# **Brief Profile**

# Dr. Vijay Kumar Singh

B.Sc., LL.M., NET, Ph.D. (Law) Professor & Dean, UPES School of Law

**Dr. Vijay Kumar Singh** is presently heading the UPES School of Law as Professor and Dean. Immediately before this, he headed the School of Corporate Law for three years as Associate Professor in *Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA),* a think-tank and capacity-building institute under the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Government of India.

Prior to joining IICA, Dr. Singh has worked with the *Competition Commission of India (CCI)* as Deputy Director (Law). During this stint for about five years with the Regulator, Dr. Singh has worked in the Legal Division and has been actively involved with the capacity building and advocacy activities of the Commission including international cooperation. A UGC NET, Dr. Singh is a doctorate in law with basic degree in science followed by degrees in law with Gold Medals in his LLB and LLM in Business Laws. Dr. Singh has authored a book titled "*Corporate Power to Corporate Crimes: Understanding Corporate Criminal Liability in India*".

Prior to joining CCI, Dr. Singh has been associated with *Hidayatullah National Law University (HNLU)*, Raipur as a faculty in corporate laws and securities regulations. As a faculty of law, Dr. Singh has taught several subjects of corporate laws and has been instrumental in drafting syllabus of various courses and programs. Dr. Singh has also been a Law Clerk to Hon'ble Justice B.R. Gavai and Hon'ble Justice V.A. Naik, at the High Court of Judicature Bombay: Nagpur and also had a brief stint of professional practice in High Courts and Tribunals at Nagpur in the office of *Sr. Adv. Subodh Dharmadhikari*.

Dr. Singh is a certified trainer on "*Managing Disputes and Difficult Conversations on the Board*" by Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution (CEDR) and a mediator by ICADR. He has completed the prestigious DOPT train the trainers program based on Thames Valley UK curriculum. Dr. Singh is an avid writer and has written a number of articles on contemporary topics like sports law, money laundering, corporate governance, environmental law, CSR, competition, business and human rights, and international trade/economic law. He has participated and presented papers in a number of national and international seminars/conferences/workshops.

Dr. Singh has widely travelled in India and abroad including USA, UK, Belgium, Austria, France, Italy, China, and Central Asia. He is an invited resource person for courses on competition law and policy, international trade laws and corporate affairs in institutions of repute. His present areas of interests include competition law, corporate and securities law, international trade and economic law, comparative business laws including insolvency, IPR and Competition, ADR and legislative policy and drafting. Dr. Singh is a Life Member of the *Indian Institute of Public Administration* (IIPA), the *Indian Society of International Law* (ISIL), the *International Centre for Alternative Dispute Resolution* (ICADR) and the *Indian Law Institute* (ILI)

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#### DETAILED PROFILE

#### CURRENT ASSIGNMENTS:

- Professor and Dean, School of Law, UPES Dehradun India.
- Invited Resource Person for Indian Society of International Law (ISIL) course on International Business Law and CUTS-CIRC for courses on Competition Law and Policy.
- Empanelled Resource Person for SEBI and CCI advocacy initiatives.
- Invited faculty for commercial laws at Delhi Judicial Academy (DJA)
- On the Academic Committee of Society of Insolvency Practitioners in India (SIPI) under the aegis of INSOL India

**Specialization**: Competition Law and Policy, Corporate Law (Companies Act, SEBI and its regulations), Insolvency and Bankruptcy Laws, International Trade and Economic Law, and Comparative Laws.

Dr. Singh is a certified trainer on '*Managing Disputes and Difficult Conversations on the Board*' by Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution (CEDR) and the IFC Corporate Governance Group and a trained mediator from ICADR, New Delhi and is developing the area for commercial dispute resolution.

#### **INTERNATIONAL EXPOSURE**:

- Advanced Training Programme in Cartels Proceedings for Officials of Competition Commission of India, 31 May 2010 to 4 June 2010, organized by European Commission – Competition DG, at Rue Joseph II, no 70 – B1040 Brussels, Belgium – EU
- 2. Nominated for and participated in a Two-Day Workshop on Unilateral Conduct (loyalty discounts and margin squeeze) organized by ICN at Brussels, Belgium EU on December 2-3, 2010
- 3. Nominated and presented on the Latest Developments of Competition Law in India at the China Competition Policy Forum Competition Policy Transition hosted by Expert Advisory Board of the State Council Anti-Monopoly Commission, at Beijing, PRC China 31st July to August 1, 2013.
- 4. Was key member of the organizing team for the "*Third BRICS International Competition Conference*" hosted by Competition Commission of India from 20-22 November 2013 at New Delhi.
- 5. Nominated and participated at the training on matters related to antitrust enforcement organized by Scuola Nazionale dell'Amministrazione (SNA), Rome Italy at Italian Competition Authority during February 6-10, 2017.
- 6. The University of Chicago Law School: Coase Sandor Institute for Law and Economics 2019 Summer Institute in Law and Economics: Regulation of Consumer Markets from 8th to 19th July, 2019
- 7. The University of Law Best Practices Program on Learning and Teaching during 2<sup>nd</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> September at London and Birmingham, United Kingdom.

- 8. Invited as a resource person at the Workshop on "Reforming State-Owned Enterprises in Central Asia: Challenges and Solutions" jointly organized by Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI), Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation Institute (CAREC), American University of Central Asia (AUCA) and Asian Development Bank (ADB) during 26-27 September, 2019 at Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic Presented thoughts on "Lessons from Competition Law and Policy in India in reforming SOEs".
- 9. Presented a paper on "Policy and Regulatory Changes for a Successful Startup Revolution: Experiences from the Startup Action Plan in India" during the conference on "investment in startups and small business financing" in Tokyo organized jointly by KODIT and Asian Development Bank Institute 29-30 January 2020.

# **Exposure in Policy Making and Research:**

- Member of the Regulations Review Committee at the Competition Commission of India and actively contributed to the amendments in the General Regulations and Combination Regulations
- Participated in the BIT negotiations on the Competition Chapter at Ministry of Commerce
- Member of the Working Group formulating the regulations for the Insolvency Professionals and Insolvency Professional Agencies
- Principal Investigator of White Paper on Direct Selling legislation in India which was referred to in formulation of Guidelines in this sector by the Department of Consumer Affairs.

# Key Honorary Positions:

- Member of Editorial Board Competition Commission of India Journal on Competition Law and Policy
- Member of the Advisory Board of GNLU Centre for Business and Public Policy.
- Invited Expert to vet the curriculum of Amity Law School
- Peer Reviewer of RGNUL Student Law Review
- Invited as judge for prestigious moot court competitions across India
- Member Editorial Board of International Refereed Journal "Academic Discourse"
- Member of Editorial Advisory Board of "the Sankalpa: International Journal of Management Decisions" ISSN 24547425
- Panel of Referees Pragyaan: Journal of Law ISSN 22788093
- Panel of Referees Journal of IFIM Law College Bengaluru

# Professional Membership:

- <u>Life Member</u> of Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA), New Delhi
- <u>Life Member</u> of Indian Society of International Law (ISIL), New Delhi
- <u>Life Member</u> of the International Center for Alternative Dispute Resolution (ICADR), New Delhi
- <u>Life Member</u> of Indian Law Institute (ILI), New Delhi

#### Prior Core Work Experience:

- Associate Professor & Head, School of Corporate Law, Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs, a holistic think tank established by Ministry of Corporate Affairs as a capacity building and service delivery institution, operating through effective partnerships with corporate, professionals and institutions, and focusing on problem solving through action research.
- Course Director for many short term programs for professionals including the one for the Hon'ble Members of National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT).
- Deputy Director (Law), Competition Commission of India, New Delhi since May 2010 *Work Profile*: I am presently in the Legal Division of the Commission. My work profile includes research on legal and competition issues on the cases before various High Courts and appellate court as well as to provide legal opinion on various matters. Other than this, I have been a resource person for the Induction Training Program for New Professionals at the Commission and other training initiatives of the Commission. Was also associated with the Capacity Building, International Cooperation, and Advocacy activities of the Commission. Planning and implementing capacity-building plan for the officers of the Commission. Actively engaged in comparative competition law research. I am also involved with the advocacy functions of the Commission (acting as nodal officer for the State of UP and Ministry of Agriculture) under the Act and guided interns at the Commission on various topics. Developed competition module for the Training Academies.
- Assistant Professor (Law) at University of Petroleum and Energy Studies (UPES).
  - Specialization Corporate Law, Mines and Minerals Law, International Economic Law
- Assistant Prof. (Law) at Hidayatullah National Law University (HNLU), Raipur.
  - Specialization Corporate Law (Regular and Honours subjects), International Economic and Trade Law
- Professional Practice in the office of *Shri. Subodh Dharmadhikari*, Senior Advocate at Nagpur.
- Law Clerk at the Mumbai High Court, Nagpur Bench
- Contributory Lecturer at the Post Graduate Teaching Department of Law, Nagpur University

#### Professional Qualifications:

- Ph.D. in Law on the topic "Growth of Corporate Power and the Need to Impose Criminal Liability on Corporations in the Light of Increasing Trend of Corporate Crimes A Critical Study" under R.T.M. Nagpur University 2012.
- LL.M. in Business Laws [Master of Laws] (Four Semesters/Two years, 2004-2006) from Post Graduate Teaching Department of Law, R.T.M. Nagpur University, Nagpur. [Secured 73% marks First Division]. Gold Medalist
- LL.B. [Bachelor of Laws] (Three years, 2001-2004) from Dr. B.R. Ambedkar College, Deekshabhoomi, Nagpur University. Gold Medalist
- Passed UGC-NET (National Eligibility Test) examination for eligibility for lectureship held on 25-06-2006 (*first attempt*).

• MBA with specialization in Human Resource Management (HRM) by Indira Gandhi Open University (IGNOU) with First Division – March 2014.

# Other Qualifications:

- B.Sc. [Bachelor of Science] (Three years, 1997-2000) (Chemistry, Botany, Zoology) from S. K. Porwal College, Kamptee, Nagpur University
- Completed online certificate for "*General Course on Intellectual Property*" conducted by WIPO between Feb 1 to March 15, 2005.
- National Cadet Corps 'C' certificate in 'A' Grade

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

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#### **Invited RESOURCE PERSON**:

- *"Techniques of Writing Bibliography, Footnotes, and Endnotes in a Research Paper"* Two-Day workshop on Research Methodology organized by Post Graduate Teaching Department of Law, RTM Nagpur University on 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> March 2006
- *"Legal Aspects of Information Literacy*" in a Workshop on Information Literacy organized by SALIS and Department of Library and Information Science, Nagpur University, Nagpur supported by UNESCO on 28<sup>th</sup> December, 2006
- *IDRA Act, 1951* Lecture to ICLS Probationary Officers 2010 at Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA), 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2011.
- *"Government Policies, Schemes, Training and Consumer Awareness in Renewable Energy Technology"* at National Conference on Emerging Trends in Renewable Energy Technology organized by UDML College of Engineering, Jaipur on 21<sup>st</sup> April, 2012.
- For the course on Competition Law and Policy and special winter and summer courses for CUTS-CIRC and NLU Delhi.
- *"Marketing Decisions and Anti-Competitive Agreements"* at Competition Law Workshop for Marketing Professionals organized by CUTS-CIRC.
- Advocacy Lectures are various schools in Delhi.
- Induction Training of Officers at CCI.
- Lecture at NUJS, Kolkata on "*Enforcement Experiences of Competition Law at CCI*" 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 2012.
- Guest Lecture at ITM Law School Gurgaon on "*Recent Trends in Competition Law and Policy*" on 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2012.
- Lecture at MATS Law School, Raipur on "Understanding Competition Law and Policy" on 20<sup>th</sup> October, 2012.
- Judge, Semi-final Rounds at 5<sup>th</sup> Hidayatullah National Moot Court Competition, Raipur on 21<sup>st</sup> October, 2012 – also 6<sup>th</sup> HNMCC October 19-20, 2013.
- Lecture at Amity Law School, Center II on "*Introduction to Competition Law*" on 10<sup>th</sup> January, 2013.
- UGC National Symposium on Human Rights and Consumer Protection, on 15th April, 2013 organized by Kirori Mal College, Delhi University.

- Advocacy Event of CCI "Competition Law and its impact on Industry" organized by FICCI at Taj Deccan, Hyderabad on September 06, 2013.
- 2nd INTERNATIONAL Conference on "Business Social Partnership: Towards Value Based Social Engagement" September 8, 2013 organized by Academy of Value Based Management, KMC, Delhi University "Code of Ethics to UN Global Compact."
- Judge at quarter finals of the 13<sup>th</sup> Henry Dunant Memorial Moot Court Competition from 19th to 22nd September, 2013 organized by Indian Society of International Law [ISIL] and International Committee of the Red Cross [ICRC].
- Keynote Speech at the Inaugural Session and Resource person for a Session at the UGC Sponsored '*National Conference on Sports Law*' organized by Dr. Ambedkar College, Deekshabhoomi, Nagpur on 15th -16th, 2014
- Lecture on "*Royalties in Mining and Permission and Clearance in Project relating to Mining*" at Indian Law Institute (ILI) in a Training Program for Middle Level Executives of THDCIL on March 8, 2014.
- Co-Chaired the 2<sup>nd</sup> Technical Session on "Impact of Transnational Corruption on Human Rights, Trade and business etc." at the International Conference on Transnational Corruption on 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2015 organized by NLUD Delhi. Made a presentation on *Regulating Corruption in Transnational Business: Issues And Challenges*.
- Delivered a lecture on "*Principles of Fiscal and Penal Statutes*" at NLUD Delhi on 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2015 during the Capsule Course on Legal Aspects and Legal Matters for IRS Officers.
- Spoke on "*Changing Dynamics of Criminal Prosecution under the Corporate Laws in India*" during the Inaugural Conference on Global Corporate and Financial Law organized by Michigan Jindal Centre for Global Corporate and Financial Law and Policy on April 24, 2015.
- Delivered a session on "Writing bibliography" at the Legal Academic & Creative Writing held from 27 to 29 May 2015 organized by Amity Law School, Noida.
- Took Sessions on CPC and Evidence Act for Induction Training Programme for the Probationary Officers (5th Batch, CSE-2013) of the Indian Corporate Law Service on 31st August, 2015
- Presenter at the 'License-*Permit Raj to Competition Era'* panel during Law and Liberty Conference held at O.P. Jindal University in Sonipat, Haryana on 18 September 2015 organized by iJustice.
- Special Lecture on *Recent Developments in Corporate Affairs* to the students and faculty of UPES, Dehradun on 9<sup>th</sup> October, 2015
- Panelist at the State Report Release FICCI-KPMG Report on Direct Selling in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, on 29<sup>th</sup> October, 2015 in Hyderabad.
- Speaker on "*Corporate Governance: Key Issues and Challenges*" at the National Conference on New Trends in Corporate Governance and Financial Regulations in India on 6<sup>th</sup> November, 2015 organized by IILM Institute for High Education, New Delhi.
- Panelist in the session on "Convergence of Regulations for Private and Public Companies" during the International Conference on Emerging Trends and

Challenges in Corporate & Commercial Legal Practice organized by Jindal Global Law School on 6-7 December, 2015

- Panelist at the Session on Challenges and Solution during the Direct 2015 on 8<sup>th</sup> December, 2015 An industry event organized by FICCI, Delhi.
- Speaker at the Mega Awareness Program on Direct Selling Business in India on 18th February, 2016 at Ahmedabad organized by FDSA.
- Addressed the students of GNLU on Corporate Governance during the aforesaid visit to Ahmedabad on 18th February, 2016
- Delivered a lecture on "Competition Law" at the INTERNATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAM in Legislative Drafting for foreign Parliamentary/Government Officials on 19th February, 2016 organized by BPST, Lok Sabha Secretariat.
- Addressed the DHJS & DJS Officers posted in Civil Side at the Delhi Judicial Academy on 11.03.2016 during the Orientation Program on Disputes Relating to Trade & Commerce and Financial Institutions.
- Addressed the students of Law College, Nagpur University during the one-day Workshop on "Corporate Law" on 26.03.2016.
- Seventh Special Lecture on "*Competition Issues in Corporate Law and Practice*" at the Gujarat National Law University, Gandhinagar on 1st April, 2016 organized by GNLU Centre for Corporate and Competition Law.
- Speaker on "Legal Jurisprudence and Indicators for objectively identifying Fraudulent Schemes" during a training for State-Level Law Enforcement Agencies (EOW) at Mumbai on 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 2016.
- Speaker on "Legal Jurisprudence and Indicators for objectively identifying Fraudulent Schemes" during a training for State-Level Law Enforcement Agencies (EOW) at NLUO, Cuttack on 4<sup>th</sup> April, 2016.
- Chaired a Technical Session at the National Seminar on "*Corporate Sector in India: Socio-Legal Issues and Challenges*" organized by University Institute of Law & Management Studies, Gurgaon, on 27th April, 2016.
- Guest of Honour at the FDSA Mega Awareness Program on *Direct Selling* Business in India – Chandigarh 8<sup>th</sup> May, 2016
- Speaker –at the Orientation programme on Disputes relating to Trade & Commerce and Financial Institutions for Officers of DHJS & DJS posted on Civil Side on 8th July, 2016 organized by Delhi Judicial Academy.
- Resource Person at the Faculty Development Program (FDP) of Chandigarh University, Department of Law on 15th July, 2016
- Special Address to the students of GLC Mumbai on "*Ease of doing business-Recent trends in Corporate Affairs in India and the World*" on 27th of July 2016 organized by the Students for the Promotion of International Law (SPIL).
- Expert in the session on Payment and Settlement Systems during the 'Competition Assessment Workshop' held at IICA on 5<sup>th</sup> August, 2016 organized by CCI.
- Speaker (recorded lecture) topic "*Types of Directors and other Managerial Personnel in a Company*" in the MOOCS Corporate Law course by e-pathshala an MHRD Project.

- Special Lecture on *Jurisprudence under the Legal Metrology Act* for Legal Metrology Officers at Fluid Control Research Institute, Pallakkad, Kerala 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2016.
- Speaker at the panel on '*Royalty Base and Other Issues in Frand Licensing*' at the Jindal Hoover Ip2 (Stanford University) International Workshop on '*Standard Essential Patents and Existing Debates in India: Busting patent myths through Evidence*' organized by JIRICO on 18<sup>th</sup> December, 2016 New Delhi
- Addressed the West Bengal CID on the topic '*Practical Issues in Investigation of Economic Offences and Prosecution against Fraudulent Schemes*' on 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2017
- Panelist at the 2<sup>nd</sup> International Conference on International Economic Law organized by UPES Dehradun on May 19-20, 2017

#### **Personal Information:**

| Nationality/Marital Status/Ge | Indian / Married / Male                              |
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| Date of Birth                 | 02-06-1979 (Second June NH Seventy Nine)             |
| Languages known               | Fluent in English, Hindi, and a working knowledge of |
|                               | Marathi.   |

[The information furnished hereinabove is true to the best of my knowledge and I take sole responsibility for the same] [Vijay Kumar Singh]