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CAREER

Legal work experience (Contentious and Non-Contentious)

WE COX Claims Group, London (Jan2020-present, providing consultancy services)

- Key member of recovery team representing cargo interests in General Average, Bunker quality and other H&M multi-million dollar claims as techno-legal expert in mediation & pre-action proceedings, involving top London law firms as claimants' representatives.
- Enabled high value recovery of \$450,000, revised from \$200,000 by shipowners in an international shipping casualty involving opponents' lawyers from top London law firm.

Kaushik & Associates, India (Feb 2019 to present & July 2014-Dec 2014)

Current Clients- As partner, independently acting for:

- UAE based international client's marine supply claim worth over USD 3 million.
- India based clients for onboard death claims against shipowners of international repute.
- Singapore based company of international repute for draft/review of Offshore contracts.
- India based supplier for spares supply claims against international shipowners.
- India based client for drafting sale agreements for purchase of a vessel.
- India based reputed clients on cargo and personal claims for road transport casualties.

Edge Group, London (September 2018- January 2019)

- Marine cargo policy wording consultant for Lloyds' underwriters. Assisted in cargo policy placing, drafting, editing insurance contracts, emphasizing on contract certainty, assessing marine risks both from operations and contractual perspective.
- Hull & Machinery and Marine Liabilities- Managing marine hull & machinery and cargo claims' notifications, appointment of surveyors, checking consistency between charterparty and bill of lading, negotiations, adjustment and claim disbursement in close co-ordination with claims adjusters, underwriters, clubs, shipowners and lawyers.
- Coordinated and assisted with coverage, attorney and successful claim resolution of a complex salvage claim worth USD 2m with a leading international law firm and broker.

Legal Practice Course and Maritime Law (September 2016-November 2018)

- Acquired in-depth understanding of practices/procedures followed during civil/commercial litigations, which include servicing of claims/particulars of claims, drafting witness/defence/counter-claim statements, legal disclosure/privileges.
- Acquired in-depth understanding of cost management, trials, injunctions, complexities of foreign jurisdictions, choosing jurisdiction/governing laws, drafting key contractual clauses, carrying out contract reviews/risk assessments.
- Acquired in-depth understanding of advocacy, client advising, legal professional conduct, carrying out legal professional research, legal writing along with a critical understanding of practical aspects of company law, business law and commercial property law and property transactions during LLM Legal Practice course.
- Acquired in-depth understanding of international commercial maritime law/ arbitration law and the application of established modern principles in commercial maritime disputes during LLM Maritime Law course.

Ewan & Co. Solicitors, London (June 2016-July 2016)

- As Legal Intern, assisted with property law practice along with handling personal injury claims and matrimonial disputes. Observer on client/partner meetings. Assisted in property contracts drafting and associated documentation.

Legal publications:

- Casualty-Exhaust gas boiler fire risks: **Published in Lloyd's List June 2021**
- Liability of an insurer for non-payment / late payment of an insurance policy.
- Dissertation: Incorporation of an arbitration clause from charterparty to bill of lading- Commercial sense against established technical rules of incorporation.
- Business communication through emails-The legal caution.
- Marine cyber risks insurance law (English Law) review and reform.
- Currently co-authoring a book on handling maritime casualties with acclaimed maritime professionals including master mariners and high-level academics.

Chief Engineer officer – LPG/Chemical Tankers/Bulk carriers/Ro-Ro/Containers

- Led shipboard management team in the investigation of short discharge claim of LPG cargo worth USD 1.5m.
- Collaborated with company's shore staff for processing of marine machinery guarantee defect claims and relevant documentation.
- Facilitated and conducted continuous machinery survey as chief engineer, under the marine machinery insurance contract on behalf of ship's classification society.
- Implemented and ensured compliance with international maritime conventions along with record keeping of relevant documentation as per International Law. Assisted flag and port state control inspectors for inspection of ships in this regard.

Non-legal work experience**March 2008-May 2015:** Technical head shipboard operations.

- Successfully led engineering teams during several ships' cargo operations, power plant operations, bunker operations, dry dockings, change of flag/class surveys, ship sale/purchase and special/intermediate surveys, principally for LPG tankers.
- Coordinated expertly with several shore-based inspection/surveying teams during several ship's audits/inspections and fostered highest industry standards of safety, security, and reliability of shipboard operations. As trained auditor, expertly conducted internal audits for safety of the ship and marine environment.
- Ensured strict compliance with shipboard operational safety, security and crew training as trained and designated ship safety officer.

October 2000-March 2008: Operational level Engineer onboard deep sea going vessels.**Education and qualifications**

June 2019 - present	LLB, CCS University, Meerut, India.
Jan 2018 - Dec 2018	LLM Legal Practice (Solicitors) at BPP Law School, London.
Sep 2016 - Sep 2017	LLM Maritime Law at University of Southampton with merit. Modules: Marine Insurance Law, Admiralty Law, Arbitration Law and Law of Carriage of Goods by Sea.
Sep 2015 - June 2016	Graduate Diploma in Law, BPP Law School, London.
Dec 2011	Acquired international level certification as Marine Engineer Officer Class I as per International Maritime Regulations.
Aug 1996 - Aug 2000	Bachelor of Engineering (Marine), M.E.R.I, Kolkata, India, qualified through IIT JEE, India which has a selectivity of 3% across India.

Achievements and interests

- Winner of London International Shipping Week 2017 competition for presenting best idea for “Tomorrow’s Business Solutions” for maritime industry.
- Lead presenter of 1st Runner up team in LLM Challenge competition, 2016 in UK.
- Awarded President’s Prize by Paragon Shipping Inc. Greece as “Most Successful Candidate Overall” in PQE of Institute of Chartered Ship Brokers London in 2013.
- Member of Indian Maritime Association London, Shipping Professional Network, Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers, London Shipping Law Centre, Young STEM lawyers.
- Guided 40-members /10-teams at Indian Maritime University Mumbai Campus for IMO Mock Session Competition for drafting proposals for amendment to MARPOL Annex V.
- Fellow of AMICIE and MADRASS- India based commercial maritime associations.
- Member of several alumni associations and charitable committees of MERI, Kolkata.

Languages: English (Fluent), Hindi (Fluent), Spanish (Beginner’s level).