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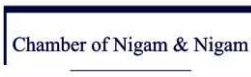
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The Grand Masters 2019 Summit Series brings together select in-house counsel to discuss all the major legal and regulatory undercurrents that their respective industry sectors would have gone through. The discussions not only include the industry's best veterans as speakers but an audience which is as mighty as ever.

It is **The Grand Masters 2019 Summit Series** through which we at Lex Witness salute the spirits of the in-house counsel community for their contribution towards creating a very sound business environment in the country in terms of the law of the land.

Here's a wire-frame of all the sessions being spanned at the summit:

- **A Counsel's Seesaw – Which Side Are You Swinging In?**
- **The Regulatory Rage – Have You Been Coping Up Well?**
- **Dispute Resolution – Litigate, Arbitrate or Mediate – What's Your Choice?**
- **Intellectual Property – How Valuable Are Your IP Assets?**
- **The New Age Tech Tantrums – Are We Ready?**

And yes, this immensely powerful mix of discussion stands incomplete without the external counsel, advisory firms and the likes who leave no stone unturned in executing the best of the legal strategies right from the board room to the court room.

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Dear All,

I feel privileged to be invited to chair **The Grand Masters 2019, New Delhi Edition** organized by **Lex Witness - India's 1st Magazine on Legal and Corporate Affairs**.

Lex Witness has been organizing a plethora of knowledge-driven summits ever since its inception in 2009. Starting in 2013, **The Grand Masters Summit Series – A Corporate Counsel Legal Best Practices Summit Series** has successfully moved into its seventh year with three sessions planned in **New Delhi, on Feb 7th, 2019 at Le Meridien, followed by the Mumbai edition on Feb 14th, 2019 at The Courtyard by Marriott, and the concluding edition**

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The Grand Masters 2019 Summit Series is undoubtedly an important platform for in-house colleagues from the legal fraternity to interact, exchange thoughts and share best practices on legal developments and challenges to stay professionally relevant in a highly dynamic regulatory and business environment.

The role of an in-house counsel is rapidly transforming with the focus shifting from being just a legal advisor to being an effective business partner to the Board and the Management. A General Counsel has to increasingly balance the legal with the commercial, manage risk, support complex transactions, build credible teams, seek expert view and automate processes and yet contain costs and be updated with a fast-changing regulatory regime to add value to stakeholders - all at the same time. A daunting task indeed! The Grand Masters 2019 Summit Series will help us to navigate through such competing priorities by sharing experiences and effective tools.

We are living in a fast-changing regulatory environment. There are new laws every day on different emerging areas – competition, cyber-crime, digital, data protection and privacy, bankruptcy, protection against sexual harassment, gender diversity, Internet of Things, Artificial Intelligence to name a few. As in-house counsel, we need to not only keep pace with them but interpret and opine effectively on them - a daunting task indeed! The Grand Masters 2019 Summit Series promises to engage you not only in a meaningful discussion on the current and topical regulations but also provide you with insights on how they are being interpreted across industries.

Managing disputes and choosing the appropriate resolution mechanism - litigation vs arbitration or mediation is always a tricky decision. The jury is perpetually out on this topic. **The Grand Masters 2019 Summit Series** agenda will help to bring more clarity on the subject with relevant panel discussions, expert perspectives and an opportunity for Q&A.

One cannot stress enough on the importance of innovation and intellectual property as a key differentiating factor. As in-house counsel, it is expected that we understand and appreciate this valuable asset and provide effective management strategies to build competitive advantage for our businesses.

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FROM THE SUMMIT CHAIR'S DESK

The Grand Masters 2019 Summit Series will not disappoint you in this regard given its robust agenda on the various nuances of Intellectual property - its protection, enforcement, infringement and applicability, new developments and evolving jurisprudence.

I am excited to be part of the **The Grand Masters 2019 Summit Series**, meet colleagues from the fraternity and the speakers for the day. I look forward to engaging and informed discussions, networking and loads of fun.

See you at **The Grand Masters 2019 Summit Series!**

Best Wishes,

Manjaree Chowdhary

General Counsel

Maruti Suzuki

Summit Chair – **The Grand Masters 2019** – New Delhi Edition



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OFFICIAL MESSAGE FROM VETA T. RICHARDSON PRESIDENT & CEO, ACC



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President & CEO,
Association of Corporate Counsel

It's a great honor for us at **The Association of Corporate Counsel (ACC)** to collaborate and share content with **Lex Witness**. ACC is a global association that promotes the professional interests of in-house lawyers, with 45,000 members in 85 countries, including throughout India. We support the global corporate counsel community by providing research, educational programming, advocacy, and networking opportunities.

This is the "age of the general counsel." The digital revolution has transformed the corporate landscape, from international regulations to data privacy laws. Successful companies are realizing that the general counsel (GC) or chief legal officer (CLO) is indispensable at every level of business operations. And more and more companies are realizing that critical blunders can be prevented when the CLO has a seat at the executive table.

Indian lawyers, who have been following the drafting of a new data privacy framework, will be especially attuned to this change. But no matter where GCs work, and no matter their industry or company size, their challenges are more alike than different.

Legal department budgets, changing regulatory regimes, and the impact of global events on business operations are worldwide challenges. A strong peer network of colleagues, near and far, is the best resource for facing these challenges.

To that end, Lex Witness readers can look forward to regular contributions from ACC with a special focus on India. This will include articles ahead of the upcoming **Grand Masters 2019 Summit Series**, the most prestigious in-house summit in India, hosted by **Lex Witness**. But the content will be varied: interviews, analysis, and op-eds. We are proud to support Indian in-house counsel in every way we can, and we look forward to a fruitful partnership.



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08:30 AM – REGISTRATION & WELCOME REFRESHMENTS

09:30 AM – WELCOME REMARKS BY LEX WITNESS

09:35 AM – OPENING REMARKS BY DR. LALIT BHASIN, PRESIDENT – SILF & BAI

09:45 AM – THE SUMMIT CHAIR'S ADDRESS BY MANJAREE CHOWDHARY, GENERAL COUNSEL, MARUTI SUZUKI INDIA

10:00 AM – SPECIAL ADDRESS BY BHARAT SINGH, ASSOCIATE GENERAL COUNSEL, JACOBS

10:10 AM – A COUNSEL'S SEESAW - WHICH SIDE ARE YOU SWINGING IN?

Lakshika Joshi, Lead IP Counsel – Global, Aricent – MODERATOR

Dr. Akhil Prasad, Country Counsel India and Company Secretary, Boeing International Corporation

Anupam Sharan, Director - Business Contracting, Sutherland Global

Ashok Kumar Maheshwary, Vice President and Group Counsel – Legal, KCT Management Services

Joyjyoti Misra, Director and Head Legal – (South Asia & India), Uber

Manjaree Chowdhary, General Counsel, Maruti Suzuki India

Sudip Gupta, Senior Vice President - Legal (Asia), American Towers Corporation

Racing towards the Board Room – deviation or expansion of roles?

The Management's Blue Eyed General Counsel – success secrets and more

Top 10 Legal Best Practices for the Modern Age Counsel – In-House & External

Secrets to Enhancing Value to Stakeholders - Beyond quality and timely advice

Strategist with the Lawyer – defining ideal mixes and requirements

Secrets to serving the In-house counsel with delight – possible?

The Recipe of An Ideal Legal Advisor - mixes and blends

Deciding on Outsourcing Legal Mandates – how much and when?

Building a cent per cent In-house legal function – structure and extent?

Budgeting and controlling Legal spends – is there an ideal ratio?

Prioritizing Mandates – litigation, intellectual property, crisis management, talent retention etc.

The 21st Century GC Tool Kit – technology, enterprise collaboration, legal knowledge repository, CLEs etc.

AI & Blockchain - Impact on GCs - Business, Legal & Technological

Is Human Intelligence Replaceable? Defining the Artificial Intelligence Benchmarks

11:10 AM - NETWORKING BREAK

11:30 AM – FOCUSED PRESENTATION - JAYANT SARAN, PARTNER - FORENSIC, FINANCIAL ADVISORY, DELOITTE INDIA

11:50 AM - THE REGULATORY RAGE – HAVE YOU BEEN COPING UP WELL?

Sameer Chugh, Director - Legal & Regulatory, Airtel - MODERATOR

Bharat Singh, Associate General Counsel, Jacobs

Namrta Sudan, Partner, Dhir & Dhir Associates

Nishant Nigam, Head Commercial Litigation and Employment Laws, Chamber of Nigam & Nigam

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Sumit Makhija, Partner - Forensic, Financial Advisory, Deloitte India

The Companies Act as It Stands Today – MCA Amendment Rules 2018 – Impact Assessment

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Prevention of Corruption (Amendment) Act 2018 – Whose Slice Is It?

The Fugitive Economic Offenders Act, 2018 – India finally shining?

Parallel Pricing vis a vis Collusive Bidding/Pricing - Discerning the Key Distinctions

CCI's Leniency Regime: Does it Sufficiently Incentivise the Infringers?

Hiatus between the DIPP E-commerce Policy Draft and the spirit of Competition Law

The IBC Journey So Far – Hits & Misses

Fall out of Intervention and Appeals by and before the Apex Court

Application of Limitation Act on Bankruptcy Code

NCLT's Stance on Merger Scheme vis a vis Tax Avoidance

The GAAR Checklist – Overpowering Tax Authorities?

Recent SEBI Notifications – Settlement Proceedings, Delisting Regulations etc.

Prevention of Sexual Harassment at Workplace - Mandatory Compliance

Provision of Enquiry through ICC – Effective Enough?

Gender Diversity, #metoo & Pay Equity Issues - Scraping Through?

The Maternity Leave Incentive Scheme, 2018 – A Blessing in Disguise?

01:15 PM - NETWORKING LUNCH

02:00 PM – DISPUTE RESOLUTION – LITIGATE, ARBITRATE OR MEDIATE – WHAT'S YOUR CHOICE?

Prarabdh R. Jaipuria, General Counsel, SUEZ India - MODERATOR

Anjana Bali, Head Legal, Emaar India

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S. Ravi Shankar, Senior Partner, Law Senate

Samrat Sengupta, Partner, S. Jalan & Company

Commercial Courts (Pre Institution Mediation and Settlement) Rules, 2018 – A Stepping Stone?

ADR Under The Companies Act, 2013 – Is India Inc. Ready?

Section 34(3) of Conciliation Act 1996 vis a vis Section 17 of Limitation Act 1963: Inter Applicability

Section 34(5) of The Arbitration Act – Mandatory?

156(3), CrPc: Clearing the Haze Around?

The Negotiable Instruments Act – Impact Assessment

Specific Relief (Amendment) Act, 2018 – Implementation Test Ahead?

Dual Rate of Interest in Arbitral Awards – An End to Ambiguity?

SC Guidelines on Arbitral Awards Interest Payment in case of International Commercial Arbitrations

Seat, Venue, Place of Arbitration – Defining Powers & More.

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Awarding Escalation Charges – Pre-Requisites & More.
Arbitrability of IP Disputes in India – Defining Possibilities
Damages – Computation, Recovery Laws, Mitigation & More.
Anti-Suit Injunctions – The Indian Paradigm
e-Contracts – Validity, Legality etc.

03:15 PM - INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY – HOW VALUABLE ARE YOUR IP ASSETS?

Puja Tiwari, Senior Manager - Legal, Godfrey Philips India - MODERATOR

Ameet Datta, Partner, Saikrishna & Associates

Priya Adlakha, Managing Associate Advocate, SS Rana & Co.

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Roma Arora, DGM Legal, Havells Group

Shukadev Khurajam, Partner - Patents & Patent Litigation, Remfry & Sagar

Tejveer Bhatia, Partner, Singh & Singh

IP Compliances – Audits & More

An enforceable patent in light of patent revocation grounds – Perspective(s)

Section 8 Non-Compliance & Patent Revocation – Implications

Cyber Theft of Intellectual Property

IPR & RTI – Applicability & Limits therein

Copyright Infringement Offences – Defining Cognizability

Criminal & Civil Prosecution for Copyright/Trademark Violation – A Comparative Analysis

Declaration of Non-Infringement – Pre-emptive or Preventive?

Patentability Criteria Under European Patent Office – Artificial Intelligence & Machine Learning

Industrial Design Protection in India: The Designs Act, 2000 – Key Implications

Cross-Licensing of Patents – Key Implications

Patentability of Block Chain Technology – An Intelligent Debate

Mobile Applications – Patentability – Viewpoint & More

India SEP Litigation Update – A Sign of Caution to Implementors?

Design Infringement Action & Passing Off – Demystifying the Overlap

Developing Jurisprudence on Trade Dress

Determining Jurisdiction in Case of Trade Mark Infringement

Issues Surrounding Access to Domain Registrations Data

The Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) System – Recent Developments

IP Laws in India for the Outer Space – Scopes & Challenges

Exemption of Intermediaries under Information Technology Act in Case of Infringement

04:30 PM - THE NEW AGE TECH TANTRUMS – ARE WE READY?

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Sheetal Kapoor, Regional Counsel - India & West Asia, Google - MODERATOR

Manu Grover, General Counsel and Company Secretary, BIBA Apparels

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Sachin Kalra, Deputy General Counsel, HT Media

Sameer Vyas, Assistant Vice President – Compliance, BOB Financial

Shweta Girotra, AVP Legal & Company Secretary, Paytm

The Draft E-Commerce Policy – Strangled Enough?

Legal Metrology Amendment Rules, 2017 – Impact Assessment

RBI's Order to Store Payment's Data on Indian Soil – Whipping the Global Allies?

Interoperability of Prepaid Payment Instruments: A Boost For Digital Wallets?

National Digital Communications Policy 2018

An Era of Drones - Way Forward in India

Bitcoins – Enigmatic for Indian Authorities

Legal Issues Pertaining to Internet of Things (IOT)

Cloud Computing – Legal & Regulatory Imperatives

Artificial Intelligence & Automation – How Much is Too Much?

The Big Data Dive – Collection, Processing & Exploitation

Data Theft by Employees – Tackling Complications therein

Combating Privacy Governance - GDPR, CCPA & PDPA - India & Global Regulatory Fevers

DISHA – The Future Direction of Digital Health Information In India

05:30 PM – GALA LUCKY DRAW FOLLOWED BY 'CHAI PE CHARCHA'



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