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Hello Friends,

Wishing all the legal fraternity a very Happy and Prosperous New Year 2018.

I bring to you yet another mega event of **The Grand Masters 2018 Summit Series – A Corporate Counsel Legal Best Practices Summit Series** being organized by none other than our favourite **Lex Witness – India's 1st Magazine on Legal & Corporate Affairs**. The series starts with its 2018 debut edition at New Delhi on the 8th February 2018 followed by the Mumbai edition on 16th February 2018 and the concluding edition on 23rd February 2018 in Bengaluru.

While 2017 did not end on a good note for women, some examples are the pub fire deaths in Mumbai, the Padmavati fiasco on one hand but on the other hand, it saw some landmark judicial pronouncements on, right to privacy, triple talaq, insolvency code etc. It is much awaited, that 2018 will bring something new to the legal world. Let us kaleidoscope this. I was reading some research by Thomson Reuters and I came across this interesting survey on trends of legal departments in 2018; a gist is discussed below,

What trends will impact your legal department in 2018?

When we look back at 2017, it has been a year marked by changes in regulations (i.e. GDPR), legislative uncertainty (i.e. Brexit) and cyber threats (i.e. ransomware attacks). As such, the role of in-house lawyers has evolved – and in 2018 this evolution will be even more apparent.

In 2018, in addition to being legal experts, General Counsel will continue to take on added responsibilities as senior managers and business leaders, adding insights about compliance, risk management, and even partnering with IT to understanding evolving technology needs and also the manifestation of artificial intelligence in day to day legal life.

Let us explore the top trends we predict will impact legal departments in 2018 and provide links to valuable resources to help you ride the tide of change:

Trend 1: Data Protection and Cyber-Security

From the global WannaCry ransomware attack to the Panama Papers, 2017 has been a blockbuster year for cybercrime. In October, the total amount of data breaches in the US had already surpassed the total in all of 2016 – highlighting that the frequency and veracity of cyber-attacks is increasing. And while many organizations continue to rely on detecting and responding to a data breach, cyber-attack prevention will be a bigger focus in 2018, especially in light of the new General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) which comes into effect in May 2018. Whether it is understanding the implications of GDPR, establishing new governance or working with IT to meet compliance requirements, in-house legal departments will take an active role in addressing cybersecurity and data privacy concerns. Working together with other departments, in-house lawyers will play a leading role in the development of governance policies and data strategies that protect corporate information, while simultaneously providing the business with enough freedom to use that same information to gain a competitive edge.

To meet this challenge, GCs in smaller companies need a simple, secure solution that manages their legal information. Small legal departments can use technology to work smarter and collaborate with colleagues in other business units, all while keeping information safe.

Trend 2: Navigating the Effect of Brexit on Regulation

Brexit will usher in a period of unprecedented change, leaving many UK businesses eager to know how laws will change and the impact on their business. While 2017 has been a year of "wait and see", going into 2018 in-house lawyers are in a unique position to demonstrate leadership, help their business deal with upcoming changes proactively and minimize exposure to legal risk. To deal with Brexit, in-house lawyers will need to have an accurate overview of contracts, the ability to quickly audit their corporate structure, and the right tools to track compliance information and processes to mitigate legal risk, including new data protection regulations. A structured system for storing, tracking, sharing and reporting on legal information can help meet this challenge. With your legal information organised, you can quickly generate insights to inform decisions, develop strategic action plans and involve key stakeholders in establishing new governance, ensuring your organization is ready for whatever Brexit-related changes come to play in 2018.

Trend 3: Dealing with Tight Budgets & Pressure to Show Value

According to the 2017 Global Counsel Leaders Circle Benchmark, in-house counsels continue to struggle with tight budgets, making it hard to add resources and invest in technology. That said, less than half of those surveyed use KPIs to demonstrate legal's compensation to the business. What this boils down to, is that the legal function's contribution is not clear to those deciding your budget. With all of the added responsibilities that will fall on your shoulders in 2018, you can't afford to be under-resourced or unequipped with the right tools.

Using KPIs is one way to make your case, but to really overcome this challenge you will need to align your budget request to the wider business strategy. By positioning your request as a "legal only" issue, you reduce the importance it has on your ability to play a strategic role in the business. To make a stronger case for spending, link your request to specific strategic goals that are important to your CEO and CFO, like compliance, risk mitigation or business continuity, and demonstrate the cost of continuing down your current path. By estimating the costs of wasted time, lost opportunities and risk, like data loss or fines for non-compliance, you can show that the investment in software will pay for itself over time.

Trend 4: More Work Highlights the Need for Efficiency

As the role of in-house lawyers continues to evolve, legal departments are becoming more reliant on collaboration with other departments across the business, which translates into an ever-increasing volume of legal information to manage. From contracts, policies, legal documents and data – how many systems do you have to store and share documents? How much time do you waste searching for key information, like contract terms or deadlines? How many times do you receive the same request from a colleague for the latest version of a document?

With better technology, you can provide standard templates, assign tasks, manage and track matters, share documents with colleagues and collect relevant data in a structured way, increasing your efficiency and collaboration across the organization.

Ensure your legal department is ready to provide better and faster support to the business by making operational investments where needed. With 2018 leaping into the new horizons of Artificial intelligence, work in legal department becomes more of the brains and less of brawl and slim fit legal organizations become the order of the day.

The Grand Masters 2018 Summit Series broaches upon the new horizons of challenges and opportunities to be met by the legal fraternity and I hope all of you have a meaningful and successful time.

See you at The Grand Masters 2018!

Debolina Partap

Vice President and General Counsel, Wockhardt Group,
Summit Chair – The Grand Masters 2018, Mumbai Edition



THE AGENDA

09:00 AM – MORNING REFRESHMENTS & REGISTRATION

09:30 AM – WELCOME NOTE BY LEX WITNESS

09:45 AM – SUMMIT CHAIR'S ADDRESS - DEBOLINA PARTAP, VICE PRESIDENT AND GENERAL COUNSEL, WOCKHARDT GROUP

10:00 AM - MEET THE ALL NEW GENERAL COUNSEL 2.0 – READY FOR THE UPGRADE?

Zameer Nathani, Director - Legal, Raymond - Moderator

Ameet Datta, Partner, Saikrishna & Associates

Badrinath Durvasula, Senior Vice President, Adani Group

Hetal Desai, Head Legal, South Asia, Group M

Mohit Shukla, Managing Director, Head of India Legal and Compliance, Barclays

Srishti Ojha, Managing Partner, Verist Law

India Spikes Up In Ease of Doing Business - The Inevitable Role of Legal Machineries

The Stakeholder Sagas – Are Your Courtrooms & Boardrooms in Sync?

The New Age General Counsel's Tool Kit

The Balancing Act between the In House Counsel & the External Counsel

A GC's External Counsel Check List - Secrets & Success Stories

An External Counsel's Wish List - Perspective & Ambition

The In House Legal Team & External Legal Advisory - A Unison in Play?

Technology Steam Ahead of Lawyers - A Combating Conversation?

AI vs. HI - A GC's Take on the Bots

Future of Fraud Risk Management - Is Automation the Key?

Paradise Papers - A Lesson in Place for Data Shelving?

Disclosure of Whistleblower Investigations – What Does The Law Demand?

White Collar Crimes - Can there be a Watchdog?

Corporate Governance - A GC's Note wrt SEBI Guidelines & Kotak Committee

Delisting of Companies, Disqualification of Directors - Lessons for The Corporate Counsel

Number of Layers Rules 2017 - Restrictive & Ambiguous?

11:15 AM - NETWORKING BREAK

11:40 AM - MASTERING CONTRACTS THROUGH INTELLIGENT CONTRACT MANAGEMENT

Vrajesh Tripathi – Sr. Engagement Manager, Apttus

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12 NOON - LET'S TALK TECHNOLOGY – CUSTOMARY OR INNOVATIVE ENOUGH?

Amber Gupta, Head legal and Company Secretary, Birla Sunlife Insurance - Moderator

Damini Marwah, General Counsel, Axis Bank

Govindrajan Palani, Chief Risk Officer, Zebpay

Kanan Rele, VP & Head Legal, Ogilvy & Mather

Navroze Palekar, General Manager - Legal, WNS Global Services

Artificial Intelligence - Need of A Regulatory Framework

Block Chain Technology & Bitcoins: The Indian X Ray

The Future of Contract Management - Smart Contracting on the Go?

The Automation Mess - Managing Overlaps of Product Liability, Consumer, and Criminal Laws

Robotic Process Automation (RPA) - Potential vis. a vis. Risk Mapping

India under The Research Ethics Debate - Addressing Insurance and Liability Gaps wrt Robotics

Interplay between IOT & IPR - Driving India's Agenda to M2M

Drones & Indian Skies - Privacy & Security Concerns, Need of A Regulatory Framework

Draft Norms/CARs - Data Protection, Bias towards Indian Entities, Multiple Regulatory Windows etc.

A Walk in the Clouds - Innovative, Disruptive & Equally Challenging?

Whose Cloud is it Anyway? Jurisdictional Conflicts, Data Safety, Legal & Regulatory Challenges

The IOT/Open Source Environment - Legal Concerns

01:00 PM - NETWORKING LUNCH

2:00 PM - THE REGULATORY RAGE – READY TO ROAR?

Nilanjan Sinha, Head – Corporate Advisory, Godrej & Boyce - Moderator

Amit Mohaan Meharia, Managing Partner, MCO Legals

Girish Rawat, Partner, Dhir and Dhir Associates

Jyotsna Chaturvedi, Corporate Partner, Maheshwari & Co.

K.M. Chitale, Country Head of Legal – Ops and Tech, India and CS, Barclays Technology Centre India

Shankar Jadhav, Head - Strategy Legal Commercial, BSE

Subodh P. Deo, Partner, Saikrishna & Associates

The India Inc.'s Journey with GST - Aftershocks & Legal Implications

Anti-Harassment Environment - A High-end Checkpoint for India Inc.?

Insolvency & Bankruptcy Code - Past, Present & Future - Work in Progress?

Ordinance - Impact Assessment

The IBC Trio - Debtors, Creditors, Bidders - Possible Peace?

India Inc. Stressed Assets Vis a Vis Investment Climate

Identifying an Ideal IRP/IPE

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*Lack of States' Unison on RERA Guidelines
Enforcement Challenges for Lenders under RERA
Absence of RERA Tribunals - Back to the Courts?*

*Right to Privacy - The Debates & Conclusions Therein
India Gearing Up for Its Data Protection Policy – Are We Ready?
7 Commandments of Justice Srikrishna Committee for Data Protection Law in India
The Indian Regulatory Environ for OTT driven Apps
EUGDPR - Definition & Background, Differences between the Data Protection Act and the EU GDPR
Data subjects and their rights - dealing with subject access requests.
Secrets to Implementation - Privacy by Design, Privacy impact assessments (PIA), Data Audits
Incident Response and Breach Reporting, Updating Policies and Procedures
International Data Transfers, Replacing Safe Harbour – New Requirements*

*Concept of Single Economic Entity Under The Indian Competition Act, 2002 - Recent Case Studies
Resale Price Maintenance - An All New CCI Bent?
The Cartel Cries - India vis. a vis. Global Scenarios
Exchange of Commercial & Sensitive Information amongst Competition - Aspiration for India?
Deflating Collusive Bidding Strategies - CCIs Whip on Marketing Brains*

03:15 PM - INDIA'S IPR QUOTIENT – BEGINNING OF A NEW RACE?

Ayan Roy Chowdhury, Head Legal, SPE Films India - Moderator
Ganesh Parameswaran, General Counsel – India, BIC Cello (India)
Lavin Hirani, Head of Legal Affairs, Red Chillies Entertainment
Rajendra Misra, Senior Vice President - General Counsel, The Indian Hotels Company
Rashmi Mishra, DGM - Corporate Legal Affairs, ACG Worldwide
Shreedhar Parundekar, Senior Manager - Brand Protection & Product Safety, Pidilite Industries

*The IPR Exchange - Too Good to be True?
Protecting Trade Secrets & Confidential Data – A Growing Legal Battle?
Directorship, Employment & Copyright Ownership - The Puzzling Paradox
Defining First Owner of Copyright
IP Litigations - Interim Injunctions and Damages / Mini Trials in Temporary Injunction Applications
'Inventorship' in Indian Patent Laws - Assessment Criteria
Patent Litigation in the Tech Space
Demystifying Section 3(f) - Patentability of a Multipurpose Device
Patent of Addition: A Dilemma by Choice?*

*Artificial Intelligence & IPR - Defining Ownership etc.
Identifying patent infringer in case of AI, Inducer of the Infringement, Wilful Infringer or Inducer?
IPR Complexities in the VR and AR Domains
Counterfeiting In The Virtual World
Revised CRI Guidelines & Patentability of Algorithms
E-Commerce Portals - Haven for Online Counterfeiting?
Targeted Advertising - IP Rights ~ Equalisation Levy ~ Royalty Based Transaction*

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Sound, Shape & Colour Marks - IP Protection & Enforcement Aspects
Copyright Protection to Architectural Works - India's Standpoint
Concerns Around Brand Extension
IP Scenarios in case of Insolvency Matters
Fight Against Counterfeits - Enforcement & Execution Mishaps

4:15 PM – NETWORKING BREAK

4:45 PM - CHAMBERS, CABINS & COURTS - WOULD YOU CHOOSE TO LITIGATE OR ARBITRATE?

Samir Hossain, Head Legal - Infrastructure & Structured Finance, Aditya Birla Finance - Moderator

KPS Kohli, Associate Partner, Dhir & Dhir Associates

Pankaj Patel, Head – Legal (Corporate Planning), Future Group

S. Ravi Shankar, Senior Partner, Law Senate

Sachin Kalra, Head Legal (AVP), Bharti AXA Life Insurance Company

Shweta Bharti, Senior Partner, Hammurabi & Solomon

V. Chakradhar, Executive Vice President - Corporate Legal, Godrej Industries

Litigation vs. Arbitration - A GC's Dilemma?

The Arbitration & Conciliation (Amendment Act) 2015 - Recent Updates & Impact

The Commercial Courts Act 2015 - Perspective in Detail

Handling Complexities Related to Multiple Dispute Resolution Clauses - Applicable Jurisdiction etc.

The Art of Contracting - India Vs. Global Standards

Contracting & Project Management - Impact Assessment

Importance Of Liquidated Damages Clause in A Contract

Implying Terms Into A Contract - SC Contours & Whips

Choosing an Ideal Arbitrator

Interference of Courts in Appointing Arbitrators - No More A Challenge?

Choosing A Foreign Seat for Arbitration - Clarity Obtained or Still A Contentious Issue?

Inherent Power of Arbitral Tribunals for Procedural Reviews

Defining Scopes of Challenging the Arbitral Tribunal

Risks of Split Contracts & Arbitration Clause Included By Reference

Enforceability of Foreign Awards

Applicability of Arbitration in Foreign Contracts

Dealing with The Issue of Composite Reference to Arbitration Under Multiple Agreements

Settlement Agreements Qua Arbitral Awards

The Concept of Institutional Arbitration - Global Lessons

India As A Global Destination for International Arbitration: A Dream Indeed?

6:00 PM - GALA LUCKY DRAW FOLLOWED BY CLOSING REMARKS BY LEX WITNESS

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