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SYNOPSIS

Innovative and successful Advocate, highly effective at developing creative case strategies and writing persuasive briefs, detail oriented, conscientious and organized with 16 years of experience achieving favorable outcomes in court cases, well versed in trial preparations, research and drafting legal documents, tackles cases with tenacity and analytical mindset.

3 years' experience of working as Civil Judge in Judiciary, handled more than 2500 criminal cases and more than 500 civil cases as Presiding Officer.

Aspiring & working towards building a prompt & positive image judicial system delivering speedy resolutions in the minds of citizens.

EXPERIENCE

Advocate High Court of MP @ Indore & High Court of Gujarat @ Ahmedabad District & Session courts at Valsad, Vapi, Daman and Silvassa

April 2019 to till date

Operating 3 offices at Indore, Ahmedabad & Vapi having team of 3 subordinates & 5 interns for handling litigations of individuals, firms & institutions. Appearing before High Court of Indore & Ahmedabad. Area of work especially writ petitions like service cases, matrimonial cases and educational cases along with land litigations, consumer forum cases. Also handling litigation work of companies like V.E. Commercial at various courts at Indore.

Alongside legal profession also dedicate time as a legal counsel for the Kutch Kadwa Patidar Samaj, Ahmedabad; Rotary club of Indore central, Christian Society, Ujjain; NGO Nyayvedi, Ujjain & Lex Legal, Indore.

Delivering sessions & guiding in better judgment writing for judicial examinations to judicial service aspirants.

Legal Advisor, Writer, Reader – Indore

April 2018 to March 2019

During migration from Vapi to Indore, took break from actively appearing in court, however worked as legal advisor & dedicated time as a column Writer at daily Gujarati newspaper "Damanganga Times".

Advocate High Court of Gujarat @ Ahmedabad, Valsad, Vapi, Daman and Silvassa

December 2015 to March 2018

Based out of Vapi & practiced as an Advocate before the District and Session Courts at Valsad, Silvassa, Daman; Taluka Court, Vapi and High Court of Gujarat at Ahmedabad.

Dealt with Civil Litigations of Land cases, Matrimonial litigations, Commercial Disputes of Companies, Recovery Suits, as well as Criminal cases including Cheque bounce cases.

Judicial Service - Gujarat

September 2012 to November 2015

Add. Civil Judge & Judicial Magistrate First Class @ Vadodara

May 2015 to November 2015

2500 criminal cases and 300 Civil Cases handled as Presiding Officer.

Conducted Civil Suits and gave remarkable disposal of Civil Cases by Orders and Judgments.

Recorded statements under section 164 of Criminal Procedure Code as Judicial Magistrate First Class.

Add. Civil Judge & Judicial Magistrate First Class @ Gandhinagar October 2013 to April 2015

Presided over the independent court and handled around 2000 criminal cases and 150 civil cases out of which 45 cases under section 498A(harassment for dowry) of IPC got cleared mostly by way of settlement.

Conducted Legal Literacy Camps and Lok Adalats as a Presiding Officer.

Given Training to Para Legal Volunteers at Gandhinagar District Court.

Administrative experience of managing the court as Presiding Officer.

Under field training @ Gandhinagar

September 2012 to September 2013

Under Academic training @ Ahmedabad

September 2012 to September 2013

Filed training consist of attaining the court of Civil Judges Senior Division and Chief Judicial Magistrates as well as District and Sessions Judge along with presiding judges and preparing the daily report of your observations.

Academic training consists of attaining the lectures on various subject of law at the Gujarat High Court Judicial Academy inclusive of group discussions and class presentation.

Also attended Forensic Science Laboratory Gandhinagar, Postmortem at Civil Hospital Ahmedabad, Food & Drug Laboratory Vadodara, Forest department workshop at Gandhinagar and Vijaynagar Forest, Mental Asylum Ahmedabad, Police Training Academy, Gandhinagar.

Central Government Standing Counsel

April 2007 to March 2010

Gujarat High Court @ Ahmedabad

Represented the common panel of Central Government Counsel under the headship of Additional Solicitor General Mr. Harin Rawal as a junior standing counsel.

Represented the central government in various cases belong to all the departments under central government (Service Cases, Pension, Indirect Taxes, Passport Cases) in the High Court of Gujarat at Ahmedabad.

Advocate - Gujarat High Court @ Ahmedabad

September 2003 to August 2012

Started processing cases independently as well as assisted Senior Advocate Mr. R J Oza.

Argued and Appeared in various Civil, Service, Indirect Taxation cases.

Advise on various civil as well as criminal law issues.

Opinion and case study on various legal cases.

Done Legal Research and Case finding with the help of legal software.

Legal Assistant @ Ahmedabad

September 2003 to August 2012

Assisted Senior Advocate Mr. R J Oza in cases at Gujarat High Court.

Drafting of Legal Notices, Petitions, Affidavits, and Appeals.

Internet Research on case-specific legal issues.

Research on civil cases from legal principles, citations and past judgments.

Experience of working in Civil Law, Public Interest Litigations, Service.

Law, Taxation Law, Admiralty Litigations and Consumer Law.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Column Writer of a daily Gujarati newspaper "Damanganga Times" since 2015.

Name reflected in leading Gujarati newspapers at Gandhinagar and Vadodara for various judgments delivered as a Judge.

Best Student Medal for overall performance in LL.B.

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Law (LL.B)

2000 to 2003

Shah K M Law College, Valsad (South Gujarat University)

Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA)

1997 to 2000

Som Lalit Institute of Business Administration, Ahmedabad (Gujarat University)