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Vinod is the Managing Partner at IIPRD and Khurana & Khurana, IP Attorneys. Vinod, along with heading the Litigation team, which represents some of top Indian and Global Business Brands on Commercial/Corporate Law matters, IP Infringement Issues, Counterfeiting, and Fraud Investigation/White-Collar Crime Issues, is also the Head of the IP Commercialization/Licensing Team and overlooks at Valuation and Negotiation of all major Out-Licensing Deals at IIPRD. Vinod has been in the field of Business Legal Finance for over 50 years with core focus on Commercialization, Licensing, and Valuation of Intellectual Property. Vinod also specializes in all aspects of Trade Mark Law with focus on Trade Mark Litigation. Vinod represents top Indian and International Corporate Houses for Licensing their Technologies and other Intellectual Properties. Vinod has also been researching and educating on fighting thefts and frauds of Intellectual Properties and white-collar crimes by practicing a mix of Law, Intellectual Property, Accounting, Ethics and Criminology coupled with his professional qualification being a B. Com, PGDFA, MBA, AICWA, CFA, LLB among other specialization qualifications in Investigation and Commercialization of Intellectual Property. He has an extensive experience in conducting Investigation & Litigation and has represented numerous corporates for devising their Prosecution and Litigation Strategies such as Indian Oil Corporation, ITC, Bharti, Matrix Cellular among many others. Vinod has also undertaken various dedicated Workshops and Seminars for well-established corporates such as Wockhardt, IOC, ITC, TVS Group, CSIR, Glenmark, IOCL, IITs, ONGC, EIL, BPCL, CBI among numerous others. Vinod is also a member of International Trademark Association (INTA). Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance, Govt. of India has also empanelled him for appointment as Special Director on the Board of Sick Industrial Companies.

Tarun Khurana (Partner and Patent Attorney - Software/Electronics/Mechanical Group)

Tarun has over 20 years of experience in a broad range of Intellectual Property (IP) subject matters, and is the Co-Founding Partner and Patent Attorney of Khurana & Khurana (K&K) and of its Patent Research and IP Asset Management Firm, IIPRD, both of which are among the Leading IP and Commercial Law Practices with 10 Offices in India, and over 220 Professionals. The firms also have regional offices in US, GCC/UAE, Thailand, Indonesia, Vietnam, Myanmar, Bangladesh, Malaysia, Sri Lanka, and Nepal. Tarun is ranked among the top Patent Prosecution Practitioners in India by IAM 1000 (and also by IAM 300 Strategists), and focuses on Patent Portfolio Management, Litigation, Valuation and IP Commercialization mandates for numerous Indian and International Corporates ranging from Small Start-ups to Fortune 500 companies including Reliance Jio, Sun Pharma, NATCO, Accenture, Imagination Technologies, Huawei, Indian Oil Corporation, Xiaomi, ABB, ZTE, Fujitsu, Kyocera, SABIC, Indian Institute of Technology (Delhi/Guwahati/Roorkee/Palakkad/Indore/Hyderabad), Emerson, Daimler, Cadence, Airbus, L&T, Glenmark, Simon, IISc, Marico, UPL, Avery Dennison, among many others.

Tarun has a strong experience in Patent Drafting in the domain of Computer Networking and has drafted over 5000 applications in aggregate till date, a strong portion of which are based in the Semiconductor, Networking, Engineering, Database, Cloud, E-commerce, Security and Telecom domains.

Tarun focuses on Electronics, Telecom, Computer Implemented, and Mechanical subject matters, and has also worked with Corporates/Institutes across other technical and business domains as well. He has, apart from handling Indian and International Clients for filing and prosecution matters in India, also actively assisted numerous US and European Law and Licensing Firms and Corporates in providing Patent Support Services such as Conducting Patent Searches, Preparing Claim Charts, Preparing Specifications / responses to office actions, undertaking Landscape/Analytics, E-Discovery Support among other like mandates that IIPRD focuses on. Tarun is well versed with US, EP, and Indian Patent Laws. Tarun has a Bachelors in Computer Science Engineering from Pune University, a Masters in Software Systems from BITS Pilani, Bachelors in Law, an MBA from IIM Lucknow, and is in pursuit of his PhD. He also has certifications from IIT Delhi, WIPO, Asian School of Cyber Laws, Indian Law Institute,

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Meenakshi Khurana (Partner and Patent Attorney - Pharmaceutical-Life Sciences Practice Group)

Meenakshi is a Partner and Patent Attorney at Khurana & Khurana and IIPRD with over 18 years of experience in patents. She engages herself in patent application preparation, prosecution, patent infringement and validity opinion practice, FTO, patent licensing studies, and counselling clients in devising global patent strategies. Her main areas of specialization are pharmaceutical, chemical and biotechnology arts including small molecules, new chemical entities, pharmaceutical formulations and drug delivery technologies, crystalline forms, stereo isomers, organic and inorganic chemistry, peptide chemistry, biochemistry and various biotechnology related subject matters. She began her career in patents in 2005 with Panacea Biotech Ltd. in its New Drug Discovery R&D Group and focused on handling Patent Matters ranging from Patent Drafting, Searching, Designing Around strategies, to devising strategies for Patent Filing/Prosecution. Meenakshi is a Registered Patent Agent admitted to practice before the Indian Patent Office. She has a degree of B.Sc. (Chemistry Hons.) and M.Sc. (Chemistry Hons.) from Panjab University. She holds one-year Post Graduate Diploma in Patents Law from NALSAR University and a couple of IP certifications from WIPO. She is also a holder of a degree of Bachelor of Laws. Meenakshi is a member of APAA and ABLE.

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Abhishek is a Partner and an ardent promoter and believer of IPR and has worked in different areas of IPR over a stretch of 15 years as an IP practitioner, entrepreneur, legal expert and a trainer. Abhishek has dealt with various types of IPR matters including Patent Searches, Patent Drafting, Patent Prosecution, Patent Commercialization, Trademark Litigation, Domain Name Dispute Resolution with UDRP, Copyright and Database Infringement Counselling. He started his stint in Intellectual Property with Evalueserve where he worked with several multinationals on their IPR projects, after which he joined Netscribes India to develop their in-house IP team. In 2010 he decided to take a plunge and started his own IPR solutions firm closer2patents, which supported over 300 clients in 16 countries having completed over 1000 IPR projects and is now a part of Khurana & Khurana after a strategic acquisition, making Abhishek a partner and head of Mumbai office of Khurana & Khurana. He also undertakes several IP training & awareness programs at colleges, NGOS and government institutes and is a faculty for IPR at the ICS, Thane of India & MSME Institute, and in his quest to strengthen the IP ecosystem has made submissions to the Governments of India & Japan. He has the distinction of being invited consecutively for the President of India's National awards for his patent pending inventions. In terms of qualification, he is a B.Tech-Chemical from UDCT and a practicing lawyer and a registered Patent Agent.

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Sharat is a Patent Attorney with 17 years of experience in Intellectual Property Asset Management (IPAM) with focus on the entire patent life cycle (invention ideation & review, patent intelligence, patentability assessment, inventor interview, patent drafting, foreign filing decision, patent prosecution, foreign prosecution intelligence, licensing potential analysis, infringement analysis, litigation support etc.).

Sharat's expertise lies in end-to-end Patent Portfolio Development/Management. He has drafted and prosecuted thousands of patent applications for US, EU, IN jurisdictions in technical domains such as (but limited to): software, client-server arch., home media, consumer electronics, VLSI circuits, image processing, computer memory architecture, 5G communication protocols & standards, computer networks, cloud computing, AI-based technologies, mechatronics, mechanical systems/apparatus/devices, energy and material sciences, etc.

Sharat has owned and implemented critical processes for IP departments across geographies for Patent Portfolio Development for fortune 100 companies. He introduced innovative business models for optimum utilization of in-house patent resources and outside counsel resources over a significant scale (# assets >5000) and successfully collaborated with multiple stakeholders to execute such models.

Sharat has trained/mentored numerous patent agents, attorneys, engineers and scientists on patenting, patent drafting & prosecution, claim interpretation, patent law, emerging best practices, etc. He created and led the single largest team in India for drafting and prosecution to deliver high volume prosecution and drafting services (~3000+ US/Global OA responses/year and ~200 patent applications/year) for a Japanese consumer electronics giant (also one of top 5 fliers in US).

Sharat has also led multi-million \$ engagements with fortune 100 companies for Patent Portfolio Management/Development and achieved IP budget savings of up to 30% while adding value with unique blend of innovative IP service offerings, trained human capital and disruptive technology tools.

Sharat is very passionate about technology and its use in gaining efficiency and improving quality in IP transactions. As a subject matter expert, he implemented a rare amalgamation of patent expertise and technology (+ data science) in IP Asset management disrupting the patent prosecution space to gain process and spend efficiency of ~25%.

Sharat regularly collaborates with Patent attorneys, in-house counsels, Chief Patent counsels, CIPOs, Licensing executives/attorneys, Patent Portfolio managers to formulate and execute IP strategies, aligning IP Asset Management with Business and Strategic imperatives, and achieving CTO/CIPO/CFO goals.

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With more than 12 years of experience in providing specialized services in Patents and related Intellectual Property Rights, Tapan holds expertise in the technical domains of Organic Chemistry, Medicinal Chemistry, Pharmaceuticals, Biotechnological products and Medical Devices. He holds Master's Degree with specialization in Medicinal Chemistry from National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (NIPER, Mohali). Prior to joining the team of Khurana & Khurana and IIPRD, Tapan has worked as Assistant Manager (Operations) at Effectual Services Pvt. Ltd. Being a Registered Patent Agent and an Advocate, he practices before the Indian Patent Office and has been actively involved in client counseling, preparing patent specification, undertaking prosecution and hearing mandates, instituting and representing clients in opposition (pre-grant and post-grant oppositions) and revocation proceedings, and rendering Patent infringement and other opinions. Tapan has diverse experience in devising and assisting Fortune 500 Pharmaceutical and Chemical companies, US and European Law firms, independent patent attorneys and In-house patent counsels towards development and commercialization of products and processes.

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Antony is a Partner at Khurana & Khurana. He is a registered Indian patent agent and has over 18 years' experience in patent matters in the fields of chemistry, pharmaceuticals and life-sciences. He has extensive experience in the full range of patent services including patent specification drafting, worldwide patent prosecution and opposition, patentability assessment, infringement analysis and freedom-to-operate investigations. He previously worked as in-house patent professional in research based pharmaceutical and chemical companies, including Neuland Laboratories and Shasun Pharmaceuticals. Prior to entering the patent field, he gained hands-on experience in pharmaceutical research and development, particularly synthesis, purification and characterization of organic molecules and active pharmaceutical ingredients, with Orchid Chemicals and Pharmaceutical Ltd. Antony post-graduated from Bharathidasan University, Tamil Nadu specializing in Chemistry. He is a certified Patent Agent with Indian Patent Office and also holds PG diploma in patents law from NALSAR University of Law Hyderabad.

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Anubhav heads the Tax practice at Khurana & Khurana and has core experience in handling taxation advisory & litigation matters (both Direct & Indirect Taxation) with a key focus on Goods & Service Tax (GST). Anubhav also advises startups, MSMEs, PSUs, MNCs and other business with Advisory in Corporate and Commercial Law domain, including but not limited to incorporation, drafting and negotiation of key business agreements/ documents, structuring of transactions, etc.

Anubhav specializes in streamlining complex and multilayered transactions and has successfully advised many clients, ranging from Fortune 500 Companies to MSMEs, Startups, High Net-worth Individuals, etc. to achieve a tax efficient and legally compliant position for their high value transactions. Anubhav has extensive experience in conducting due diligence and legal and tax reviews.

Anubhav regularly assists his clients during their routine assessment proceedings and subsequent appellate proceedings, filing of refund claims, etc. He also assists his clients during various audits and

reviews conducted by Indirect Tax Authorities, etc. Anubhav also assists and represents his clients during investigation proceedings conducted by Revenue and Intelligence Authorities. Further, he has assisted multiple clients during proceedings initiated under the Prohibition of Benami Property Transactions Act, 1988.

Anubhav has in depth sectoral experience w.r.t. Real Estate, EPC & Construction, AlcoBev, IT, Auto Components, Energy, Metals & Minerals, Pharma, FMCG, Fintech, Crypto, e-Wellness, etc and is well versed with the various tax and legal issues and recent developments for such sectors. Anubhav also helps Foreign Businesses with designing their inbound and outbound strategy w.r.t their interests in India.

Anubhav also possesses considerable experience in drafting and vetting of strategic documents to help businesses mitigate tax and legal complications.

Anubhav is a practicing Advocate, alumnus of the prestigious Campus Law Centre, Faculty of Law, University of Delhi. Additionally, he is a qualified Chartered Accountant, Cost Accountant, and a certified Information System Auditor (ISA-ICAI), and appears regularly before the Tax Tribunals, NCLT, High Courts & Commercial Courts.

Amarjeet Kumar (Partner and Advocate - Litigation)

With more than 14 years of successful litigation career behind him Amarjeet's multi-faceted expertise includes Real Estate Litigations with specialization in RERA, Commercial Litigation, Insurance, Industrial and Consumer Disputes, Civil Litigation, Family Disputes, Environment Litigation, Carrier Laws, Intellectual Property Rights Litigation including Protection of Plant Varieties, Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, MSME Claims and Arbitration. He is a resourceful litigator with an uncanny ability to assess legal issues and produce result. He has achieved a great degree of success while arguing matters before different courts and forums including High Courts and District Courts apart from handling high stake matter before the Real Estate Regulatory Authority and Real Estate Appellate Authority.

He has an extensive experience in conducting Investigation & Litigation and has represented numerous corporate for devising their Prosecution and Litigation Strategies. Amarjeet also provides valuable and strategic advice in preparing various commercial contracts and agreements, explaining the companies on various contract conditions, ensuring that the contract made is in compliance with legal requirements, government regulations.

He has deep insight into the real estate issues and has successfully carried out the due diligence of various Real Estate Projects, and has been advising clients on strategies regarding Real Estate issues. His key areas of practice include: Infrastructure & Real Estate laws, Commercial & Civil laws.

Meenakshi Ogra (Partner - Litigation)

Meenakshi is an Partner in the Litigation Department at Khurana & Khurana. Having graduated in the year 1994 in Psychology (Hons.) from Lady Shriram College, University of Delhi, she also completed her LL.B from the University of Delhi's Campus Law Centre in the year 1997. In the year 2009, she also acquired a certificate in American and International Law from the Academy of American and International law, Texas, United States of America.

She has more than 26 years of experience in conducting litigation in Courts in India, including Supreme Court of India, various High Courts, District Courts alongwith Tribunals/ Foras/ Commissions.

Meenakshi has worked and appeared not only in the Supreme Court of India, but has also been regularly appearing before various High Courts and other District Courts, but also represented corporate clients and individuals before Tribunals such as Debt Recovery Tribunal, National Company Law Tribunal with regular appearances before various Consumer Foras/ Commissions. She has also conducted Arbitrations along with attending to and providing litigation support, both pre-litigation and during the proceedings, to protect the interests of the client.

She has handled matters pertaining to Intellectual Property Rights disputes; commercial disputes, including contractual disputes and interpretation of contracts, recovery of dues, claim for damages; also represented Banks for recovery of their dues before the Debt Recovery Tribunals, under DRT Act as well as under SARFAESI Act, including recovery suits on behalf of Banks and matters relating to negotiable instruments, pledges etc. on behalf of Banks; Company law, which includes oppression and mismanagement, Insolvency, rectification of register etc.; invoking and/or defending on behalf of corporates as well as individuals involving Writ jurisdiction of High Court and Supreme Court of India; labour and service matters; matters pertaining to Consumer law involving deficiency in service and/or defect in goods.

She brings many years of expertise in drafting various agreements, and contract documentation, which include Assignment deeds, Share Purchase Agreement, Distributor Agreement, Leases, Licenses, Memorandum of Understanding, Family Settlement Agreements, Power of Attorneys, Wills, Gift Deed etc.

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Abhishek is a Partner and an ardent promoter and believer of IPR and has worked in different areas of IPR over a stretch of 15 years as an IP practitioner, entrepreneur, legal expert and a trainer. Abhishek has dealt with various types of IPR matters including Patent Searches, Patent Drafting, Patent Prosecution, Patent Commercialization, Trademark Litigation, Domain Name Dispute Resolution with UDRP, Copyright and Database Infringement Counselling. He started his stint in Intellectual Property with Evalueserve where he worked with several multinationals on their IPR projects, after which he joined Netscribes India to develop their in-house IP team. In 2010 he decided to take a plunge and started his own IPR solutions firm closer2patents, which supported over 300 clients in 16 countries having completed over 1000 IPR projects and is now a part of Khurana & Khurana after a strategic acquisition, making Abhishek a partner and head of Mumbai office of Khurana & Khurana. He also undertakes several IP training & awareness programs at colleges, NGOS and government institutes and is a faculty for IPR at the ICS, Thane of India & MSME Institute, and in his quest to strengthen the IP ecosystem has made submissions to the Governments of India & Japan. He has the distinction of being invited consecutively for the President of India's National awards for his patent pending inventions. In terms of qualification, he is a B.Tech-Chemical from UDCT and a practicing lawyer and a registered Patent Agent.

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She has worked extensively in Drug Discovery research and was actively involved in designing novel NCE's with desired Biological and Physiochemical properties, their Chemical Synthesis, Optimization, Lead Determination and Scale ups. She has several discovery patents to her credit. The successful NCE's from one metabolic disorder projects is under clinical development. In addition to Drug Discovery experience, she has also CRO experience in handling FTE/FSS work for national as well as international clients. She has doctorate degree in chemistry from Panjab University, Chandigarh. She was recipient of University Gold medal in M. Sc (Hons), Chemistry and B. Sc (Hons), Chemistry from Panjab University, Chandigarh. She has done several advanced Intellectual Property Courses from WIPO and also holds a Post Graduate Diploma in Patents Law from NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad.

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IP Valuation

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Anubhav is a practicing Advocate, alumnus of the prestigious Campus Law Centre, Faculty of Law, University of Delhi. Additionally, he is a qualified Chartered Accountant, Cost Accountant, and a certified Information System Auditor (ISA-ICAI), and appears regularly before the Tax Tribunals, NCLT, High Courts & Commercial Courts.

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With more than 14 years of successful litigation career behind him Amarjeet's multi-faceted expertise includes Real Estate Litigations with specialization in RERA, Commercial Litigation, Insurance, Industrial and Consumer Disputes, Civil Litigation, Family Disputes, Environment Litigation, Carrier Laws, Intellectual Property Rights Litigation including Protection of Plant Varieties, Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, MSME Claims and Arbitration. He is a resourceful litigator with an uncanny ability to assess legal issues and produce result. He has achieved a great degree of success while arguing matters before different courts and forums including High Courts and District Courts apart from handling high stake matter before the Real Estate Regulatory Authority and Real Estate Appellate Authority.

He has an extensive experience in conducting Investigation & Litigation and has represented numerous corporate for devising their Prosecution and Litigation Strategies. Amarjeet also provides valuable and strategic advice in preparing various commercial contracts and agreements, explaining the companies on various contract conditions, ensuring that the contract made is in compliance with legal requirements, government regulations.

He has deep insight into the real estate issues and has successfully carried out the due diligence of various Real Estate Projects, and has been advising clients on strategies regarding Real Estate issues. His key areas of practice include: Infrastructure & Real Estate laws, Commercial & Civil laws.

Meenakshi Ogra (Partner - Litigation)

Meenakshi is a Partner in the Litigation Department at Khurana & Khurana. Having graduated in the year 1994 in Psychology (Hons.) from Lady Shriram College, University of Delhi, she also completed her LL.B from the University of Delhi's Campus Law Centre in the year 1997. In the year 2009, she also acquired a certificate in American and International Law from the Academy of American and International law, Texas, United States of America.

She has more than 26 years of experience in conducting litigation in Courts in India, including Supreme Court of India, various High Courts, District Courts alongwith Tribunals/ Foras/ Commissions.

Meenakshi has worked and appeared not only in the Supreme Court of India, but has also been regularly appearing before various High Courts and other District Courts, but also represented corporate clients and individuals before Tribunals such as Debt Recovery Tribunal, National Company Law Tribunal with regular appearances before various Consumer Foras/ Commissions. She has also conducted Arbitrations along with attending to and providing litigation support, both pre-litigation and during the proceedings, to protect the interests of the client.

She has handled matters pertaining to Intellectual Property Rights disputes; commercial disputes, including contractual disputes and interpretation of contracts, recovery of dues, claim for damages; also represented Banks for recovery of their dues before the Debt Recovery Tribunals, under DRT Act as well as under SARFAESI Act, including recovery suits on behalf of Banks and matters relating to negotiable instruments, pledges etc. on behalf of Banks; Company law, which includes oppression and mismanagement, Insolvency, rectification of register etc.; invoking and/or defending on behalf of corporates as well as individuals involving Writ jurisdiction of High Court and Supreme Court of India; labour and service matters; matters pertaining to Consumer law involving deficiency in service and/or defect in goods.

She brings many years of expertise in drafting various agreements, and contract documentation, which include Assignment deeds, Share Purchase Agreement, Distributor Agreement, Leases, Licenses, Memorandum of Understanding, Family Settlement Agreements, Power of Attorneys, Wills, Gift Deed etc.

Chhavi Pande (Principal Associate – Litigation, Banking & POSH)

Chhavi is a Principal Associate in the Litigation Department with Khurana and Khurana Advocates and IP Attorneys. She brings with her more than 17 years of experience in the Legal domain. She has extensively been handling matters related to Banking Law, Cyber laws, Labour law, Employment matters, Family disputes, Consumer Disputes, Criminal and POSH. She has also worked extensively on drafting and vetting of various Contracts and Agreements related to Intellectual Property laws, Non-Disclosure Agreements, drafting legal notices, rejoinders, lease agreements, employment contracts, commercial contracts, providing legal opinions etc.

She is POSH Trainer and empaneled as an external member of the Internal Complaints Committee (ICC) with various Indian and International clients. She has conducted more than 100 plus awareness sessions, trainings and workshops for the employees and ICC members on “The Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013”. She has imparted trainings to the ICC members on their roles and responsibilities as ICC members, addressing the POSH Complaints, preparation and submission of Annual report, Impact of Sexual harassment at workplace and the consequences of non-compliance under the POSH Act. Besides these, Chhavi regularly renders training sessions to Employees of multiple companies across India on wide range of topics such as POSH, POCISO, Labour Law, Cyber Laws, Intellectual Property Laws inter alia.

Chhavi regularly writes blogs and articles to spread the awareness on the POSH Act and varied topics of Law. Chhavi has worked with companies like Shotam Consultants, SPI Offshore Pvt. Ltd., SP Info Systems, Global Energy Talent, SKE&C, Phoenix Global Trade Solutions Pvt Ltd., and PS Legal Advocates and Consultants. She has done her PGDHRM from XLRI, MSc [Forestry], LLB and LLM.

Rishi Vohra (Principal Associate – Litigation)

Rishi is working as a Principal Associate - Litigation at Khurana & Khurana. He graduated from Institute of Law, Kurukshetra University in 2014 and started his career in the field of Criminal as well as Civil Litigation and in a short span of 8 years has earned a good position in the legal fraternity. Rishi has been an integral part of the litigation practice and also has experience ranges from handling complex Commercial/Civil litigation to managing volume litigation and regulatory compliance. His core area pertains to Commercial Litigation, Insolvency & Bankruptcy, Property Law, Companies Act, Contract Act, Arbitration, Recovery of Debts Act and various aspects of Criminal Law etc. His clients regularly seek him for high value disputes that require a tailored and out-of-the-box approach.

Rishi is actively involved in Arbitration, Civil as well as Commercial litigations. Apart from regularly appearing before the Supreme Court of India, and the High Court of Delhi, he also has been appearing before various High Courts of India as well as before various district courts/forums/tribunals/quasi-judicial authorities in and around Delhi.

Rishi has established a robust network with several lawyers and counsels all over India (ranging from remote districts to various metropolitan cities) to effectively manage contentious issues/litigation as well as ensuring legal compliance and due diligence for various clients. He is also a member of Delhi High Court Bar Association, Delhi Bar Association (Tis Hazari) & New Delhi Bar Association (Patiala House).

Rajat Sabu (Senior Associate - Litigation)

Rajat is engaged as a Senior Associate within the Litigation Department at Khurana & Khurana, Advocates & IP Attorneys. With 7 years of experience in litigation and enrollment with the Bar Council of

Delhi, his expertise spans various areas such as commercial disputes, intellectual property rights, recovery suits, IBC, labor laws, environment laws, and revenue matters. He is also actively involved in drafting customized agreements tailored to the specific needs and requirements of clients. He holds a B.A. (Hons) in History from Sri Venkateswara College, University of Delhi, where he achieved Rank-II. Subsequently, he pursued his L.LB from the University of Delhi and got registered with the Bar Council of Delhi in 2017, and is a member of Delhi High Court Bar Association.

Arjun Santhosh (Senior Associate - Litigation)

Arjun Santhosh is a Senior Associate in the Litigation practice of Khurana and Khurana and IIPRD and has over 6 years' experience in litigation and arbitration practice. He has represented several corporate and institutions in litigations before various courts and tribunals and is also involved in various arbitrations (ad-hoc and institutional). In many disputes, Arjun have acted as both briefing counsel and lead counsel conducting trial and arguments before various courts and tribunals. He has represented clients in several actions for interim relief, the challenge of arbitral award and constitution of arbitral tribunals.

Arjun has gathered considerable experience and expertise in handling various corporate and commercial disputes, ad-hoc and institutional arbitrations, white collar criminal proceedings, writ petitions, corporate insolvency, employment matters, consumer disputes, indirect tax disputes and like.

Some of his recent work includes handling a hotly contested property dispute matter on behalf a leading builder in connection with their dispute at an ongoing apartment project situated in Bangalore, handling criminal proceedings arising out of sexual harassment and an appeal for leading agro company in a software code dispute. In the beginning of his practice, he has acted as a briefing counsel for a public sector company in a group of writ petitions before the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala regarding compensation for land acquired under Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013.

Before joining Khurana and Khurana, Arjun was with J Sagar Associates at their Bangalore office.

Snigdha Singh (Senior Associate - Litigation)

Snigdha is a Senior Associate at Khurana & Khurana in the Litigation Department. She graduated from Damodaram Sanjivayya National Law University, Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh in 2018. She is a gold medallist in Property Law and Family Law. Since graduation, Snigdha has focused on myriad areas of litigation including but not limited to pre-litigation advice, strategizing, correspondences drafting, filing and handling of matters w.r.t. to Show Cause Notices under Black Money Act, 2015 & prosecution under Income Tax Act, 1961; Summons under Customs Act, 1962 w.r.t. Gold & NDPS Transactions, quashing of First Information Reports; Writ Petitions, Appeals; Anticipatory Bail applications, regular bail applications, matrimonial disputes, and other commercial proceedings etc. Snigdha has extensive experience in handling matters at the Supreme Court including Special Leave Petitions, Civil Appeals etc. She also has extensive experience in disputes related to Arbitration & Conciliation Act, 1996. Snigdha has presided as a Panellist in 9th Intra Moot Court Competition, DSNLU, Visakhapatnam. She has also headed the drafting of the moot proposition for 1st IILM National Moot Court Competition 2022 by IILM Law School, Gurugram. Snigdha has authored papers titled "Economic Implications of National Food Security Act, 2013 and its International Trade Impacts" and "Gender Justice: Victimization without a Cause". In the span of more than 4 years, Snigdha has honed her skills in various aspects of civil, commercial and arbitration disputes. She is known for her diligence and sincerity. As her passion, she keeps her boat afloat in Litigation by working for Human Rights issues viz-à-viz Public Interest Litigations, Domestic Disputes etc.

R. Hemavathi (Senior Associate - Litigation)

Hemavathi is a Senior Associate working with the Litigation team at Khurana and Khurana. She graduated from Government Law College, Chengalpattu, Tamil Nadu in the year 2018. She completed her masters in IPR from the Madras University in 2021. Hemavathi is also enrolled in the Tamil Nadu State Bar Council. She has gathered considerable amount experience in the field of civil and commercial

litigations, Banking, Insolvency matters, family disputes, Labour and Service cases and real estate matters. She has argued many cases before High Court, Debt Recovery Tribunals, National Company Law Tribunal, Sub-ordinate courts, Real Estate Regulatory Authority. She has 5 years' experience in litigation.

Dewang Saraswat (Principal Associate – Compliance & Regulatory Practices)

Dewang is a Principal Associate in the Compliance and Regulatory Department at Khurana & Khurana. Dewang is a Fellow member of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India, and holds a Bachelor's degree in Commerce, and is also a Law graduate. His extensive professional background encompasses various aspects of corporate law, corporate advisory, and expertise in dealing with regulatory matters involving RBI, FEMA, and M&A transactions and has successfully advised many clients, ranging from Fortune 500 Companies to MNCs and entrepreneurs across various industries. With his extensive experience Dewang has managed complex transaction advisory services, company incorporations, joint-venture formation, restructuring, Mergers & Acquisitions, company closures and actively engages in providing legal assistance to the Companies on the matters related to, India entry strategies, FEMA Law (Viz., Foreign Direct Investments, outward deals, External Commercial Borrowings (ECB) and the establishment of Branch, Project & Liaison Offices), Labour Laws, FOCC, POEM, LLP and Companies Act related matters. Additionally, Dewang is actively involved in corporate due diligence processes and has a proven track record of effectively liaising and representing the companies before regulatory authorities, including the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Registrar of Companies, Regional Director and the Reserve Bank of India.

Harsh Sharma (Associate - Litigation)

Harsh is an Associate working with the Litigation Team at Khurana and Khurana. He graduated in the year 2020 with a B.A.LLB (Hons.) Degree from M.S University of Baroda and is provisionally enrolled with the State Bar Council of Gujarat. During his undergraduate course he has interned extensively in the areas of Dispute Resolution and Litigation, including with firms like Karanjawala & Co. He has previously also interned with the Trademarks & Copyright Team at Khurana and Khurana where he worked exclusively in the field of Trademark Prosecution. He is sufficiently skilled in carrying out Legal Research and Legal Drafting.

Nishank Barolia (Associate - Litigation)

Nishak is an Associate working with the Litigation Team, at Khurana and Khurana. His expertise lies in Real Estate Litigations, with a specialization in RERA, as well as proficiency in Commercial Litigation, Insurance, Industrial and Consumer Disputes, Civil Litigation, Family Disputes, Aviation Law, Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, MSME Claims, and Arbitration. With a strong background in Civil Litigation, Nishank has appeared in diverse matters including those before the Real Estate Authority and various Consumer Commissions dealing with service deficiencies and product defects. He has represented clients in forums ranging from the City Civil Court to the National Company Law Tribunal, as well as before the Metropolitan Magistrate Court, invoking and defending on behalf of both corporates and individuals. His practice extends to the Writ jurisdiction of the Bombay High Court and the Supreme Court of India. In his current capacity, Nishank leads the Litigation practice at the Mumbai Office and excels in drafting a range of agreements and contract documentation including Leases, Licenses, Memorandum of Understanding, Family Settlement Agreements, Power of Attorneys, Wills, and Gift Deeds. He also offers expertise in vetting documents, conducting legal research, preparing arguments, and responding to legal notices. Nishank's adeptness in formulating legal strategies and providing sound advice ensures the best representation for clients. Leveraging his extensive experience and profound knowledge, he consistently strives to deliver favorable outcomes and contributes significantly to the success of the legal team at Khurana and Khurana Advocates and IP Attorneys.

Medha Banta (Associate - Media and Entertainment Law)

Medha is an Associate working with the Media & Entertainment law team at Khurana & Khurana. She is well qualified in the area of Intellectual Property Laws with a specialisation in music and copyrights. She holds a Masters degree in IPR and Technology Laws from Jindal Global Law School, Sonapat and has done IPR certification courses from WIPO and Harvard Law School. She has previously worked with various artists and production houses of the film and music industry. Her area of practice focuses on handling transactions related to music, entertainment, media and copyright laws.

Harsha Aswani (Associate – Corporate/ Media and Entertainment)

Harsha Aswani is an Associate working with Corporate and Media & Entertainment Team at Khurana & Khurana Advocates and IP Attorneys. She is actively involved in drafting, vetting, structuring and summarising various Agreements related to Intellectual Property and Commercial Agreements. She has a hands on experience of working on Agreements related to Media & Entertainment Laws, inter-alia to name a few, Option Agreements, Showrunners Agreement, Talent Management Agreements, Artist Endorsement Agreements, Celebrity Service Agreements, Line Production Agreements, In-Film/Show Integration Agreements, Exploitation of Satellite Rights Agreements, Production Agreements. In her brief association with Advocate Ritisha Mukherjee, Attorney Media & Entertainment Law, she assisted in conducting script clearance, OTT Compliances, and drafting of Domestic and Overseas Film Distribution Agreements, Music Distribution Agreements, Legal opinions, amongst others. Currently, she is also handling compliance mandates for Start-ups and R&D entities, including Applications for DSIR Recognition, SIRO Recognition, and Application for use of Make in India logo.

Harsha has an LL.M. in IPR from National Law University, Jodhpur, and earned a “Gold-Medal” for her exemplary performance. She is a WIPO alumna and was honoured to be one of the top 52 candidates from around the globe and one of the youngest and highest ranked participants from India in the 12th Advanced International Certificate Course (AICC) on “IP Asset Management for Business Success”, organized by WIPO, KIPO, KIPA, and KAIST, in 2021. WIPO gave her the opportunity to actively engage in healthy discussions and negotiations related to licensing of IP with people from different demographics & backgrounds. She also has a keen interest in designing & drafting customized Trade-Secret Protection Policies for companies and their employees with identified trade secrets/confidential information.

Ashish Laxmanrao Kankal (Associate - Litigation)

Ashish is an Associate working with the Litigation team at Khurana & Khurana. He did his graduation in B.Pharmacy from the AISSMS College, Pune University, Pune, and post-graduation M.Pharmacy from ALRAD COP, Pune University, Pune. He also holds a LL.B. degree from TMV's Law College, Pune. He has past experience of internships under various Advocates and law firms. He is actively involved in contract drafting and vetting and appearing before the courts for various litigation matters. His area of practice focuses on preparing FER responses for Patents, Trademark prosecution, and infringement, dealing with commercial matters, due diligence, and handling client queries.

Anuja Saraswat (Associate - Litigation)

Anuja Saraswat is an Associate working with the Litigation team at Khurana & Khurana. She has graduated with a B.A.LL.B. (Hons.) degree from Narsee Monjee Institute of Management Studies, Kirit P. Mehta School of Law, Mumbai. She is also specialized in Intellectual Property Laws. She has prior experience as an intern at various law firms including but not limited to K&S partners and Intl Advocare where she has worked along with the trademark litigation as well as prosecution team. She also holds experience in vetting and drafting Legal Agreements.

Samrat Singh Kang (Associate - Litigation)

Samrat is an Associate working with the Litigation team at Khurana and Khurana. He graduated as one of the top three candidates during his time at Law School and holds a WIPO Certification in Intellectual

Property, is a dynamic IP Attorney with three years of invaluable experience in Intellectual Property prosecution, strategy development, and landscape analysis. He also possesses instrumental experience in litigation, having recently been involved in major cases at Delhi High Court, Allahabad High Court, Delhi District Courts, and DRT. In addition to his litigation proficiency, Samrat has contributed to the firm in various capacities, including drafting and reviewing legal documents for clients in the Corporate and Banking sectors, issuing Legal Notices related to IP and Employment matters, and providing advisory and strategies for IP licensing and commercialization. His versatile skills also benefit the firm in Data Privacy and Protection mandates.

Shyamli Shukla (Associate - Litigation)

Shyamli Shukla is an Associate working with the Litigation Team at Khurana & Khurana. She is actively involved in drafting, vetting, structuring and summarizing various Agreements related to Intellectual Property Laws such as Product Designing Agreements, Technology Transfer Agreements, IP Assignment Agreements, Collaborative Research Agreements, Master Service Agreements, Non-Disclosure Agreements, Agreements related to Privacy Policies, Employment Agreements, Policies, and Commercial Agreements such as Joint Venture Agreements, Share Purchase Agreements, Shareholders Agreements, Agreements related to Media & Entertainment Laws, inter-alia to name a few, Talent Management Agreements, Celebrity Service Agreements, etc. She is a registered Trademark Attorney with the Registry of Trademarks and has significant experience in Trademark prosecution. As part of her diverse experience, she has also worked in the developing Green Hydrogen space and has significant knowledge of the laws relating to the same, and has provided various comprehensive legal opinions in her past working experience.

Shyamli is a practicing advocate, registered with the Bar Council of India and Delhi Bar Council. She is an alumna of the prestigious Amity Law School, Amity University Uttar Pradesh, and pursuing her Master in Business Laws from National Law School of India University, Bengaluru.

Yashika Chadha (Associate - Litigation)

Yashika Chadha is an Associate working with the Litigation team at Khurana and Khurana. Having graduated with a B.A.LL.B (Hons) from Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University, Delhi, she soon got enrolled with the Bar Council of Delhi. She specializes in litigation, with a prime focus on Arbitration and other Civil and Commercial Laws. Yashika's experience extends to drafting pleadings, and opinions, conducting extensive research on pertinent issues, and appearing before several Judicial Authorities and Tribunals. She has a professional membership of the Delhi High Court in addition to being registered with the Bar Council of Delhi.

Saurabh Singh Bhadauria (Jr. Associate - Litigation)

Saurabh Singh Bhadauria is a Junior Associate in the Corporate and Commercial team at Khurana & Khurana. He graduated from Lucknow University and has interned at various leading Corporate & Commercial law firms in order to understand the practical aspects and nuances of Corporate & Commercial Laws. He is actively involved in Drafting, Reviewing and Structuring Agreements related to Corporate & Commercial Transactions like Services Agreements, Collaboration Agreements, Joint venture Agreement, Shareholders Agreement, Licensing Agreements, Distribution Agreements, Employment Agreements, Franchise Agreements and M&A Agreements, etc. He also offers strategic guidance on the formulation and implementation of T&C's & Privacy Policies on platforms in compliance with statutory mandates. He also assists clients in the preparation and review of essential HR documents, including employment contracts, HR policies and procedures manuals, and disciplinary frameworks, and is also active in drafting and implementation of POSH Policy at workplaces fostering a harmonious and legally sound work environment. He lends his expertise in drafting and reviewing documents related to Capital Markets like DRHP documents. He also has good experience in Dispute Resolution as well as in Corporate & Commercial Litigation.

Technical-Software/Electronics/Mechanical Group**Tarun Khurana (Partner and Patent Attorney - Software/Electronics/Mechanical Group)**

Tarun has over 20 years of experience in a broad range of Intellectual Property (IP) subject matters, and is the Co-Founding Partner and Patent Attorney of Khurana & Khurana (K&K) and of its Patent Research and IP Asset Management Firm, IIPRD, both of which are among the Leading IP and Commercial Law Practices with 10 Offices in India, and over 220 Professionals. The firms also have regional offices in US, GCC/UAE, Thailand, Indonesia, Vietnam, Myanmar, Bangladesh, Malaysia, Sri Lanka, and Nepal. Tarun is ranked among the top Patent Prosecution Practitioners in India by IAM 1000 (and also by IAM 300 Strategists), and focuses on Patent Portfolio Management, Litigation, Valuation and IP Commercialization mandates for numerous Indian and International Corporates ranging from Small Start-ups to Fortune 5 companies including Reliance Jio, Sun Pharma, NATCO, Accenture, Imagination Technologies, Huawei, Indian Oil Corporation, Xiaomi, ABB, ZTE, Fujitsu, Kyocera, SABIC, Indian Institute of Technology (Delhi/Guwahati/Roorkee/Palakkad/Indore/Hyderabad), Emerson, Daimler, Cadence, Airbus, L&T, Glenmark, Simon, IISc, Marico, UPL, Avery Dennison, among many others.

Tarun has a strong experience in Patent Drafting in the domain of Computer Networking and has drafted over 5000 applications in aggregate till date, a strong portion of which are based in the Semiconductor, Networking, Engineering, Database, Cloud, E-commerce, Security and Telecom domains.

Tarun focuses on Electronics, Telecom, Computer Implemented, and Mechanical subject matters, and has also worked with Corporates/Institutes across other technical and business domains as well, He has, apart from handling Indian and International Clients for filing and prosecution matters in India, also actively assisted numerous US and European Law and Licensing Firms and Corporates in providing Patent Support Services such as Conducting Patent Searches, Preparing Claim Charts, Preparing Specifications / responses to offices actions, undertaking Landscape/Analytics, E-Discovery Support among other like mandates that IIPRD focuses on. Tarun is well versed with US, EP, and Indian Patent Laws. Tarun has a Bachelors in Computer Science Engineering from Pune University, a Masters in Software Systems from BITS Pilani, Bachelors in Law, an MBA from IIM Lucknow, and is in pursuit of his PhD. He also has certifications from IIT Delhi, WIPO, Asian School of Cyber Laws, Indian Law Institute, and International Software Testing Board among many others. Tarun is also a regular speaker at numerous Institutes and Corporates including International Conferences such as GIPC, WIPF, CII, FICCI, along with at entities such as NTPC, Indian Oil Corporation, IITs, TIFAC, DIT, CSIR, Moserbaer, IIM Lucknow, ASSOCHAM, Managing Intellectual Property (MIP), Indian Oil Corporation, NALSAR, ONGC, Delhi Technical University, and Tata Group Companies among many others.

Rajesh Jain (Partner and Head - Software/Electronics/Mechanical Group)

Rajesh is a Partner at Khurana & Khurana and IIPRD. He is a graduate in mechanical engineering from IIT Kanpur with 44 years of experience of working in Indian Ordnance Factories, wherein, his job responsibilities involved handling technology related matters like Technology Transfer, Technology Assimilation, Documentation, Product Design and Development, their Trials and Production including selection of Production Technologies, setting up facilities culminating in production. He has worked on varied Products and Production Technologies in the field of Automobiles, Bullet Proof Vehicles, Small Arms, Battle Tanks and Infantry Combat Vehicles-including their Engines, Transmission, Armour and Armament, Vision Devices-Passive as well as Thermal, Laser Range Finders, etc. Currently, at K&K, Rajesh focuses on handling Patentability, Patent invalidation, FTO studies and analyses, technology/patent landscape analysis, Drafting Patent Applications, Due Diligence Studies and preparing Responses to Office Actions for a number of clients in Engineering, Automotive, Mechanical, Electro-mechanical, Materials, and allied industries.

T S Sharat (Director IP & Patent Attorney - Software/Electronics/Mechanical Group)

Sharat is a Patent Attorney with 17 years of experience in Intellectual Property Asset Management (IPAM) with focus on the entire patent life cycle (invention ideation & review, patent intelligence, patentability assessment, inventor interview, patent drafting, foreign filing decision, patent prosecution, foreign prosecution intelligence, licensing potential analysis, infringement analysis, litigation support etc.).

Sharat's expertise lies in end-to-end Patent Portfolio Development/Management. He has drafted and prosecuted thousands of patent applications for US, EU, IN jurisdictions in technical domains such as (but limited to): software, client-server arch., home media, consumer electronics, VLSI circuits, image processing, computer memory architecture, 5G communication protocols & standards, computer networks, cloud computing, AI-based technologies, mechatronics, mechanical systems/apparatus/devices, energy and material sciences, etc.

Sharat has owned and implemented critical processes for IP departments across geographies for Patent Portfolio Development for fortune 100 companies. He introduced innovative business models for optimum utilization of in-house patent resources and outside counsel resources over a significant scale (# assets >5000) and successfully collaborated with multiple stakeholders to execute such models.

Sharat has trained/mentored numerous patent agents, attorneys, engineers and scientists on patenting, patent drafting & prosecution, claim interpretation, patent law, emerging best practices, etc. He created and led the single largest team in India for drafting and prosecution to deliver high volume prosecution and drafting services (~3000+ US/Global OA responses/year and ~200 patent applications/year) for a Japanese consumer electronics giant (also one of top 5 fliers in US).

Sharat has also led multi-million \$ engagements with fortune 100 companies for Patent Portfolio Management/Development and achieved IP budget savings of up to 30% while adding value with unique blend of innovative IP service offerings, trained human capital and disruptive technology tools.

Sharat is very passionate about technology and its use in gaining efficiency and improving quality in IP transactions. As a subject matter expert, he implemented a rare amalgamation of patent expertise and technology (+ data science) in IP Asset management disrupting the patent prosecution space to gain process and spend efficiency of ~25%.

Sharat regularly collaborates with Patent attorneys, in-house counsels, Chief Patent counsels, CIPOs, Licensing executives/attorneys, Patent Portfolio managers to formulate and execute IP strategies, aligning IP Asset Management with Business and Strategic imperatives, and achieving CTO/CIPO/CFO goals.

Sharat is the Director of IP and Patent Attorney at Khurana & Khurana (K&K) and of its Patent Research and IP Asset Management Firm, IIPRD. Ranked among the top Patent Prosecution Practitioners in India, Sharat focuses on Patent Portfolio Development & Management, Patent Litigation, Patent Valuation and IP Commercialization for Multinational Companies, Law firms, Start-ups etc in the high-tech domain.

Swapnil Sanap (Partner - Software/Electronics/Mechanical Group)

Swapnil is a Partner at Khurana & Khurana, Advocates and IP Attorneys and IIPRD. Swapnil is a software engineer with Bachelor of Engineering (B.E.) degree & Master of Engineering (M.E.) degree in Information Technology from Savitribai Phule Pune University (SPPU), formerly the University of Pune, and has over 11+ years of experience in IPR domain.

Swapnil has worked for Indian, US, Chinese, Australian, German & Canadian clients for projects such as but not limited to patent research, patent drafting, preparing response to office actions etc. He has worked in domains like Electronics, Telecommunication, Software, Mechanical, Instrumentation, Automobile, Semiconductor, and Electrical for patent research, drafting of patent applications and office action projects. His primary responsibilities in the firm includes patent drafting, office action response

drafting, prior art searches, Infringement Analysis, clearance searches, and on projects relating to sophisticated technologies ranging from electronics, computer sciences, IT, electronics and telecommunication, mechanical, biomedical devices, and business method domain.

Swapnil is currently focused on product conceptualization, getting early adopters in firm, client acquisition, Business development, building team, creating business systems / business processes and facilitating start-up in Maharashtra, Gujarat & Goa Jurisdictions for motivating and assisting them in filing of various IPR's in best of their interest.

Swapnil has written several articles, has several publications, as IEEE research papers in the domain of network security, to his credit in leading journals and conferences with ISBN and ISSN numbers. He has also been speaker in more than 10 national conferences, academic institutions and corporate, such as but not limited to, YMCA University of Science & Technology - Department of Electronics and Information Technology (DeitY), Ministry of Communication and Information Technology, Government Of India, Amity Innovation Facilitation Centre- Amity University - National Research Development Corporation (NRDC), K studio Solutions Private Limited, Dr. D.Y. Patil College of Engineering (DYPIE) & Sinhgad Technical Education Society.

Lalit Kumar (Associate Partner - Software/Electronics/Mechanical Group)

Lalit is working in the capacity of a Associate Partner at IIPRD and Khurana & Khurana. He is registered with the Indian Patent Office as a Patent Agent [INPA-2425] and holds a Master's degree in Telecom technology, a Bachelor's degree in Electronics and Communications, along with LLB. He primarily deals in conducting all types of searches in the Computer/Electronics/Electrical/Mechanical domains such as conducting Patentability Searches, Validity Searches, Freedom-To-Operate Searches, Infringement Analysis/Evidence of Use/Claim Charts preparation, Due-Diligence, Portfolio Management, Landscape, among others. In addition, he coordinates with inventors/clients to understand their needs, and manages/mentors a team of Associates for the swift delivery of project deliverables.

Parvez Kudrolli (Principal Associate - Software/Electronics/Mechanical Group)

Parvez Kudrolli is a Principal Associate at Khurana & Khurana and IIPRD. His expertise lies in consultancy, business development and client relationships relating to Patent Drafting, Searches, Analysis, Prosecution, Training and Commercialization. Parvez has been an Inventor, Patentee and Entrepreneur and has obtained patents for his inventions in India & USA. He has experience of developing & inventing software related inventions, drafting & prosecuting patent applications, conducting patent workshops, commercializing patent rights and managing a Software IPR related Startup Company. He has a degree in B.Sc. (Maths) and is a Registered Patent Agent admitted to practice before the Indian Patent Office.

Kuldeep Singh (Principal Associate - Software/Electronics/Mechanical Group)

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