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**Professional Highlights:**

Former Chairperson of Debt Recovery Tribunal; Legal Practitioner Specialized in Corporate Law; Legislative Drafting Professional; Authorized Notary Public and Translator; Experienced Researcher; Environmental Impact Assessment Specialist.

**Major Legislative Drafting Experiences:**

- Worked as a Legal Consultant to make a draft bills on the amendment of Postal, Press Council, National News Agency, National Broadcasting, Motion Picture and Working Journalist Acts and make a new draft on the Advertisements Regulation Bill; Ministry of Information and Communication, Singh Durbar, Kathmandu, Nepal; June-July, 2017 [Part time]
- Worked as a Legal Consultant to make a new draft on the Revenue Leakage (Investigation and Control) Bill with extensive review of other revenue related laws; Revenue Investigation Department, Hariharbhawan, Lalitpur, Nepal; May-June, 2017 [Part time]
- Worked as a Legal Expert for making drafts on the amendment of Motor Vehicle and Transport Management Act and the Rules thereof; World bank-funded Road Safety Support Project under Ministry of Physical Infrastructure and Transport Management, Singh Durbar, Kathmandu, Nepal; March-December, 2016 [Part time]
- Worked as a Senior Legal Consultant to prepare a report on the review of institutions, policy, legal and regulatory context pertaining to REDD+ in Nepal focusing on the mitigation of carbon emissions; United Nations-FAO REDD+ Programme, Hariharbhawan, Lalitpur; August-December, 2014 [Part time]
- Worked as a Legal Consultant for report writing and compilation of feedback of political party bill sharing workshop; International Foundation for Electoral System (IFEC) under USAID, Lazimpat, Kathmandu, Nepal; April 8-18, 2016 [Part time]

**Work Experiences:**

- Advocate (License No. 2813), Anupam Law Firm, Kalimati, Kathmandu, Nepal; January; 2014 – June 2015 and Mantra Lawyers, Babarmahal, Kathmandu, July 2015 [Ongoing, Full Time]
  - Pleading cases particularly on taxation, banking and financial issues appearing in various courts and tribunals;
  - Preparing drafts of petitions and notes of defence to file in courts;
  - Formulating drafts of Memorandum and Articles of Association;
  - Preparing drafts of various types of agreements and other legal documents;
  - Providing legal advice to clients;
  - Translating documents from Nepali into English and vice versa.
- Chairperson (The position is equivalent to that of a District Judge); Debt Recovery Tribunal (DRT), Kathmandu, Nepal; December, 2008 – December, 2013 [Full Time]
  - Decided around 1500 cases on debt recovery of banks and financial institutions, and timely prepared full texts of judgments thereof;
  - Issued about 5000 orders in the course of hearing of cases;
  - Monitored the enforcement of decision made by DRT;
  - Mobilized all resources effectively and efficiently for smooth functioning of the Tribunal;
  - Coordinated, supported, monitored and supervised the work of around 40 personnel working in DRT;
  - Reformed working process of DRT by setting priority and initiating automation process;
  - Formulated periodic action plans and prepared necessary reports along with publication;
  - Participated in national as well as international seminars and observation visits with paper presentation; and
  - Performed other functions (such as holding seminar and workshops, imparting training and organizing interaction programmes) as per necessity.
- Under Secretary (Law); various ministries (i.e. Ministry of Physical Planning and Works; Ministry of Peace and Reconstruction; and Ministry of Environment, Science

- and Technology) of Government of Nepal, Kathmandu; June, 2005 – November, 2008 [Full Time]
- Provided legal advice and opinions as asked by concerned authorities of the Ministries;
  - Prepared reports on legal issues and formulated other periodic reports relating to treaties falling under the jurisdiction of the concerned ministry;
  - Drafted legal documents (i.e. bills and regulations) related with the ministries;
  - Prepared notes of reply to writs filed against the Ministries;
  - Coordinated, supported and supervised the work of other staff working in the Legal Section of the concerned ministry;
  - Participated in national as well as international seminars and observation visits with paper presentation;
  - Translated legal documents from Nepali to English and vice versa;
  - Performed other functions as per necessity.
- Law Officer; Office of the Prime Minister and Council of Ministers, Ministry of Law and Justice (Government of Nepal), Kathmandu; June, 1994 – May, 2005 [Full Time]
    - Prepared reports on legal issues and formulated other periodic reports relating to treaties to which Nepal is a party;
    - Drafted legal documents (i.e. bills, formation order and regulations) of the ministries;
    - Prepared notes of reply to writs filed against the Ministries;
    - Involved in imparting trainings on human rights related issues to concerned participants;
    - Participated in national as well as international seminars and observation visits;
    - Translated legal documents from Nepali to English and vice versa;
    - Assisted in organizing seminar and workshops on human rights as well as other legal issues;
    - Carried out research and produced publications, or other research outputs, in line with the objectives of the institution; and
    - Assisted the Chief Secretary and Secretaries as well as other high officials in discharging their duties as per necessity.
  - Bench Officer; Appellate Court Patan, Kathmandu, Nepal; July, 1993 – May, 1994 [Full Time]
    - Performed works relating to registration of petitions after examination and verification;
    - Facilitated for bench management and smooth hearing of cases;
    - Prepared preliminary notes for making a full text of judgments;
    - Assisted the Chief Judge and other Judges for issuing order and judgments of the Court; and
    - Assisted the Chief Judge, other Judges and Registrar in performing their responsibilities as per necessity.
  - Tax Inspector (Non-Gazetted First Class); Tax Office Bhairahawa, Department of Tax, Ministry of Finance, Kathmandu, Nepal; March, 1993 – June, 1993 [Full Time]
    - Performed works relating to assessment of tax;
    - Inspected the business and transactions of taxpayers to find out the evasion of tax.
    - Discharged other duties as per necessity.
  - Advocate; Anupam Law Firm, Kathmandu, Nepal; September, 1991 – May, 1993 [Part Time]
    - Prepared drafts of petitions and note of defence to file in courts;
    - Developed format of other legal documents;
    - Formulated draft of Memorandum and Articles of Association;
    - Prepared draft of various types of agreements and other legal documents; and
    - Provided legal advice to clients.

**Education:**

- Doctor of Philosophy in Law, Tribhuvan University, Nepal; 2014.
- Master of International Law, The University of Sydney, Australia; 2003.

- Post Graduate Diploma in International Law and Organization for Development, Institute of Social Studies, The Hague, The Netherlands; 1999.
- Master of Political Science, Tribhuvan University, Nepal; 1995.
- Master of Public Administration, Tribhuvan University, Nepal; 1993.
- Bachelor of Law, Nepal Law Campus, Tribhuvan University, Nepal; 1989.

#### **Publications:**

- *The Latest General knowledge Mirror, in a Nut-Shell* (9th Edn.), Bidhyarthi Pustak Bhandar, Kathmandu, Nepal (2006).
- *The Section Officer Mirror* (2nd Edn), Bhundipuram Publication, Kathmandu, Nepal (2001).
- *The Latest General Knowledge Mirror* (6th Edn.), Bidhyarthi Pustak Bhandar, Kathmandu, Nepal (2000).
- *The Social Study Mirror* (3rd Edn.), Bhundipuram Publication, Kathmandu, Nepal (2000).
- *The Comprehensive Law Mirror* (2nd Edn.), Padma Education Pvt. Ltd., Kathmandu, Nepal (1997).

#### **Research Works:**

- Thesis on "Sustainability and Implication of Clean Energy Initiatives in Nepal: A Legal and Policy Perspective" (2014), done under the Faculty of Law, Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu, Nepal.
- Working paper on "Refugees Problems and Solutions - the Case of Nepal" (2008), done in course of in-service training (Nov. 6 - Dec. 10, 2008) conducted by Judicial Service Training Centre, Kathmandu, Nepal.
- Research paper on "Giving Women their Human Rights through the Elimination of Discriminatory Laws - the Case of Bhutanese Refugees in Nepal" (2003), done under the University of Sydney, Australia.
- Research on "Protecting Bio-diversity - the Case of Nepal" (in Legal Perspective) (1999), done under the Institute of Social Studies, The Hague, The Netherlands.
- Internship on "Fundamental Rights under the Constitution of Nepal" (1986), done under the Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu, Nepal.

#### **Participation in Trainings, Workshops and Seminars:**

- First Housing Summit 2017, Nepal, 10<sup>th</sup> April, 2017, Kathmandu, Nepal
- UN Habitat III conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development, 17-20 October, 2016, Quito, Ecuador.
- FIABCI 66<sup>th</sup> World Real Estate Congress, 29-31 May 2015, hosted by FIABCI-Malaysia in Selangor, Malaysia.
- Leading to Win, 27-28 September, 2013, conducted by the National Banking Training Institute (NBTI) in Kathmandu, Nepal.
- Inco-terms 2010 and Documentary Payment Instruments, ICC Rules for Documentary Credits-UCP 600 and Demand Guarantees-URDG 758, 3-4 July, 2012, conducted by the NBTI in Kathmandu, Nepal.
- Executing Your Strategy: How to break it down and get it done, 31 March- 1 April 2011, conducted by the National Banking Training Institute (NBTI) in Kathmandu, Nepal.
- 27th Annual Conference of the International Association for Impact Assessment (IAIA), 3-9 June 2007, in Seoul, Korea.
- Conflict Resolution and Peace Building, 8-15 February, 2007, conducted by the Administrative Staff College in Kathmandu, Nepal.
- New Asian-African Strategic Partnership-UNEP Workshop on Environmental Law and Policy, 12 to 16 December, 2006, conducted by the UNEP in Jakarta, Indonesia
- Advanced International Training Programme on Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), 18 September - 20 October, 2006, conducted by Ramboll Natura AB under the auspices by the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA).
- UNEP's Seventh Global Training Programme in Environmental Law and Policy, 07-18 November, 2005, Conducted by the UNEP in Nairobi, Kenya.
- 2005 Green Customs Sub-regional Workshop, 29 October-1 November, 2005, conducted by the UNEP in Thimpu, Bhutan.
- International Conference on the Renewable Hydrogen Economy, 6-10 December 2004, organized in Manila by the United States - Asia Environmental Partnership Exchange Program for Sustainable Growth.
- Training on Project Evaluation and Monitoring, 2-13 August, 2004, Conducted in Bangkok by the Asian Institute of Technology, Thailand.

- A 10-week Training Program on Intensive Academic English Language, 25 March to 7 June 2002, conducted by the Centre for English Teaching, the University of Sydney.
- A regional seminars on Election System Reform conducted in five different regions of Nepal on behalf of the High-Level Election System Reform Committee chaired by the Prime Minister; during May-June, 2000.
- The Hague Appeal for Peace Conference, held from 11-15 May, 1999 in the Hague, the Netherlands.
- Training on Legislative Drafting, 23 November - 30 December, 1998, conducted in Kathmandu by the Judicial Training Centre of Nepal.
- Training on Project Finance Law, September and December, 1998, conducted in Kathmandu by Australian Institute of Foreign and Comparative Law.
- Training on Revenue (Tax) Administration, 18 March - 13 April, 1993, conducted in Kathmandu by Revenue Administration Training Centre, Kathmandu.

#### **Awards and Recognitions:**

- Nepal *Bidhyabhusan "Ka"* (First Category), Conferred by the President of Nepal on 2072/05/22 (8 September, 2015).
- Australian Scholarship, Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID), Australia, 2001.
- The Netherlands Fellowship, Government of Netherlands, 1999.
- Reward of Encouragement, Cabinet Secretariat, Government of Nepal, 1996.
- Advocate License, Supreme Court of Nepal, 1991.

#### **Major Journal Articles:**

- "Debt Recovery Tribunal: Establishment, Purpose and Significance", *Kanoon*, Volume No. 98, 28 April 2013, Kathmandu, Nepal.
- "Conservation of Biodiversity in Nepal with special focus on Biodiversity Related Laws and Policies", *A Journal of the Environment* (Vol. 10) (5 June 2006), Government of Nepal, Ministry of Environment, Science and Technology, Kathmandu, Nepal.
- "Achieving Sustainable Development through the Implementation of Agenda-21", *A Journal of the Environment* (Vol. 9) (5 June 2005), Government of Nepal, Ministry of Environment, Science and Technology, Kathmandu, Nepal.
- "The Nature and Function of International Economic Law: An Overview", *Law Bulletin* (Vol. 7) (17 August 1999), Government of Nepal, Ministry of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs, Kathmandu, Nepal.

#### **Major Newspaper Articles:**

- "Constitutional Provision and Transitional Government", *The Rajdhani Daily*, 22 July 2016, Kathmandu, Nepal.
- "Shady Dealings", *The Kathmandu Post Daily*, 2 April 2014, Kathmandu, Nepal.
- "Managing Conflict and Building Peace in Nepal", *The Rising Nepal Daily*, 8 February 2007, Kathmandu, Nepal.
- "Attempts made by Nepal towards Combating Desertification", *The Gorkhapatra Daily* of Nepal, 5 June 2006, Kathmandu, Nepal.
- "Environment Day and Our Responsibility", *The Gorkhapatra Daily* of Nepal, 5 June 2005, Kathmandu, Nepal.
- "Giving Children Their Rights", *The Rising Nepal Daily*, 20 January 2001, Kathmandu, Nepal.

#### **Other Affiliations and Involvements:**

- Member, International Bar Association, London, United Kingdom; January, 2017
- Life member, Nepal Council of Arbitration, Kupandole, Lalitpur; January, 2017
- Member, Environmental Law Subject Committee, Faculty of Law, Tribhuvan University; January, 2017 (Ongoing, part time)
- Legal Advisor, Nepal Bangladesh Bank Ltd., Kamaladi, Kathmandu; 14 May 2016 (Ongoing, part time)
- Faculty Member, Tribhuvan University, Nepal Engineering College, Pulchowk, Lalitpur; January, 2016 (Part time, Ongoing)
- Legal Advisor, Nepal Investment Bank Ltd., Durbar Marg, Kathmandu; July, 2015 (Ongoing, part time)
- Senior Advisor, Nepal Land and Housing Developers' Association, Sundhara, Kathmandu; January, 2015 (Ongoing, part time)
- Research Supervisor/Resource Person, Tribhuvan University, National Law College, Sanepa, Lalitpur; January, 2014 (Ongoing, Part time)

- Resource person, Tribhuvan University, Faculty of Law, Exhibition Road, Kathmandu; January, 2013 (Ongoing, part time)
- Member of Appellate Court Bar Association Patan, Lalitpur.
- Member of Nepal Bar Association, Kathmandu, Nepal.
- Returning Officer for the Election of Constituent Assembly (2008), from 11 Feb-18 May, 2008.
- Spokesperson to the Electoral Constituency Delineation Commission during 25 March-12 April and 1-22 July, 2007.
- Member of National Network for Environmental Justice, based in Kathmandu, Nepal.
- Life Member of Association of Nepalese Alumni from Australia (ANAA), based in Kathmandu, Nepal.
- Life Member of Dhading Health Samaj, based in Kathmandu, Nepal.

**Computer Skills:**

- Operating Microsoft Office Applications;
- Skilled in several other tasks related to computers.

**Language Proficiency:**

- Fluent in English, Nepali and Hindi.

**Driving License:**

- Motorcycle and Car (More than ten Years).

**Personal Details:**

- Sex: Male
- Date of Birth: 25 June, 1963
- Nationality: Nepali

**References:**

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**Certification:**

I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information provided hereinbefore correctly describes me, my qualifications, and my experience.

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