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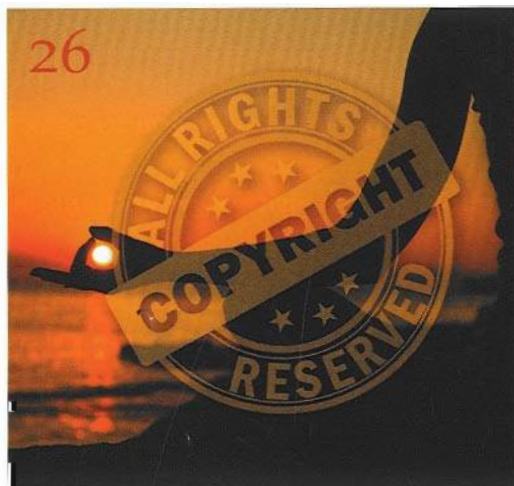
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Stretching It Too Far? Court Cur-tails IPR Rights In Yoga Postures

The art of Yoga - which has both physical and spiritual dimensions - has been widely practiced in India since time immemorial, with an early treatise on the subject (Patanjali's Yoga Sutras) reckoned to be written around 200 BCE. However, despite its ancient origins, even yoga and its derivative disciplines appears not to be immune from the subject matter of intellectual property litigation

Mukul Baveja & Davis Kanjamala

A starry night!

AND THE SKY
WELCOMED THE STARS OF THE



LEGAL
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Awards 2013-14

Recognition of Legal Finesse, Innovation & Accomplishments

**The 3rd edition of Indian Legal Awards 2014 saw participation
from nearly 550 Lawyers and Corporates...**



Celebration of

Excellence!

Ever since its inception, the **LegalEra Awards** have been yet another feather in *LegalEra* magazine's long list of achievements.

The 3rd edition of the Awards held at **Taj Land's End, Mumbai** on **March 15** this year saw nearly **550 Lawyers and Corporates** in attendance.

The Chief Guest was **Justice B.N.**

Srikrishna, Former Judge, Supreme Court of India; while the Guest of Honour were **Justice Deepak Verma**, Former Judge, Supreme Court of India and **Rana Kapoor**, Founder, Managing Director & CEO, YES Bank.

The anxiety was palpable as nominees across **47 categories** were announced. It was sheer agony and ecstasy as the winners in each category were finally called out.

Aptly described by Justice Srikrishna as, "Recognition of talent is an incentive for an individual to make better progress."

Founder & Managing Editor of LegalEra, Aakriti Raizada, began by expressing her gratitude and sincerely thanking the audience for their cooperation and support. To begin with, the **LegalEra Premier League or Best of the Year Awards** were announced.





Shukla Wassan



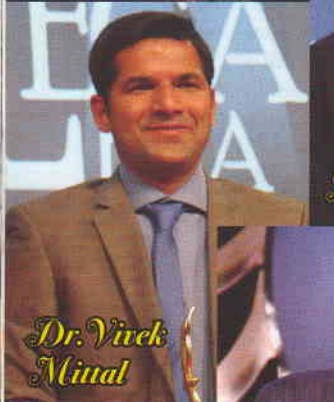
Anand Pathak



Namita Chadha



Rana Kapoor



Dr. Vivek Mittal



Pravin Anand



Raian Karanjawala



S. H. Bhojani

Dev Bajpai, Compliance Officer, Executive Director - Legal & Corporate Affairs and Company Secretary, Hindustan Unilever Limited, won the General Counsel of the Year - Male Award.

"I will fail in my duty if I don't acknowledge the institutions I have worked with in the 26 years of my career. I had an opportunity to join the Indian Police Service but I left that and don't regret it at all," Bajpai said while accepting the Award.

While **Shukla Wassan**, Executive Director - Legal & Company Secretary, Hindustan Coca-Cola Beverages won the General Counsel of the Year - Female.

Picking up the Lifetime Achievement Award for Senior Counsel, **Iqbal Chagla**, Senior Advocate, Bombay High Court, spoke about his father: *"Having spent half a century in this profession, this Award is a recognition of that. This evening, I remember my father and how his shoes were so large that they never really fit anyone. But I think I tried in some way to live by the principles and values that he imbibed. This recognition means that I have not failed him completely."*

M R Prasanna, Former General Counsel, Aditya Birla Group, won the Lifetime Achievement Award for In-House; while **Talat Ansari**, Partner, Kelley Drye & Warren LLP, took home the Lifetime Achievement Award for Law Firm Partner.

The **Tata Group** bagged the Best In-House Legal Team of the Year; while **Satya Hegde**, Senior Vice President & General Counsel of Tata Consultancy Services won the Global General Counsel of the Year.

A S Kumar, General Counsel, Dr. Reddy's Laboratories took home the Corporate Personality of the Year Award for Outstanding Contribution & Excellence; whereas, **Anand Desai**, Managing Partner, DSK Legal, won the Managing Partner of the Year; **Tata Consultancy**

Services took home the Best In-House Global Legal Team of the Year; while **Khaitan & Co** bagged the Best Indian Law Firm of the Year (Overall) and **S.K. Singhi & Co** walked away with the Best Up & Rising Indian Law Firm of the Year with 2 to 3 years of practice. *"I am overwhelmed, yet very humble,"* said **Namita Chadha**, Founder and Managing Partner, Chadha & Co. as she won the Woman Lawyer of the Year. *"I would like to thank LegalEra and the Jury for placing confidence in me and my firm. This Award enables me to overcome the challenges a woman lawyer faces in her journey."*

Zia Mody, Managing Partner, AZB & Partners, picked up the Best Corporate Lawyer of the Year and **AZB & Partners** won the Best Law Firm of the Year - Mumbai. *"As you get older, you realise that you are not the only recipient of this Award. Its 250 young lawyers burning the midnight oil every day and making this happen. Thank you,"* she said.

Intellectual Property Lawyer of the Year was won by **Pravin Anand**, Managing Partner, Anand & Anand; **Ramesh K. Vaidyanathan**, Founder and Managing Partner, Advaya Legal, bagged the Young Achievers' Award of the Year in the Firm Category (40 Years & Below); **Dr. Vivek Mittal**, Head - Legal, Lupin Limited picked up the Young Achiever In-House Category;

DLA Piper won the Best International Law Firm of the Year; while **Bharti Airtel Limited** took away the Best Telecommunication In-House Legal Team of the Year; **Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC)** won the Best Insurance In-House Legal Team of the Year; **AZB & Partners** won the Best Corporate Law Firm of the Year; Best Intellectual Property Law Firm of the Year was awarded to **Anand & Anand**; **DSK Legal** took away the Best Merger & Acquisition Law Firm of the Year; Best Dispute Resolution Law Firm of the Year went to **Bharucha & Partners**, while Best Litigation Law Firm of the Year was awarded to **Karanjawala & Co.**



Woman Lawyer Of The Year

Namita Chadha
 Founder and Managing
 Partner, Chadha & Co.

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Namita is the Founder Partner of Chadha & Co. She is a lawyer with over 21 years of experience in corporate and commercial laws. Namita began her professional career in 1993 in the Supreme Court of India, where she worked on diverse areas of civil and contractual laws with an emphasis on issues of constitutional and environmental laws and public interest litigation. Thereafter, she served as a counsel to the Indian subsidiary of BHP, a leading Fortune 500 Australian multinational, where she advised its joint venture with Kinhill (later acquired by Halliburton) on contract negotiations with Paradip Port Trust for an ADB funded coal mechanisation project of USD 200 million and a World Bank funded project for Tamil Nadu highways (480 km.) and also on matters in the real estate arena.

Corporate Personality Of The Year Award For
 Outstanding Contribution & Excellence



A S Kumar
 General Counsel,
 Dr. Reddy's Laboratories

With more than 28 years of experience, Andrew A.D.S. Kumar is a global transactional attorney having led international transactions of over \$12.5 Billion in aggregate value, including the much reported Esmark deal in the US. He currently is the Global General Counsel of the NYSE listed and one of the world's largest generic API manufacturer Dr. Reddy's Laboratories, supervising 35 US, German, Russian, European and Indian attorneys. Keeping in with that spirit, in 2013 he contributed \$22.5 million profit from a New Jersey court proceeding.

He has a path breaking track record in PSEG-a Fortune 250 US energy

“ *Firstly I dedicate this award to the legal fraternity. Secondly I have an observation. I am enamored by three people, David Bonderman, Kalpana Morparia and Aditya Ghosh. This is a business award, for a lawyer. Perhaps you all know that all three of them are lawyers and CEOs of companies. What's happening today, I am happy to say that more and more lawyers are getting towards to being CEOs; thanks to the profession!* ”

major, BTUVentures (Boston based 2006 E&Y@US entrepreneur of the year award winning private equity fund,) Glaxosmithline, Unilever and the Al-Tamimi law office. Kumar litigated one of the three successful instances of moving the India Supreme Court at the Chief Justice's residence, in the Samsung Cup matter and in 2000 won a \$41 million IT related ICC arbitration. On intellectual property rights, he advised the UAE government on implementation and management of their new patents, trademarks and copyrights regime and addressed the celebrated Fordham University Global Conference on IPR Law and Policy at New York.