

LETTER OF MOTIVATION by Ankur Raheja

I am confident of my abilities to be able to actively participate and contribute as a volunteer with CCT-RT, based on my credentials that include extensive law practice for 10 years backed by a strong academic background that includes Master's degree in Computers (MCA), Company Secretaryship (FCS) and Bachelors of Law (LLB), that provides me an edge based on my in-depth understanding of techno-legal domain.

I have been into legal practice since 2005 providing consultancy in matters relating to Cyber Law including Cyber Law Compliance of websites, Cyber Crime Advisory, and also provide consultancy as to formation of Technology companies. And handled numerous domain name related matters which includes Domain Disputes, False WHOIS, Cyber Defamation & Extortion, Blocking of Domain/Websites, Legal Compliances, Registrar Agreements, Trademark Issues, etc.

Also an Arbitrator with .IN Registry/Nixi, India since 2014 and have presided over as an Arbitrator in the matter of domain disputes: JaguarLandRover.co.in, MentosIndia.co.in, etc.

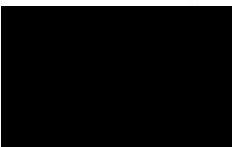
The area of ICANN activities has always interested me and recently had got approved membership of ICANN's supporting group Intellectual Property Constituency (IPC). I am also a member of Internet Society - Global and New Delhi Chapter since July 2015, attended New Delhi Chapter Meeting in August 2015.

Further, I am actively involved with IIGF (India Internet Governance Forum) activities as a legal person. I attend India Internet Governance Forum meetings held on monthly basis organized at New Delhi, which has participation from Government, Technical Companies, ICANN India Head, Legal, etc and have provided inputs for submission to ICANN.

Also moderated legal panel discussion on Domain Name Disputes at DomainX Conferences. At DomainX 2014, the esteemed legal panel included Cyber Lawyer Mr. Pavan Duggal, WIPO/INDRP Panelist Mrs. Harini Narayanswamy and INDRP Panelist Mr. Rodney Ryder. And in August 2015 at DomainX 2015, the esteemed legal panel included INDRP Panelist Mr. Rodney Ryder, Cyber Consultant Mr. Na. Vijayashankar and Domain Dispute Attorney Mr. Zak Muscovitch from Canada.

I have been advising Indian Consumers as to Consumer protection Laws since 2005 and have successfully handled consumer matters in Indian consumer courts against DELL, Hyundai, Panasonic, CitiBank, Reliance Communication, India Today, SIFY and more. The matters against SIFY and DELL got publicized through major English newspapers in year 2006 and 2009 respectively.

I have taken interest in new gTLDs as a Domain Registrant as well and have registered few new gTLD domains as well, with extensions .services, .domains, .lawyer, .club and .guru.



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