Seminar (New Delhi):** Panelist and organizer for seminar on 'India's Role in Combating Inter-Country Parental Child Removal'.
- **May 5, 2006 – India International Centre Seminar (New Delhi):** Conducted seminar and presented on 'India's Role in Combating Inter-country Parental Child Removal in the international perspective'.

- **December 2–3, 2006 – ISIL International Conference on Private International Law (New Delhi):** Presented paper on 'Conflicts of Jurisdiction in Interparental Child Custody Disputes – The Indian Experience'.
- **February 13, 2007 – Panjab University Seminar on NRIs Abandoned Brides (Chandigarh):** Organized seminar in association with Department of Laws; authored and compiled comprehensive report on legal issues of abandoned brides for National Commission for Women (NCW).
- **March 23, 2007 – British High Commission Seminar on Migration (Chandigarh):** Knowledge Partner; organized seminar on 'Migration – Myths and Realities' and coordinated panel on illegal immigration.
- **March 31, 2007 – Seminar on Expert Witnesses (Law Bhawan, Chandigarh):** Presented paper titled 'Rewriting Medical Jurisprudence – DNA Profiling Comes of Age'.
- **August 11, 2007 – Embassy of Italy & VFS Global Seminar (Chandigarh):** Knowledge partner; organized seminar on 'Destination Italy – The Right Way' and moderated panel on managed migration channels.
- **September 8, 2007 – Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law (Patiala):** Presented papers on: (i) 'Breakdown Abroad, Divorce In India, Why Not?'; and (ii) 'Adoption, Parentage And Surrogacy – A Maze or a Dilemma?'.
- **September 26, 2007 – ILA Regional Branch & CII Seminar (Chandigarh):** Presented paper on 'Foreign Investments and International Law – Some Legal Perspectives'.
- **January 5, 2008 – Punjabi NRI Sammelan (Chandigarh):** Moderated panel discussion on NRI legal perspectives covering Family Law, Property Law, Immigration, and Fast-track dispute resolution.
- **February 23, 2008 – Panjab University State-Level Seminar (Guru Gobind Singh College, Chandigarh):** Presented paper on 'Women Shackled in NRI Weddings'.
- **March 11, 2008 – Panjab University National Seminar on Human Rights (Chandigarh):** Presented paper on 'Human Rights: Limitations and Judicial Review – The Indian Perspective'.
- **March 28, 2008 – British High Commission Seminar (Chandigarh):** Knowledge partner; organized 'Managed Migration – Myths and Realities... One year on' and moderated panel on curbing illegal immigration.
- **October 18, 2008 – Law Commission of India & Army Institute of Law Seminar (Mohali):** Delivered lecture on 'India, Inter-Country Parental Child Removal and the Law' in session chaired by Chairman, Law Commission of India.
- **February 13, 2009 – India International Centre Seminar on Surrogacy (New Delhi):** Organized seminar on 'Surrogacy – Bane or Boon' and presented on legal perspectives and statutory lacunae under proposed Surrogacy Bill.
- **March 4, 2009 – Panjab University Panel Discussion on Surrogacy (Chandigarh):** Moderated panel on Assisted Reproductive Technology (Regulation) Bill and Rules 2008, presided over by Chairman, Law Commission of India.

- **September 9, 2009 – Army Institute of Law (Mohali) – Ambassador of Italy Talk:** Presented on 'Law for Non-Resident Indian Families, a Dilemma'.
- **January 7, 2010 – Government of India Special Seminar on NRI Property Problems (New Delhi):** Invited presentation and concluding notes on property disputes and legal propositions concerning NRIs.
- **February 5–9, 2011 – 17th Commonwealth Law Conference (Hyderabad):** Interventions in sessions on Honor Crimes, Forced Marriages, and Inter-Country Parental Child Removal.
- **February 15, 2011 – National Commission for Women (NCW) Seminar (New Delhi):** Presented paper on 'NRI Marriages - Problems and Possible Solutions: The Punjab Perspective'.
- **November 19, 2011 – Institute for Development and Communication (IDC, Chandigarh):** Organized book discussion on 'Indians, NRIs and the Law', chaired by Prof. Sir Peter Gregson and co-chaired by Lord Diljit Rana, MBE.
- **November 23–24, 2011 – Jamia Millia Islamia University National Conference (New Delhi):** Presented paper on 'Human Rights: Limitations and Judicial Review - The Indian Perspective'.
- **September 6–7, 2012 – European Union National Consultation Workshop (Claridges, New Delhi):** Delivered case presentation on successful return of irregular migrants from Iraq at EU workshop on Facilitating Safe & Legal Migration.
- **May 13, 2013 – Symposium on International Family Law (IIC, New Delhi):** Knowledge partner with British High Commission; moderated panel and presented on Indian Position on Inter-Parental Child Removal Law.
- **November 14–16, 2013 – 4th Biennial Conference of Asian Society of International Law (AsianSIL, New Delhi):** Presented paper on 'Surrogacy Law arrangements in India' in session on Conflict of Law relating to marriage, adoption, surrogacy & custody.
- **February 22, 2014 – RGNUL & ICSSR National Seminar (Patiala):** Chaired session on Domestic Violence and Female Feticide at seminar on 'A World in Transition – New Challenges for Women Empowerment'.
- **September 19–20, 2014 – Army Institute of Law National Seminar (Mohali):** Chaired session on 'The New Dimensions of Human Rights Violations in Contemporary Times: Challenges & Solutions'.
- **October 16, 2014 – India International Centre Discussion (New Delhi):** Moderated expert discussion on inter-country parental child removal issues.
- **January 9–11, 2015 – World Congress on International Law (ISIL, New Delhi):** Presented on 'Transforming Our Justice Delivery System: From Legalistic To Justice Orientation In Private International Law'.
- **January 14, 2015 – ICSSR Regional Centre & Panjab University Workshop (Chandigarh):** Presented on 'Legal Aspects in Transnational Marriages' at workshop on Transnational Abandonment in NRI Marriages.

- **February 20–22, 2015 – ILS Law College International Conference on Private International Law (Pune):** Resource Person; presented on 'Inter-country Adoptions and Inter-Parental Child Custody: a Practitioner's Perspective'.
- **November 6, 2015 – India International Centre Discussion (New Delhi):** Moderated panel discussion on 'Inter-country Parental Child Removal Issues – The way ahead'.
- **November 7, 2015 – Army Institute of Law National Seminar (Mohali):** Chaired National Seminar on 'Access to Justice in India'.
- **February 7, 2016 – TEDx Talk (St. Xavier's College Society, Mumbai):** Delivered TEDx Talk on 'Economics and Future of Surrogacy in India'.
- **March 4, 2016 – Rotary Club Midtown (Chandigarh):** Addressed members on 'Surrogacy at Crossroads in India'.
- **March 19–20, 2016 – ISIL & ICSSR National Seminar on Surrogacy (New Delhi):** Presented on 'Suggestive Cross Border Perspectives & Safeguards for Proposed Surrogacy Law in India'.
- **April 15, 2016 – Embassy of France (New Delhi) – Diplomatic Seminar:** Key Speaker on Consular & Migration Issues; presented on NRI Marriages & Divorces, Child Removal, and Punjab Travel Professionals Regulation Act, 2012.
- **April 30, 2016 – Jindal Global Law School (Sonipat):** Guest lecture and panel discussion on 'Surrogacy at Crossroads, Constitutional Perspectives: Its Economics & Future'.
- **July 2, 2016 – International Law Association (Indian Branch) All India Seminar (New Delhi):** Dual presentations: (i) 'India, Inter Parental Child Removal and the Law'; and (ii) 'Surrogacy for Single & Unmarried Foreign Persons – A Challenge under Indian Law'.
- **August 23, 2016 – US Embassy High-Level Bilateral Consultations (New Delhi):** Invited by US Ambassador Richard R. Verma to consult with US Assistant Secretary for Consular Affairs Michelle Thoren Bond on India's accession to 1980 Hague Convention.
- **August 30, 2016 – Ministry of Women & Child Development / NCW Consultation (New Delhi):** Expert consultation on draft 'International Child Removal and Retention Bill' at IIC.
- **September 20, 2016 – South Asian University (SAU, New Delhi):** Addressed seminar on 'South Asian Diaspora and Emerging Legal Challenges' on Inter-Country Parental Child Abduction.
- **September 30 – October 1, 2016 – Gujarat National Law University (GNLU, Gandhinagar):** Resource Person for training series on 'Babies Crossing Borders – Surrogacy, Law and Practice'.
- **October 4, 2016 – Austrian Embassy Forum (New Delhi):** Speaker on 'India, Inter-Country Child Adoption – CARA's Latest Guidelines and Child-Related Laws'.
- **September 14, 2017 – Army Institute of Law (Mohali):** Conducted session on 'Need for India to sign the Hague Convention on Child Abduction'.

- **October 24, 2017 – India International Centre Discussion (New Delhi):** Organized and moderated discussion on 'Reconciling Domestic Violence and Cross Border Removal of Children'.
- **November 26, 2017 – RGNUL (Patiala) – GIAN Program (MHRD):** Delivered lecture on 'Alternative Dispute Resolution in Indian Family Law – Realities, Practicalities and Necessities' under Global Initiative of Academic Networks.
- **February 3, 2018 – Madras High Court & Tamil Nadu State Judicial Academy (Chennai):** Presented on Adoption under HAMA 1956 and JJ Act 2015 at 4th Regional Conference on Sensitization of Family Court Matters.
- **November 23–24, 2018 – Pranab Mukherjee Foundation & CRRID National Conference (IIC, New Delhi):** Resource Person at 'Towards Peace, Harmony and Happiness: Transition to Transformation'.
- **March 12, 2021 – Symbiosis International University – SYMROLIC 2021:** Speaker at 9th International Annual Research Conference; presented on 'Global Family Law in Post Covid Times - A Dilemma'.
- **March 2–5, 2023 – 9th International Conference of ISIL (New Delhi):** Presented on 'India's State Practice in Cross Country Inter-parental Child Removal'.
- **October 25–27, 2024 – 10th International Conference of ISIL (New Delhi):** Presented on 'Contemporary Role of International Conventions as Sources of Private International Law – An Indian Perspective'.
- **July 29, 2026 – Indian Society of International Law (ISIL, New Delhi) – Special Seminar:** Delivered address on 'Jurisdiction and Forum Issues in Cross Border Family and Child Relocation Disputes in Indian Family Law: A Contemporary Dilemma'.
- **August 30, 2026 – Ekam Nyaay Foundation Seminar (Law Bhawan, Chandigarh):** Delivered address on 'Voice of the Child in Interparental Child Custody Disputes: A Dilemma' in session on 'Welfare on Papers: Parental Alienation & Hidden Scars'.
- **September 26–27, 2026 – Eastern Zone Regional Conference (Supreme Court Family Court Committee & Gauhati High Court, Assam):** Invited Panelist for regional conference on 'ADR vs. Adjudication in Family Disputes: Challenges and Way Forward'; speaking on 'Child is the Father of Man' in session on Custody, Shared Parenting and Visitation Rights.

XII. WEBINARS, VIRTUAL PANELS & CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION (2020 – 2025)

Extensive national and international webinar leadership, book launch panel discussions, and specialized continuing legal education (CLE) lecture series:

- **April 19, 2020 – Journey Beyond Law (CLC-1, Chandigarh):** Addressed webinar on 'Inter-Parental Child Removal - Rights and Remedies'.
- **April 24, 2020 – Guru Nanak Dev University (GNDU, Amritsar):** Keynote speaker on 'Child Custody: Socio-Legal Issues - The Future' (concluding observations by Justice A.K. Sikri, Former Judge, Supreme Court of India).

- **April 27, 2020 – Maharashtra State Lawyers Webinar:** Addressed lawyers on 'Parentage, Child Custody, Gender & Equality – Socio-Legal Perspectives'.
- **May 16, 2020 – Jindal Global University (JGLS) Webinar:** Addressed webinar on 'The Rights of the Child in International Parental Child Removal Conflict'.
- **June 6, 2020 – Bar Council of Punjab & Haryana Virtual Dialogue:** Featured speaker alongside HMJ Hima Kohli and HMJ Alistair MacDonald on 'Family Law: Issues and the way ahead in Covid-19 times'.
- **June 27, 2020 – Beyond CLC Virtual Dialogue:** Addressed 'The Vulnerability of Children and Law' on Child Support & Custody alongside Justice Roshan Dalvi and Justice Shalini Phansalkar Joshi.
- **July 4, 2020 – NUALS Kochi International Webinar:** Addressed webinar on 'Contemporary Issues in Private International Law with Special Reference to the Outbreak of Covid-19'.
- **July 10, 2020 – Amity Law School Kolkata Webinar:** Addressed webinar on 'International Family Law in Virtual World'.
- **August 29, 2020 – Book Launch: 'The Global Indians and The Law' (Bar Council of Punjab & Haryana):** Virtual launch by Hon'ble Ms. Justice Indu Malhotra, Hon'ble Mr. Justice A.K. Sikri, and Mr. Soli J. Sorabjee.
- **September 11, 2020 – Jamia Millia Islamia HRDC Refresher Course Webinar:** Resource Person address on 'All Aboard Surrogacy Express'.
- **October 3, 2020 – Book Discussion: 'The Global Indians and The Law' (Symbiosis Law School, Pune):** Virtual discussion with Justice Dr. S. Muralidhar, Dr. Shashikala Gurpur, Mr. Narinder Singh, and Ms. Reshma Sambare.
- **January 16, 2021 – LETILS-169 (M/s Shyam Padman Associates):** Addressed webinar on 'Inter Parental Child Removal – An Evolving Jurisprudence'.
- **February 4, 2021 – UN Studies Centre & Jindal Society of International Law:** Addressed online inaugural session on 'Global Family Law – International Perspectives' / 'Global International Family Law in India – A Dilemma'.
- **February 19, 2021 – Ayushman Initiative Webinar:** Addressed webinar on 'Parental Alienation, Law Commission Report and their Correlation to Child Issues'.
- **February 20, 2021 – LETILS-180 (M/s Shyam Padman Associates):** Addressed webinar on 'Live & Let Live in Harmony – Inter-Faith Marriages'.
- **February 27, 2021 – JTRI Uttar Pradesh – Family Court Judges Online Training:** Delivered lectures on expert evidence under Family Courts Act and cross-border multi-jurisdictional trial proceedings.
- **March 20, 2021 – LETILS-188 (M/s Shyam Padman Associates):** Addressed webinar on 'Child is the Father of Man – Confronting Child Custody Conflicts'.
- **April 4, 2021 – LETILS-193 (M/s Shyam Padman Associates):** Addressed webinar on 'All Aboard for the Fertility Express - Surrogacy and The Law'.

- **April 11, 2021 – LETILS-195 (M/s Shyam Padman Associates):** Book review panel for 'Global Indians and The Law' with Hon'ble Mr. Justice A. Muhamed Mustaque, Prof. (Dr.) Balram K. Gupta, and Ms. Mrunalini Deshmukh.
- **May 21, 2021 – MNLU Mumbai & Family Court Bar Association:** Addressed webinar on 'Alienation & Shared Parenting – Issues, Challenges & Solutions'.
- **May 23, 2021 – LETILS-206 (M/s Shyam Padman Associates):** Addressed webinar on 'Loving Children Yet to Meet - Dos and Don'ts of Adoptions'.
- **June 17–18, 2021 – Child Law National Online Moot Court Competition 2021:** Hosted by Army Institute of Law & Malhotra and Malhotra Associates; judged final rounds on 'India, Inter Parental Child Removal Issues'.
- **July 16, 2021 – Sai University Chennai:** Addressed webinar on 'International Child Custody Litigation - A Quagmire'.
- **August 7, 2021 – LETILS-232 (M/s Shyam Padman Associates):** Addressed webinar on 'Putting the Cart before the Horse – A Flawed amendment of Adoption Laws'.
- **September 5, 2021 – LETILS-238 (M/s Shyam Padman Associates):** Addressed webinar on 'Anti-Injunction Suits - A Critique with Special Emphasis on Family Courts Act', presided over by Hon'ble Mr. Justice A. Mohamed Mustaque.
- **September 10, 2021 – JGLS Book Launch Panel:** Panel discussion on 'The Global Indians and The Law' hosted by O.P. Jindal Global University.
- **September 11, 2021 – LETILS-239 (M/s Shyam Padman Associates):** Addressed webinar on 'Child Adoptions - A Zig-Zag Trajectory', presided over by Hon'ble Mr. Justice C.S. Dias.
- **October 2, 2021 – Parenting 4.0 Virtual Panel (Bamboo Tree & Child Rights Foundation):** Panel discussion on 'Has Indian Family Court System failed our Children?'.
- **November 27, 2021 – Symbiosis International University:** Online lecture on 'Global Skills and Legal Practice' to LL.B. students.
- **January 16, 2022 – LETILS-264 (M/s Shyam Padman Associates):** Addressed webinar on 'Giving Birth to Surrogate & Adoption Laws - Critical Analysis of the Recent Developments'.
- **January 29, 2022 – LETILS-266 (M/s Shyam Padman Associates):** Addressed webinar on 'Shared Parenting - Need for formulating Practice Guidelines', chaired by Hon'ble Mr. Justice Vijender Jain.
- **February 27, 2022 – LETILS-270 (M/s Shyam Padman Associates):** Addressed webinar on 'Dynamics & Dimensions of Human Smuggling: Dark side of the Moon', with remarks by Padma Shri Ramesh Inder Singh, IAS.
- **February 27, 2022 – Yagna Legal (Andhra Pradesh & Telangana):** Addressed live webinar on 'Child Custody - Laws in India'.
- **March 5, 2022 – Symbiosis Guest Lectures:** Lectures on 'Parenting, Guardianship and Child custody' and 'Child custody laws in India' for B.A. LL.B. students.

- **March 9, 2022 – Extraordinary Lecture: Remembering Late Soli J. Sorabjee (JGLS):** Spoke alongside Hon'ble Mr. Justice A.K. Sikri at commemorative event organized by UN Studies Centre & JSIL.
- **March 15, 2022 – Jindal Global University Global Panel:** Delivered international webinar on 'Inter-Parental Child Removal: Global Perspectives' with Onyoja Momoh, Prof. Marilyn Freeman, Jeremy D. Morley, and Maja Groff.
- **March 19, 2022 – Symbiosis Guest Lecture:** Lectured B.A. LL.B. and LL.M. students on 'International & Inter-country Adoption Laws'.
- **April 25 & 29, 2022 – Lex Consilium Foundation – Nurturing Smart Teachers Series:** Delivered specialized pedagogical lectures: 'International Family Law (Part-1)' on April 25, 2022, and 'International Family Law (Part-2)' on April 29, 2022.
- **October 22, 2022 – LETILS-279 (M/s Shyam Padman Associates):** Addressed webinar on 'Hindu Marriages: Made in Heaven, Solemnised in India & Divorced Abroad'.
- **January 16, 2023 – Rotary Club Chandigarh:** Addressed members on 'Corbusier's Wonderland – Chandigarh: Past, Present & Future'.
- **February 25, 2023 – LETILS-282 (M/s Shyam Padman Associates):** Addressed webinar on 'Legalese vs Plain English in judicial proceedings'.
- **March 2–4, 2023 – ISIL 9th International Conference (New Delhi):** Delivered plenary address on 'India's State Practice in Cross-Country Inter-Parental Child Removal' in Public & Private International Law session.
- **March 18, 2023 – LETILS-284 (M/s Shyam Padman Associates):** Addressed webinar on 'Voice of Child vs Parental Rights: Judgement Reserved'.
- **March 19, 2023 – Ayushman Initiative for Child Rights:** Addressed webinar on 'Analysis of the Calcutta High Court Order on wish of the Child'.
- **March 24, 2023 – SOAS, University of London – Masterclass & Fireside Talk:** Participated in Masterclass Fireside Talk on 'Importance of International Law Praxis - The Challenges Faced in its Implementation, and Ways to Strengthen it' in London.
- **June 13, 2023 – Across Border Alliance of Lawyers (ABAL-India Desk Launch, London):** Spoke on 'Shaping the Future of International Law' at National Liberal Club, London.
- **July 25, 2023 – Army Institute of Law (Mohali):** Delivered address on 'Law, Lawyers and International Family Law'.
- **September 1–4, 2023 – Symbiosis Law School Pune – Lecture Series:** Conducted intensive 4-day lecture series covering 'International Law and Global Skills', 'Emerging Issues in Family Laws', 'Domestic Violence Laws: Essentials and Comparative Perspectives', and 'Live-in Relationships and its Judicial Evolution'.
- **September 9, 2023 – MNLU Mumbai Online Lecture:** Addressed students on 'Hindu Marriages: Made in Heaven, Solemnised on Earth and Dissolved Abroad: A Quandary'.

- **October 23, 2023 – Jindal Society of International Law Panel:** Participated in international panel discussion on 'Inter Parental Child Removal - Global Perspectives', coordinated by Ankit Malhotra.
- **January 13, 2024 – MNLU Mumbai – Juvenile Justice Workshop:** Delivered lecture on 'Irreversible Hindu Adoption: Legality & Challenges posed by CARA Adoption Regulations, 2022'.
- **May 11, 2024 – Mumbai & Other Bar Associations Webinar:** Addressed webinar on 'Statutory Guardians for Persons with Disabilities – Anomalies in Law – A Paradox'.
- **June 29, 2024 – Mumbai & Other Bar Associations Webinar:** Addressed webinar on 'International Hindu Adoptions in a Quandary'.
- **June 9, 2025 – Book Release & Discussion: 'Practitioner's Guide to International Family Law: An Indian Perspective':** Virtual launch conducted by Bar Council of Punjab & Haryana Vidhi Talks Initiative.
- **August 9, 2025 – LETILS-290 (M/s Shyam Padman Associates):** Conducted book release of 'Practitioner's Guide to International Family Law' and panel discussion on 'Global International Citizens & Indian Laws: A Quagmire'.
- **August 24, 2025 – Beyond Law CLC (Part 42) Webinar:** Addressed webinar on 'Interplay of Hindu Adoption Law and Adoption Regulations of CARA'.
- **September 20, 2025 – Symbiosis Law School Pune Virtual Book Launch:** Virtual release of 'Practitioner's Guide to International Family Law' and panel on 'Emerging Challenges in International Family Disputes Resolution'.
- **September 2025 – Lex Consilium Foundation Podcast Series (4 Specialized Master Lectures):** Delivered 4 podcast master lectures headed by Maj. Gen. Nilendra Kumar: (i) 'International Family Law: Maintenance, Alimony and Division of Assets'; (ii) 'International Family Law: Marriage Disputes, Joint Custody and the Girl Child'; (iii) 'International Family Law: Citizenship and Dual Nationality'; and (iv) 'International Family Law: Grant of Maintenance and Enforcement of Foreign Court Orders on Alimony'.

XIII. CHRONOLOGICAL COMPENDIUM OF EXPERT WITNESS REPORTS & PROFESSIONAL OPINIONS (2006 – 2026)

CALENDAR YEAR 2006

- 2006.1. Expert Report on Indian Family Law in India** | Instructing Body/Counsel: Instructed in and about the matter of XXX and XXX | Jurisdiction: **Switzerland** | Details/Forum: Advisory on Indian family law principles for proceedings in Switzerland.
- 2006.2. Expert Report on Inter-Parental Child Abduction** | Instructing Body/Counsel: Instructions received from XXX | Jurisdiction: **United States of America** | Details/Forum: Expert analysis on cross-border child removal mechanisms and judicial remedies in India.
- 2006.3. Expert Report on Inter-Parental Child Abduction** | Instructing Body/Counsel: Instructions received from XXX | Jurisdiction: **United Kingdom / New Zealand** | Details/Forum: Comparative cross-border report on inter-parental child removal safeguards in India.

CALENDAR YEAR 2007

- 2007.1. Draft Opinion on Pious Obligation of Son Under Hindu Law** | Instructing Body/Counsel: Instructed In re X & Y | Jurisdiction: **India** | Details/Forum: Doctrinal analysis of pious obligation and ancestral debt liabilities under Hindu Law.
- 2007.2. Professional Opinion on Options of Muslim Divorce** | Instructing Body/Counsel: Instructed by the Family Law Department, M/s Irwin Mitchell, Solicitors, Holborn | Jurisdiction: **United Kingdom** | Details/Forum: Analysis of forms of dissolution of marriage under Muslim Personal Law in India.
- 2007.3. Expert Report on Mechanisms for Securing Return of Minor Child Habitually Resident in England** | Instructing Body/Counsel: Instructed by Ms. Amandeep Gill, Davenport Lyons, Solicitors | Jurisdiction: **United Kingdom** | Details/Forum: Prepared for proceedings instituted in the High Court of Justice, Family Division, London.
- 2007.4. Professional Opinion on Validity of Guardianship and Inter-Country Adoption** | Instructing Body/Counsel: Instructed by Mr. XXX and Mrs. XXX | Jurisdiction: **The Netherlands / India** | Details/Forum: Evaluation of validity of 1997 Indian guardianship proceedings and subsequent 2002 adoption in the Netherlands.
- 2007.5. Expert Report on Parents' Right to Maintenance from Married Daughters** | Instructing Body/Counsel: Instructed In re Z | Jurisdiction: **India** | Details/Forum: Statutory analysis under Section 125 CrPC and Hindu personal law concerning maintenance obligations of married daughters.

CALENDAR YEAR 2008

- 2008.1. Joint Expert Report on Orders of the High Court of Justice (Family Division, London)** | Instructing Body/Counsel: Instructed in proceedings between XXX and XXX | Jurisdiction: **United Kingdom** | Details/Forum: SJE report on questions of Indian law in high-value cross-border matrimonial proceedings.
- 2008.2. Expert Opinion on Dissolution of Marriage and Ancillary Relief** | Instructing Body/Counsel: Instructions from XXX | Jurisdiction: **India** | Details/Forum: Opinion on Indian family law governing divorce, alimony, and ancillary proceedings.
- 2008.3. Expert Opinion on Matrimonial Divorce and Property Settlement** | Instructing Body/Counsel: Instructed in the matter of Mrs. XXX | Jurisdiction: **Australia / United Kingdom** | Details/Forum: Cross-jurisdictional opinion on dissolution of Hindu marriage and division of assets.
- 2008.4. Expert Report on Extra-Territorial Applicability of the Hindu Marriage Act, 1955** | Instructing Body/Counsel: Instructed by Ms. XXX, M/s Harjeet Singh & Co., Solicitors, Singapore | Jurisdiction: **Singapore** | Details/Forum: Advisory on extraterritorial reach of Hindu Marriage Act for Singapore-resident parties.
- 2008.5. Expert Report on U.S. Divorce Validity and Annulment in India** | Instructing Body/Counsel: Instructions received from Mr. XXX | Jurisdiction: **United Kingdom / USA** | Details/Forum: Evaluation of enforceability of US dissolution decrees under Section 13 CPC.

- 2008.6. Expert Opinion on Indian Immigration Law and Corporate Work Visas** | Instructing Body/Counsel: Instructed by Ms. Natalie Wagner DeLaurentis, Legal Dept. Coordinator, General Atlantic | Jurisdiction: **United States of America** | Details/Forum: Advisory on employment visas and regulatory requirements for foreign executives in India.
- 2008.7. Expert Report on Validity of Customary Adoption Deed** | Instructing Body/Counsel: Instructed by Kathryn E. Reeves, Attorney at Law, Azulayseiden Law Group | Jurisdiction: **United States of America** | Details/Forum: Adjudging validity of customary adoption under Hindu Adoptions and Maintenance Act, 1956.
- 2008.8. Expert Report on Surrogacy Arrangements and Consequential Rights** | Instructing Body/Counsel: Instructed by the Australian High Commission, New Delhi | Jurisdiction: **India / Australia** | Details/Forum: Comprehensive review of commercial surrogacy arrangements, parenthood, and exit visas.
- 2008.9. Expert Opinion on Eligibility for Indian Citizenship under Citizenship Act, 1955** | Instructing Body/Counsel: Instructed by Mr. XXX | Jurisdiction: **Uganda / United Kingdom** | Details/Forum: Statutory assessment of citizenship restoration and PIO/OCI eligibility.
- 2008.10. Expert Opinion on Validity of New Jersey Superior Court Divorce Decree in India** | Instructing Body/Counsel: Instructed by Mr. XXX, New Jersey | Jurisdiction: **United States of America** | Details/Forum: Opinion on enforceability of Chancery Division (Middlesex County) divorce under Section 13 CPC.

CALENDAR YEAR 2009

- 2009.1. Expert Report on DV Act, IPC, CrPC, and Family Courts Act Interplay** | Instructing Body/Counsel: Instructed by M/s Dawson Cornwell and M/s Kingsley Napley, London | Jurisdiction: **United Kingdom** | Details/Forum: Inter-relationship of criminal matrimonial proceedings, domestic violence reliefs, and civil jurisdiction.
- 2009.2. Expert Report on Validity of Adoption Deed under HAMA 1956** | Instructing Body/Counsel: Instructed by Harjinder Gill Esq., Gills Solicitors, Southall, Middlesex | Jurisdiction: **United Kingdom** | Details/Forum: Validity assessment of inter-parental adoption deed under Hindu law.
- 2009.3. Expert Report on Applicability of the Hindu Marriage Act, 1955** | Instructing Body/Counsel: Instructions received from Mr. XXX | Jurisdiction: **United States of America** | Details/Forum: Extra-territorial application of HMA to non-resident Indian spouses.
- 2009.4. Legal Opinion on Hindu Adoption Validity under HAMA 1956** | Instructing Body/Counsel: Instructed by Allen E. Kaye, Attorney at Law, New York | Jurisdiction: **United States of America** | Details/Forum: Immigration and legal validity of Hindu adoption for US consular proceedings.
- 2009.5. Written Opinion on Maintenance and Alimony Claims under HMA 1955 / SMA 1954** | Instructing Body/Counsel: Instructions from Mr. XXX, England | Jurisdiction: **United Kingdom** | Details/Forum: Advisory on parallel maintenance proceedings initiated by spouse resident in India.
- 2009.6. Expert Report on Validity of Adoption Deed under HAMA 1956** | Instructing Body/Counsel: Instructed by Helen L. Jugovic, Attorney at Law, McKinney & Justice | Jurisdiction: **United States of America** | Details/Forum: Evidentiary report on requirements of giving and taking in adoption under Indian law.

2009.7. Legal Opinion on Indian Surrogacy Agreement | Instructing Body/Counsel: Instructed by Ms. XXX, New South Wales | Jurisdiction: **Australia** | Details/Forum: Parentage, contractual enforceability, and citizenship issues under Indian surrogacy law.

CALENDAR YEAR 2010

2010.1. Professional Opinion on Validity of Adoption Deed under HAMA 1956 | Instructing Body/Counsel: Instructed on behalf of the Embassy of Austria, New Delhi | Jurisdiction: **India / Austria** | Details/Forum: Verification of adoption legality under Hindu law for Austrian diplomatic verification.

2010.2. Expert Report on Indian Law of Wills and Succession | Instructing Body/Counsel: Instructed by Mr. Andrew Parry, M/s Hunters, Solicitors, Lincoln's Inn, London | Jurisdiction: **United Kingdom** | Details/Forum: Estate of Mrs. XXX; legal devolution of Indian immovable and movable estate.

2010.3. Expert Opinions on Ancillary Relief, Property Division, and Child Custody | Instructing Body/Counsel: Instructed by Mr. XXX | Jurisdiction: **United States of America** | Details/Forum: Cross-border strategy across Indian Family Courts and US State Courts.

2010.4. Single Joint Expert (SJE) Report on Child Custody, Conditional Visits & Mirror Orders | Instructing Body/Counsel: Instructed jointly by Rebekah Gershuny (Collins Solicitors) & Robin Heer (Heer Manak Solicitors) | Jurisdiction: **United Kingdom** | Details/Forum: High Court of Justice (Family Division, London); mechanisms for mirror orders in India.

CALENDAR YEAR 2011

2011.1. Legal Opinion on Void Marriages under Hindu Marriage Act, 1955 | Instructing Body/Counsel: Furnished to the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany, New Delhi | Jurisdiction: **India / Germany** | Details/Forum: Investigative report on bigamy, sapinda relationships, and voidness under Section 11 HMA.

2011.2. Expert Opinion on Biological Parental Preference in Child Custody Determinations | Instructing Body/Counsel: Instructed by Stephen J. Cullen, Miles & Stockbridge, USA | Jurisdiction: **United States of America** | Details/Forum: Doctrinal analysis of parental presumption versus third-party custody claims under Indian law.

2011.3. Single Joint Expert (SJE) Report on Financial Remedies for Hindu Wife under HMA 1955 | Instructing Body/Counsel: Instructed by M/s Dawson Cornwell, Solicitors, London | Jurisdiction: **United Kingdom** | Details/Forum: High Court of Justice (Family Division, London); financial relief and permanent alimony in India.

2011.4. Expert Opinion on Legal Custody and Indian Citizenship for US-born Muslim Child | Instructing Body/Counsel: Instructed by Mr. XXX, New Jersey / India | Jurisdiction: **United States of America** | Details/Forum: Guardianship and citizenship entitlement under Indian personal laws.

2011.5. Legal Opinion on Goan Family Law, Divorce and Financial Remedies | Instructing Body/Counsel: Instructed by Sital Amin, Irwin Mitchell, Solicitors, London | Jurisdiction: **United Kingdom** | Details/Forum: Applicability of Portuguese Civil Code regimes in Goa for cross-border financial remedies.

2011.6. Legal Opinion on Redressal Mechanisms upon Death of British National in India | Instructing Body/Counsel: Instructed by Mrs. XXX Hudson | Jurisdiction: **United Kingdom** | Details/Forum: Remedies for immediate aggrieved family members under Indian criminal and civil law.

2011.7. Legal Opinion on Validity of Adoption Deed under HAMA 1956 | Instructing Body/Counsel: Instructed by Miss XXX on queries raised by Canadian High Commission, New Delhi | Jurisdiction: **Canada** | Details/Forum: Verification of adoption legality under Indian law for Canadian immigration processing.

2011.8. Legal Opinion on Validity and Registration of Hindu Marriage | Instructing Body/Counsel: Instructed by Allen E. Kaye, Attorney at Law, New York | Jurisdiction: **United States of America** | Details/Forum: Statutory validity of Hindu ceremonies and registration under HMA 1955.

2011.9. Legal Opinion on Alimony, Maintenance, and Division of Matrimonial Assets | Instructing Body/Counsel: Instructed by M/s Brookman, Solicitors, England | Jurisdiction: **United Kingdom** | Details/Forum: Comparative evaluation of Indian matrimonial property regime and UK financial remedies.

2011.10. Expert Report on Surrogacy Laws and Resulting Citizenship/Immigration Status | Instructing Body/Counsel: Instructed by Gamble and Ghevaert, LLP, Solicitors, Poole, England | Jurisdiction: **United Kingdom** | Details/Forum: Current Indian surrogacy regime and parentage orders for international surrogacy.

2011.11. Expert Report on Extra-Territorial Jurisdiction of HMA 1955 and US Divorce Grounds | Instructing Body/Counsel: Instructed by Ms. XXX | Jurisdiction: **United States of America** | Details/Forum: Conflict of laws analysis regarding US divorce decrees vs. Indian personal law.

2011.12. Legal Opinion on Asset Tracing in India in Post-Divorce Proceedings | Instructing Body/Counsel: Instructed by Rachel Edwards Barrott, The National Family Law Practice, England | Jurisdiction: **United Kingdom** | Details/Forum: Avenues for asset tracing, disclosure orders, and execution against Indian properties.

2011.13. Legal Opinion on Maintenance and Divorce Claims under Hindu Law | Instructing Body/Counsel: Instructed by Ms. Lisette Dupre, Dawson Cornwell Solicitors, London | Jurisdiction: **United Kingdom** | Details/Forum: Detailed advisory on interim maintenance under Section 24 and permanent alimony under Section 25 HMA.

CALENDAR YEAR 2012

2012.1. Expert Report on Family Settlements in Family-Run Indian Corporate Entities | Instructing Body/Counsel: Instructed by Elizabeth Hicks, Irwin Mitchell, Solicitors, London | Jurisdiction: **United Kingdom** | Details/Forum: High Court of Justice, London; evaluation of family business settlements during divorce.

2012.2. Single Joint Expert (SJE) Report on Cross-Border Custody & Guardians and Wards Act | Instructing Body/Counsel: Instructed by Ms. Reena Ghai, Solicitor, Middlesex | Jurisdiction: **United Kingdom** | Details/Forum: Principal Registry of Family Division, High Court of London; Guardians and Wards Act 1890 and HMGA 1956.

2012.3. Expert Report on Safeguards Against Parental Child Abduction to India | Instructing Body/Counsel: Instructions from Ms. XXX, USA | Jurisdiction: **United States of America** |

Details/Forum: Preventative measures, mirror orders, and remedies for child's temporary travel to India.

2012.4. Legal Opinion on Excess Customs Duty Assessment under Customs Act, 1962 | Instructing Body/Counsel: Instructed in re Genee Solutions India Pvt. Ltd., Gurgaon | Jurisdiction: **India** | Details/Forum: Customs classification and duty assessment disputes before New Delhi and Chennai authorities.

2012.5. Written Opinion on Comparative Matrimonial Law (India & Italy), DV Act, and IPC | Instructing Body/Counsel: Instructed by Elena Capriati (Capriati Carbone & Partners) & Mr. XXX, Rome | Jurisdiction: **Italy** | Details/Forum: Cross-border implications of Section 498A IPC, Domestic Violence Act 2005, and Italian divorce.

2012.6. Expert Report on Guardians and Wards Act, 1890 & HMGA 1956 | Instructing Body/Counsel: Instructed by Lysandra Dwyer, Harrow Council Legal Practice, London | Jurisdiction: **United Kingdom** | Details/Forum: Child protection, care orders, and statutory guardianship in India.

2012.7. Expert Report on Cross-Border Child Removal Regarding Canadian Children in India | Instructing Body/Counsel: Instructed by Hittrich Zukerman, Barristers & Solicitors, Surrey, British Columbia | Jurisdiction: **Canada** | Details/Forum: Judicial remedies under Indian custody laws for Canadian children retained in India.

CALENDAR YEAR 2013

2013.1. Expert Legal Opinion on Passport Renewal of Child in Marital Breakdown | Instructing Body/Counsel: Instructed by Mr. XXX, Hyderabad | Jurisdiction: **India** | Details/Forum: Passport Act requirements and single-parent consent rules during matrimonial litigation.

2013.2. Expert Opinion on Divorce Procedure & Financial Settlement (Italian-Indian Spouses) | Instructing Body/Counsel: Instructed by M/s Irwin Mitchell, Solicitors, London | Jurisdiction: **United Kingdom / Italy** | Details/Forum: Procedure for mutual consent divorce, asset division, and financial settlement in India.

2013.3. Expert Opinion on Inter-Parental Child Removal before Mumbai Family Court & High Court London | Instructing Body/Counsel: Instructed by Dr. XXX, Kent, England | Jurisdiction: **United Kingdom** | Details/Forum: Parallel proceedings before Family Court Mumbai (Bandra) and High Court of Justice (Family Division, London).

2013.4. Expert Report on International Enforcement of Canadian Custody Orders | Instructing Body/Counsel: Instructed by Max Blitt, Barrister at Law, for Mrs. XXX | Jurisdiction: **Canada** | Details/Forum: Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta in XXX v. XXX; Guardian & Wards Act 1890 enforcement.

2013.5. Expert Report on Law and Surrogacy Arrangements in India | Instructing Body/Counsel: Instructed by Anthony Collins, Solicitors, Birmingham | Jurisdiction: **United Kingdom** | Details/Forum: High Court of Justice (Birmingham) pursuant to Order of HHJ Plunkett in UK surrogacy petition.

2013.6. Expert Report on Remedies Against Parental Child Removal to India | Instructing Body/Counsel: Instructions of Mother XXX, Ontario | Jurisdiction: **Canada** | Details/Forum: Habeas corpus and custody remedies under Indian law for child retained in India.

2013.7. Expert Opinion on Enforcement of Foreign Matrimonial Decrees & Maintenance Claims

| Instructing Body/Counsel: Instructed by X | Jurisdiction: **Germany / India** | Details/Forum: Enforcement of German decrees and Jewish-German maintenance claims against husband relocating to India.

2013.8. Expert Written Report on Indian Inter-Parental Child Removal Law

| Instructing Body/Counsel: Instructed by Jeffery Greene | Jurisdiction: **United States of America** | Details/Forum: Analysis of Indian judicial tests on welfare of the child and comity of courts.

2013.9. Legal Opinion on Indian Surrogacy Arrangements and Legal Enforceability

| Instructing Body/Counsel: Instructed by Z | Jurisdiction: **India / International** | Details/Forum: Parental orders and exit visa protocols for overseas intended parents.

2013.10. Legal Opinion on Enforceability of Pre-Nuptial Agreements in India

| Instructing Body/Counsel: Instructed by Bernice Loo & Jacqueline Chua, Allen & Gledhill LLP, Singapore | Jurisdiction: **Singapore** | Details/Forum: Indian Contract Act, 1872 public policy constraints and status of pre-nuptial agreements in Indian law.

2013.11. Expert Report on Guardianship Proceedings for Relocation of British Child to India

| Instructing Body/Counsel: Instructed by Director of Legal and Democratic Services, London Borough of Ealing | Jurisdiction: **United Kingdom** | Details/Forum: Cross-border guardianship and placement safeguards in India.

2013.12. Expert Report on Indian Guardianship Proceedings pursuant to Judicial Directions

| Instructing Body/Counsel: Instructed by Pameel Crowther-Newman, London Borough of Brent | Jurisdiction: **United Kingdom** | Details/Forum: Rendered per directions of District Judge MacGregor, London, in child care proceedings.

2013.13. Professional Opinion by Affidavit on HAMA Adoption Validity in Chancery Proceedings

| Instructing Body/Counsel: Instructed by Mr. XXX in High Court of Justice (Chancery Division, London) | Jurisdiction: **United Kingdom** | Details/Forum: Estate of XXX (deceased); Inheritance (Family Provision & Dependents) Act 1975.

CALENDAR YEAR 2014

2014.1. Expert Report on Inter-Parental Child Removal and Indian Law

| Instructing Body/Counsel: Instructed by Law Office of Attorney Philip J. Byers, Massachusetts | Jurisdiction: **United States of America** | Details/Forum: Safeguards against unlawful retention and judicial tests under Indian custody law.

2014.2. Expert Report on Matrimonial Jurisdiction under Hindu Marriage Act, 1955

| Instructing Body/Counsel: Instructed by Elizabeth Hicks, Senior Partner, Irwin Mitchell, Solicitors, London | Jurisdiction: **United Kingdom** | Details/Forum: Forum non conveniens, anti-suit injunctions, and jurisdictional provisions under Section 19 HMA.

2014.3. Single Joint Expert (SJE) Report on Financial Remedies & Pension Sharing in India

| Instructing Body/Counsel: Instructed jointly by Betteridges Solicitors & Archers Law LLP | Jurisdiction: **United Kingdom** | Details/Forum: Financial relief, capital asset division, and pension sharing feasibility in Bangalore, India.

2014.4. Expert Report on Child Removal before Reading County Court

| Instructing Body/Counsel: Instructed by M/s Jung & Co., Solicitors, Middlesex | Jurisdiction: **United Kingdom**

Details/Forum: Proceedings in Reading County Court before District Judge Wakem in XXX v. XXX.

2014.5. Legal Opinion on OCI Registration under Section 7A of Citizenship Act, 1955 | Instructing Body/Counsel: Instructed by Mia Burton, General Counsel, Michael & Susan Dell Foundation | Jurisdiction: **United States of America** | Details/Forum: Statutory eligibility, Citizenship Rules 2009, and OCI registration protocols.

2014.6. Opinion on Probate of Will and Indian Succession Act, 1925 | Instructing Body/Counsel: Instructed by Client in London | Jurisdiction: **United Kingdom** | Details/Forum: Succession and probate requirements for foreign-executed wills in Indian courts.

2014.7. Expert Report on Guardianship in Placement Order Proceedings | Instructing Body/Counsel: Instructed by Sarah Hutton, South Tyneside Council Legal Services | Jurisdiction: **United Kingdom** | Details/Forum: Sunderland County Court sitting in Newcastle upon Tyne (HHJ Simon Wood / Moylan J).

2014.8. Legal Opinion on Indian Citizenship Rights for Stateless Person of Indian Origin | Instructing Body/Counsel: Instructed by High Commission of Canada, New Delhi | Jurisdiction: **Canada / India** | Details/Forum: Statutory citizenship status under Indian Citizenship Act, 1955 for person not holding Canadian citizenship.

CALENDAR YEAR 2015

2015.1. Two Expert Reports on Inter-Parental Custody & Abduction Safeguards in High Court London | Instructing Body/Counsel: Instructed jointly by M/s Clinton Solicitors and M/s Bindmans LLP, London | Jurisdiction: **United Kingdom** | Details/Forum: High Court of Justice (Family Division, London) in the matter of XXX and XXX.

2015.2. Expert Report on Validity of Guardianship Proceedings in India | Instructing Body/Counsel: Instructed by Fiona Gingell, Supervisory Solicitor, Leicester City Council | Jurisdiction: **United Kingdom** | Details/Forum: High Court proceedings regarding child care and overseas placement.

2015.3. Expert Report on Validity of Hindu Ceremonial Marriage | Instructing Body/Counsel: Instructed by Grace M. Doherty, Beerman Law, Chicago | Jurisdiction: **United States of America** | Details/Forum: Validity of Hindu marriage rites under Section 7 HMA for Illinois divorce proceedings.

2015.4. Expert Opinion on Validity of Partial/Incomplete Hindu Ceremonial Marriage | Instructing Body/Counsel: Instructed by Adam Blick, Blick & Co., London | Jurisdiction: **United Kingdom** | Details/Forum: Legal effect of incomplete saptapadi and solemnization requirements under Indian law.

2015.5. Legal Opinion on CARA Guidelines and Prospective Adoptive Parents Contact Rules | Instructing Body/Counsel: Instructed by Dan Berger (USA) and XXX (India) | Jurisdiction: **United States of America / India** | Details/Forum: Legal permissibility of pre-adoption contact under CARA guidelines and JJ Act.

2015.6. Expert Opinion on Validity of Sikh Anand Karaj Marriage | Instructing Body/Counsel: Instructed by Helen Greenfield, Family Law in Partnership Ltd. (FLiP), London | Jurisdiction:

United Kingdom | Details/Forum: Anand Marriage Act, 1909 / 2012 amendments and validity under Hindu personal laws.

2015.7. Expert Report on Indian Law of Marriage & Divorce in Supreme Court of British Columbia | Instructing Body/Counsel: Instructed by Lindsay Kenney LLP, British Columbia, Langley | Jurisdiction: **Canada** | Details/Forum: Report in XXX v. XXX (subsequently reported as 2016 BCSC 678; 78 R.F.L. (7th) 174).

2015.8. Professional Opinion on Indian Guardianship and Custody Laws | Instructing Body/Counsel: Instructed by M/s Boshouwers Schellekens, Advocaten En Mediators, Amsterdam | Jurisdiction: **The Netherlands** | Details/Forum: Analysis of Indian child custody principles for Dutch legal proceedings.

2015.9. Expert Report on Validity of Guardianship Proceedings in India | Instructing Body/Counsel: Instructed by Fiona Gingell, Leicester City Council Legal Services | Jurisdiction: **United Kingdom** | Details/Forum: Leicester City Council ongoing care proceedings in High Court of Justice.

CALENDAR YEAR 2016

2016.1. Expert Report on Indian Succession Law regarding Estate of Lord R & Late U | Instructing Body/Counsel: Instructed in New Delhi | Jurisdiction: **India / UK** | Details/Forum: Devolution of high-value Indian immovable assets under testamentary and intestate succession.

2016.2. Expert Report on Validity of Hindu Marriage in Stoke on Trent Family Court | Instructing Body/Counsel: Rendered pursuant to Orders of District Judge, Family Court at Stoke on Trent | Jurisdiction: **United Kingdom** | Details/Forum: Evaluation of customary rites and legal validity under Hindu Marriage Act, 1955.

2016.3. Expert Report on Indian Inheritance Law before Willesden County Court | Instructing Body/Counsel: Instructed jointly by M/s Mills Chody and M/s Ved & Co., Solicitors | Jurisdiction: **United Kingdom** | Details/Forum: Family Court at Willesden in XXX v. XXX; partition and inheritance under Hindu law.

2016.4. Legal Opinion on Dissolution of Indian-Solemnized Marriage in British Columbia | Instructing Body/Counsel: Instructed by parties residing in Abbotsford, BC | Jurisdiction: **Canada** | Details/Forum: Jurisdictional competence of BC courts to dissolve marriage solemnized under Indian law.

2016.5. Expert Written Opinion on Child Custody, Abduction & Return Safeguards | Instructing Body/Counsel: Instructed by a parent before Family Court District Judge sitting at Halifax | Jurisdiction: **United Kingdom** | Details/Forum: Protective measures and undertakings for child return from India.

CALENDAR YEAR 2017

2017.1. Expert Report on Indian Family Law in Anandi & Anandi | Instructing Body/Counsel: Instructed by Shepherds Family Law Specialists & Sarah Bevan Family Law Specialists | Jurisdiction: **Australia** | Details/Forum: Detailed expert report on Indian matrimonial and financial property principles.

2017.2. Expert Report on Child Custody Modification in Montgomery County Circuit Court, Maryland | Instructing Body/Counsel: Instructed by Miles & Stockbridge, Washington, in Case No. 145704-FL (XXX v. XXX) | Jurisdiction: **United States of America** | Details/Forum: Expert deposition and report on modification of visitation and cross-border custody.

2017.3. Legal Expert Report on Child Custody & Abduction in Croydon Family Court | Instructing Body/Counsel: Instructed by M/s Hodge Jones & Allen LLP, London | Jurisdiction: **United Kingdom** | Details/Forum: In the matter of XXX; analysis of child return mechanisms in Indian jurisdiction.

2017.4. Expert Report on Custody, Guardianship and Indian Citizenship in LCC v. XXX | Instructing Body/Counsel: Instructed by Fiona Gingell, Leicester City Council Legal Services | Jurisdiction: **United Kingdom** | Details/Forum: Family Court at Leicester; citizenship and placement issues for Indian origin child.

2017.5. Expert Report on Parallel Matrimonial, Property, and Custody Proceedings in India & Ontario | Instructing Body/Counsel: Instructed by Jonathan Martin, Miller Thomson LLP, Regina, Saskatchewan | Jurisdiction: **Canada** | Details/Forum: Anti-suit injunctions and jurisdictional priority between Indian courts and Ontario courts.

2017.6. Expert Legal Opinions on Indian Child Custody Principles | Instructing Body/Counsel: Instructed by Mr. XXX, Canberra | Jurisdiction: **Australia** | Details/Forum: Advisory on Indian judicial interpretation of welfare principle in international relocation.

CALENDAR YEAR 2018

2018.1. Legal Expert Report on Child Custody & Abduction before West London Family Court | Instructing Body/Counsel: Instructed by Moss Beachley Mullem & Coleman, London | Jurisdiction: **United Kingdom** | Details/Forum: In the matter of a child; Indian legal remedies and safeguards against retention.

2018.2. Single Joint Expert (SJE) Report on Enforceability of British Custody Orders in India | Instructing Body/Counsel: Instructed by Carmel Brown, Irwin Mitchell LLP, London | Jurisdiction: **United Kingdom** | Details/Forum: High Court of Justice (Family Division, London); mirror orders and enforcement in India.

2018.3. Expert Opinion on Validity of Central Family Court (London) Orders in India | Instructing Body/Counsel: Instructed by Allwyn Sanger Solicitors, Berkshire | Jurisdiction: **United Kingdom** | Details/Forum: Enforceability of UK financial relief and divorce decrees under Section 13 CPC.

2018.4. Legal Expert Report in Federal Circuit Court of Australia on Child Custody & Hague Principles | Instructing Body/Counsel: Instructed by Watts McCray Lawyers (NSW) Pty. Ltd., Sydney | Jurisdiction: **Australia** | Details/Forum: Application of Hague Child Abduction principles in Indian non-convention jurisdiction.

2018.5. Expert Report on Indian Adoption, Guardianship, and Citizenship in RCJ London Care Proceedings | Instructing Body/Counsel: Instructed by Clare Colvin, HB Public Law, Harrow Council Legal Services | Jurisdiction: **United Kingdom** | Details/Forum: Royal Courts of Justice, London; care proceedings concerning 3 children.

2018.6. Updated Joint Expert Report on Inter-Parental Child Removal & Indian Law | Instructing Body/Counsel: Instructed jointly by The Chancery Partnership & M/s Lyons Davidson, Solicitors,

London | Jurisdiction: **United Kingdom** | Details/Forum: Updated evidentiary report on Indian custody law in XXX v. XXX.

CALENDAR YEAR 2019

2019.1. Expert Opinion on Hindu Marriage and Divorce Jurisprudence | Instructing Body/Counsel: Instructed by The International Family Law Group LLP (iFLG), London | Jurisdiction: **United Kingdom** | Details/Forum: Grounds of divorce, cruelty, and financial provision under Hindu personal law.

2019.2. Professional Opinion on Enforcement of Foreign Stipulations in California Superior Court | Instructing Body/Counsel: Instructions from Mr. XXX | Jurisdiction: **United States of America / India** | Details/Forum: Superior Court of California; Section 13 CPC, foreign consent orders, and Section 13-B HMA mutual divorce.

2019.3. Legal Opinion on Formalities of Wills under Hindu Succession Act & Indian Succession Act | Instructing Body/Counsel: Instructed by Piers Master, Charles Russell Speechlys LLP, London | Jurisdiction: **United Kingdom** | Details/Forum: Execution, attestation, and probate requirements for foreign-resident testator's Indian assets.

2019.4. Single Joint Expert (SJE) Report on English Custody Enforcement in India (High Court London) | Instructing Body/Counsel: Instructed jointly by Vardags, Payne Hicks Beach, and Cafcass Legal, London | Jurisdiction: **United Kingdom** | Details/Forum: High Court of Justice (Family Division, London); child custody and enforcement.

2019.5. Expert Report on Child Custody & Abduction in Ontario Superior Court of Justice | Instructing Body/Counsel: Instructed by Bales Beall LLP, Toronto, in XXX v. XXX (Court File No. FS-15-20362) | Jurisdiction: **Canada** | Details/Forum: Formally accepted as Indian Law Expert; evidentiary ruling delivered by Justice Pinto in 2022 ONSC.

2019.6. Expert Report on Indian Immigration Law for Article 8 ECHR Immigration Appeal | Instructing Body/Counsel: Instructed by McGlashan Mackay Solicitors, Glasgow, Scotland | Jurisdiction: **United Kingdom** | Details/Forum: Visa eligibility and citizenship entitlement for foreign-born child of Indian parent.

2019.7. Expert Report on Hindu Marriage Validity & Registration in California Superior Court | Instructing Body/Counsel: Instructed by Magdalena Law Group, San Jose, California (Santa Clara County Superior Court) | Jurisdiction: **United States of America** | Details/Forum: Statutory effect of registration versus solemnization rites under Hindu law.

2019.8. Expert Opinion on Division of US-India Joint Matrimonial & Corporate Assets | Instructing Body/Counsel: Instructions from XXX (South Dakota / Indore MP) | Jurisdiction: **United States of America / India** | Details/Forum: Complex cross-border business asset division, alimony, and custody across jurisdictions.

2019.9. Expert Opinion on Domicile in India for UK Resident with Cross-Border Estate | Instructing Body/Counsel: Instructions regarding estate of Mr. XXX, Glasgow | Jurisdiction: **United Kingdom** | Details/Forum: Permanent domicile under Indian law, succession, estate taxes, and cross-border inheritance.

CALENDAR YEAR 2020

2020.1. Expert Opinion on Division of Matrimonial Assets, Anti-Suit Injunctions & Australian Orders | Instructing Body/Counsel: Instructed by M/s Nolan Lawyers Pty. Ltd., Sydney | Jurisdiction: **Australia** | Details/Forum: Indian Family Court asset division principles, enforceability of Australian property transfer decrees, and anti-suit injunctions.

2020.2. Amicus Curiae Report on Inter-Country Adoptions under HAMA 1956 vs. JJ Act 2015 | Instructing Body/Counsel: Appointed by High Court of Punjab and Haryana in CWP No. 10555 of 2019 (XXX v. UOI) | Jurisdiction: **India** | Details/Forum: Court-appointed Amicus Curiae report on non-applicability of CARA 2017 regulations to direct HAMA adoptions.

2020.3. Amicus Curiae Reports on Essential Requirements of Hindu Adoption & Habeas Corpus Petitions | Instructing Body/Counsel: Appointed by High Court of Punjab and Haryana in Crl. WP No. 820 of 2020 (XXX v. UOI) | Jurisdiction: **India** | Details/Forum: Primary and supplementary Amicus Curiae reports on international adoptions and habeas corpus maintainability.

2020.4. Amicus Curiae Report on Inter-Parental Custody & Enforceability of Foreign Orders | Instructing Body/Counsel: Appointed by High Court of Punjab and Haryana in Crl. WP No. 3440 of 2020 (XXX v. State of Haryana) | Jurisdiction: **India** | Details/Forum: High Court Amicus Curiae report on comity of courts vs. independent judicial inquiry into child welfare.

2020.5. Expert Report & Supplementary Report on Adoption and Immigration Laws in East London Family Court | Instructing Body/Counsel: Instructed by Waltham Forest Town Hall Legal Services (Case No. ZE20C00353) | Jurisdiction: **United Kingdom** | Details/Forum: Care proceedings in East London Family Court regarding child Emma Tsephel.

CALENDAR YEAR 2021

2021.1. Clarifying Legal Advice in East London Family Court Care Proceedings | Instructing Body/Counsel: Instructed on Consent Orders in Case No. ZE20C00353 (Emma Tsephel matter) | Jurisdiction: **United Kingdom** | Details/Forum: Court-authorized international expert advice for mother and guardian on Indian adoption and immigration law.

2021.2. Expert Witness Testimony in Minnesota State District Court (Ramsey County) | Instructing Body/Counsel: Instructed by Arnold, Rodman & O’Keefe PA, Bloomington, Minnesota (Case No. 62-FA-20-1081) | Jurisdiction: **United States of America** | Details/Forum: Formally deposed and cross-examined as expert witness on Indian family law and child abduction on October 13, 2021.

CALENDAR YEAR 2022

2022.1. Expert Report on Hindu Marriage & Divorce Law in Macomb County Circuit Court, Michigan | Instructing Body/Counsel: Instructed by Counsel for Respondent-Wife in Case No. 2022-007276-DM | Jurisdiction: **United States of America** | Details/Forum: 16th Judicial Circuit Court of Michigan; validity of marriage, divorce jurisdiction, and property claims.

2022.2. Expert Report on Foreign Custody Recognition in Federal Circuit & Family Court of Australia | Instructing Body/Counsel: Instructed by Watts McCray (NSW) Pty. Ltd. in Case No. PAC6919/2021 | Jurisdiction: **Australia** | Details/Forum: FCFCOA (Division 2) under Family Law Act 1975; return of children to Australia and Indian enforcement.

2022.3. Expert Report on Guardianship & Adoption in Royal Courts of Justice, London | Instructing Body/Counsel: Instructed by Hope Holm Family Law, London, in Case No. FD22P00448 | Jurisdiction: **United Kingdom** | Details/Forum: High Court of Justice (Family Division, RCJ London); guardianship assessment under Indian law.

2022.4. Expert Report on Parallel Matrimonial & Custody Proceedings in Washington & Mumbai | Instructing Body/Counsel: Instructed in matter pending in King County Superior Court (USA) & Bandra Family Court (India) | Jurisdiction: **United States of America / India** | Details/Forum: Jurisdiction, cross-border custody, and conflict of laws between King County, WA and Mumbai, India.

CALENDAR YEAR 2023

2023.1. Expert Legal Opinion on Indian Family Law | Instructing Body/Counsel: Instructed by Coleman Street Chamber LLC, Singapore, for the Mother (XXX) | Jurisdiction: **Singapore** | Details/Forum: Advisory on Indian matrimonial rights, maintenance, and child custody protections.

2023.2. Single Expert Report on Child Custody & Guardianship in India | Instructing Body/Counsel: Instructed by Parissa Henney, ODT Solicitors, Chichester | Jurisdiction: **United Kingdom** | Details/Forum: Expert assessment on Indian custody procedures and mirror orders.

2023.3. Supplemental Expert Report in East London Family Court | Instructing Body/Counsel: Instructed by Georgia Smith, Milner Elledge Solicitors, UK | Jurisdiction: **United Kingdom** | Details/Forum: Child custody and guardianship in East London Family Court proceedings.

2023.4. Expert Report on UK Child Return Proceedings | Instructing Body/Counsel: Instructed by Prity Patel, Children & Advocacy Team, West Sussex County Council | Jurisdiction: **United Kingdom** | Details/Forum: Remedies for return of child retained abroad under Indian child protection statutes.

2023.5. Expert Report pursuant to UK Court Order dated April 4, 2023 | Instructing Body/Counsel: Rendered under directions of English Court | Jurisdiction: **United Kingdom** | Details/Forum: Evaluation of legal mechanisms to effectuate return of child retained in India contrary to UK Court order.

2023.6. Amicus Curiae Report on Writ Jurisdiction for Autistic Child Located Outside India | Instructing Body/Counsel: Appointed by High Court of Kerala in WP(Crl.) No. 1206/2022(S) & WP(C) No. 42320/2022 | Jurisdiction: **India** | Details/Forum: Scope of High Court extraordinary writ jurisdiction regarding the welfare of a child located overseas.

2023.7. Expert Report on Recognition & Enforceability of England & Wales Family Court Orders | Instructing Body/Counsel: Instructed by Legal & Assurance Services, Sandwell MBC, Oldbury | Jurisdiction: **United Kingdom** | Details/Forum: Enforceability of English financial and care orders in Indian civil courts.

2023.8. Expert Report on UK Special Guardianship Orders and Indian Guardians & Wards Act | Instructing Body/Counsel: Instructed by Neville Horley, Locum Solicitor, Hove | Jurisdiction: **United Kingdom** | Details/Forum: Implementation of UK Child Arrangements / Special Guardianship Orders under GWA 1890.

2023.9. Expert Report on Child Return Safeguards in North Carolina District Court | Instructing Body/Counsel: Instructed in re XXX & XXX, Mecklenburg County District Court Division, North

Carolina | Jurisdiction: **United States of America** | Details/Forum: 26th Judicial District of North Carolina; protective undertakings and mirror order mechanisms in India.

CALENDAR YEAR 2024

2024.1. Expert Report on UK Special Guardianship Orders, GWA 1890, and HAMA Adoptions | Instructing Body/Counsel: Instructed by Nicola Whitehead, Warwickshire Legal Services on behalf of Leicester City Council | Jurisdiction: **United Kingdom** | Details/Forum: Implementation of UK Care / Special Guardianship orders under Indian Guardians & Wards Act and HAMA 1956.

2024.2. Expert Report on Validity of Inter-Country Hindu Adoption under Swiss Law | Instructing Body/Counsel: Instructed by Daniela von Flüe, Partnerin, lege artis zug, Rechtsanwälte, Zug | Jurisdiction: **Switzerland** | Details/Forum: Validity of 2010 registered HAMA adoption in India and non-applicability of JJ Acts 2000/2015.

2024.3. Expert Report on Indian Family Law in District Court of Hong Kong SAR | Instructing Body/Counsel: Instructed by Hugill & Ip, Solicitors, Hong Kong | Jurisdiction: **Hong Kong SAR** | Details/Forum: Advisory on Indian matrimonial remedies and child custody for Hong Kong court proceedings.

2024.4. Expert Report on Service of US Court Summons in India (Clark County Family Court, Nevada) | Instructing Body/Counsel: Instructed by Husna Alikhan, Attorney, Alikhan Law, Las Vegas, Nevada | Jurisdiction: **United States of America** | Details/Forum: Eighth Judicial District Court, Clark County, NV; Hague Service Convention protocols and CPC service in India.

2024.5. Expert Report on Child Custody Jurisdiction in Federal Circuit & Family Court of Australia | Instructing Body/Counsel: Rendered for matter in FCFCOA (Division 1), Newcastle | Jurisdiction: **Australia** | Details/Forum: Jurisdictional forum conveniens analysis and custody principles under Indian law.

2024.6. Single Joint Expert (SJE) Report on Indian Property Law in Leeds Family Court | Instructing Body/Counsel: Rendered in Financial Remedy Proceedings before Leeds Family Court | Jurisdiction: **United Kingdom** | Details/Forum: Valuation, ancestral rights, partition claims, and enforcement against immovable properties in India.

CALENDAR YEAR 2025

2025.1. Expert Report on Global Matrimonial Property Division under Indian Law | Instructing Body/Counsel: Instructed on January 12, 2025 by Mr. XXX | Jurisdiction: **India / Global** | Details/Forum: Jurisdiction of Indian Family Courts to settle and divide worldwide properties under HMA and Family Courts Act.

2025.2. Expert Legal Opinion on Marriage, Divorce, Custody & Maintenance under Indian Law | Instructing Body/Counsel: Instructed by Dr. Annette Spycher, Attorney at Law, Kellerhals Carrard, Bern | Jurisdiction: **Switzerland** | Details/Forum: Comprehensive legal opinion dated 31 March 2025 on Indian personal law remedies for Swiss court proceedings.

2025.3. Expert Legal Opinion on Hindu Marriage Certificate & Ceremonial Validity (Goa/Delhi) | Instructing Body/Counsel: Instructed in the matter of XXX and XXX, dated 4 June 2025 | Jurisdiction: **India** | Details/Forum: Interpretation of marriage certificate, customary ceremonies, and registration in Goa and New Delhi.

- 2025.4. Condensed Expert Report on Cross-Border Swiss Divorce Decrees and Custody** | Instructing Body/Counsel: Instructed by Dr. Annette Spycher & Sabine Wyss, Kellerhals Carrard, Bern (dated 29 July 2025) | Jurisdiction: **Switzerland** | Details/Forum: Enforceability in India of Swiss divorce decree, child maintenance, and custody orders for Swiss-resident child.
- 2025.5. Expert Opinion on Hindu Divorce Jurisdiction & Implications in Netherlands & Singapore** | Instructing Body/Counsel: Instructed on August 21, 2025 by Mr. XXX | Jurisdiction: **The Netherlands / Singapore** | Details/Forum: Maintainability of Indian divorce petitions and their extra-territorial validity across Dutch and Singapore courts.
- 2025.6. Deed of Consent Agreement on Matrimonial Settlement Binding in India & Australia** | Instructing Body/Counsel: Instructed by Ryan McGreal, Special Counsel, Broun Abrahams Burreket Lawyers, Sydney (dated 15 Sept 2025) | Jurisdiction: **Australia** | Details/Forum: Drafted binding deed settling maintenance, alimony, property division, and custody with conclusive effect in India.
- 2025.7. Expert Opinion on Foreign Irretrievable Breakdown Divorces & Recognition in India** | Instructing Body/Counsel: Instructed on September 19, 2025 by Ms. XXX | Jurisdiction: **International** | Details/Forum: Analysis of Section 13 CPC constraints regarding foreign divorces granted on irretrievable breakdown grounds.
- 2025.8. Deed of Consent Agreement on Child Custody & Guardianship (UK–India)** | Instructing Body/Counsel: Instructed on September 25, 2025 by Mr. XXX | Jurisdiction: **United Kingdom / India** | Details/Forum: Formalization and mutual registration of child custody, visitation, access, and guardianship arrangements in India.
- 2025.9. Expert Legal Opinion on Re-Acquisition of Indian Citizenship under Citizenship Act, 1955** | Instructing Body/Counsel: Instructed by Emma Lidén, Attorney at Law, Peter & Moreau, Geneva (dated 13 October 2025) | Jurisdiction: **Switzerland** | Details/Forum: Statutory analysis under Section 8 and Section 5(1)(f)/(g) of the Citizenship Act, 1955 for resumption of citizenship.

CALENDAR YEAR 2026

- 2026.1. Expert Report on Recognition & Enforceability of England & Wales Family Court Orders** | Instructing Body/Counsel: Instructed on March 10, 2026 by Lauren Garner, Solicitor, Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council | Jurisdiction: **United Kingdom** | Details/Forum: Safeguarding and Education Legal Team (B69 3DE); enforceability of UK Care and placement orders in India.
- 2026.2. Expert Report on Legal Remedies of Return for Child Abduction to India** | Instructing Body/Counsel: Instructed on March 11, 2026 by Nazneen Kassir, Solicitor, Duncan Lewis Solicitors, UK | Jurisdiction: **United Kingdom** | Details/Forum: Habeas corpus remedies, child welfare test, and immediate return protocols if child is unlawfully retained in India.
- 2026.3. Expert Report on Inter-Country Hindu Adoptions, DM Orders & CARA NOC under JJ Act, 2015** | Instructing Body/Counsel: Instructed on August 12, 2026 by James M. Greenberg Esq., Greenberg & Greenberg (New York) | Jurisdiction: **United States of America** | Details/Forum: Evidentiary report on HAMA 1956 adoptions approved by District Magistrates and concluded by CARA NOCs under JJ Act 2015 for US immigration.