

CURRICULUM VITAE

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PROFESSIONAL DETAILS

- Has been in active law practice since 1990 and has appeared in the Supreme Court of India, High Courts of Delhi, Calcutta, Bombay, Chandigarh, Orissa and Jammu & Kashmir as also subordinate Courts and Forums.
- Has worked with Dr. Debi Prasad Pal, Senior Advocate. Dr. Pal was the Minister of State for Finance when Dr. Manmohan Singh was the Finance Minister. Has assisted him in many cases before the Hon'ble Supreme Court and various other High Courts on important matters relating to tax (direct and indirect taxation, excise and custom). A list of some of the reported judgements is annexed.
- Has been actively involved in human rights work and has conducted public interest cases and constitutional law matters in the Courts on behalf of disadvantaged sections of society and on socio-legal issues such as dowry crimes, trafficking in women and children, ill treatment of leprosy and mentally ill patients, police brutality and torture, bonded labour and environmental pollution.
- Has handled matters relating to diverse fields of law including matrimonial, tax, excise, service, labour, wakf, criminal and civil law.
- Has handled legal work for major companies, public undertakings and multinationals, has done arbitrations and mediations.

CURRENT OFFICES

- Vice President, Supreme Court Bar Association, New Delhi.
- Member, India, Bar Issues Commission, International Bar Association
- Member, Legal Panel, Women & Child Development Ministry
- Director, Indian Institute of Legal & Professional Development

OFFICES HELD :

- Member, Supreme Court Legal Aid Services Committee.
- Vice President, Supreme Court Bar Association, New Delhi, being the youngest Advocate ever to be elected to this prestigious post (2005-2006)
- Honorary Secretary of Supreme Court Bar Association, New Delhi for successive terms; being the first ever lady Advocate to be elected to this coveted post (1999-2000; 2000-2001, 2003-2004)
- Assistant Secretary and the Executive Committee Member, Supreme Court Bar Association, New Delhi
- Assistant Treasurer, Joint General Secretary and Treasurer, Bar Association of India
- Standing Counsel, Delhi Wakf Board
- Governing Council Member, Sindhi Academy, Government of Delhi
- Vice President, Association of British Scholars, British Council Division, New Delhi
- Secretary, Association of British Scholars, New Delhi
- Member, National Selection Committee, Fulbright Scholarship 2006

ACTIVITIES

- Has conceived and organized the *Indo-British Project on Advocacy Skills Training*, the first ever continuing legal development programme in India which has successfully run all over the country since 2002. The *Project* initially was funded by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office through the British High Commission in India. The *Project* has been institutionalized in 2005 in form of Indian Institute of Legal & Professional Development, which is guided by a high profile Advisory Council comprising Judges of the Supreme Court of India and Delhi High Court, senior lawyers, lawyers and academicians.
- Has addressed national and international conferences on various social and legal issues, including the Commonwealth Law Conference, the LAWASIA, the I.B.A., the I.L.A. and the FICCI conferences. Several of the papers have been published.
- Has given legal help and counseling to various NGOs and through TV shows and electronic medium to public at large
- Has been invited to chair functions, seminar and discussions by academic institutions, legal organizations, colleges, and schools
- Has been awarded the Chevening Scholarship by the British Council in 1997
- Has been awarded the International Visitors Scholarship by the US Government in 1995.

FAMILY BACKGROUND

- Her parents Shri N. H. Hingorani, Senior Advocate and Mrs. Kapila Hingorani, Barrister initiated the new jurisprudence of Public Interest Litigation in India in 1979, by filing the first case of *Hussainara Khatoon V. State of Bihar (1980) 1 SCC 81*) famously known as Undertrial Prisoners case. Her parents have since then filed and argued about 100 PIL cases pro bono in the Supreme

Court of India and have got relief for the poor and under privileged sections of society.

- Her brother, Dr Aman Hingorani, Advocate is a practising lawyer at the Supreme Court of India and acts as a mediator in the Delhi High Court mediation centre. Dr. Hingorani has taught law as an adjunct faculty member at Delhi University and has been international faculty at the advanced international advocacy course at Oxford, England. Dr. Hingorani has a PhD in law from Delhi University. His doctoral thesis dealt with issues of terrorism and human rights in Kashmir. Dr. Hingorani completed his Masters at Warwick University, England on law and development. Dr. Hingorani has more than 18 publications on diverse legal matters.
 - Her sister, Dr Shweta Hingorani, is a Partner in a leading law firm in India. She has a PhD in German Constitutional Law from the University of Reading, England, from where she did her Masters in International Relations.
 - Her sister in law, Dr Manni Hingorani is a Surgeon, having specialized in Head and Neck Surgery.
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