



## SPEAKERS' PROFILES



*Mr. **Abhishek Malhotra** is an Advocate with 14 years of experience. He is an alumnus of NLSIU, batch of 1999. His primary areas of expertise are intellectual property and ancillary services. Having gained experience as a senior associate with India's leading boutique IP law firm and having served as an associate partner with a leading Indian general practice firm, Abhishek offers a rare combination of advisory and dispute resolution services across a wide range of industries.*

*He has provided inputs to the Government of India on copyright issues and proposed amendments to the Copyright Act, 1957. He is also a guest lecturer at the Indian Institute of Information Technology. Abhishek was also the Chairperson at the INTA Annual Conference on the topic of strategies for brand owners in the BRIC countries (Seattle, 2009)."*



*Mr. **Azmul Haque** is a Partner with ShookLin & Bok, a leading Singapore law-firm. He leads its India Practice and is a Partner in the Corporate and TMT practice groups. Qualified to practice both Indian law and English law, he specialises in cross-border M&A, private equity, commercial and technology transactions. Azmul works regularly with both Indian clients expanding overseas, and multi-nationals investing in India and the ASEAN region, across a number of sectors, including consumer goods, e-commerce, technology, telecom and real estate.*



*Prior to joining Shook Lin & Bok, Mr. Azmul spent several years with a Silver Circle UK law-firm. He has a wealth of experience in the Indian legal market, having worked in Mumbai with a leading Indian law-firm for many years before moving to Singapore in early 2005. Mr. Azmul also has valuable in-house experience through a secondment with British Telecom Singapore, as Legal Counsel supporting the APAC Legal Team on its largest telecom outsourcing deal in the APAC region covering 15 jurisdictions, various regional customer and supplier contracts, and telecom regulatory issues. He is an alumnus of NLSIU and graduated in the year 2001*



*Mr. **Chris Edwards** is a senior associate lawyer in the Intellectual Property & Technology group of the international law firm DLA Piper. He advises on non-contentious technology and commercial matters, with a particular focus on software development, outsourcing and telecommunications projects.*

*Chris plays an active role in DLA Piper's global pro-bono program. He is currently the Joint 'Pro-Bono Coordinator' for DLA Piper's Singapore office and is assisting a number of high-profile NGOs across South East Asia on a pro-bono basis.*

*Chris has a keen interest in the non-profit and humanitarian sector and holds*

	<p><i>a Diploma in Humanitarian Assistance from the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine. He has contributed to a number of pro-bono events, including presenting at the 1st South East Asia Pro Bono Conference in Vientiane, Laos on the work of DLA Piper's non-profit NGO 'New Perimeter' and as a panellist at the recent "In Session: Pro Bono in Practice" event – held jointly by the pro bono groups of the National University of Singapore and Singapore Management University.</i></p>
	<p><i>Mr. <b>Kalki Yasas</b> is a Practice Director at Salesforce. He has a thirteen year experience in-business consulting, change management, product and delivery management and sales support experience. His skills span across business analysis, technical design, pre-sales, build &amp; deployment, quality &amp; and project lifecycle methodologies. Mr. Kalki is an alumnus of Symbiosis International University.</i></p>
	<p><i>Ms. <b>Pamela Kumar</b> has been working on incubating the Cloud Computing Innvation Council of India as an open forum to bring together technology experts across industry, Academia and Government to collaborate and innovate around Cloud Computing technologies to enable rapid deployment of cloud computing as well as accelerate the emergence of the Indian ecosystem as a global leader.</i></p> <p><i>From June 2007 to Feb 2013, Ms. Pamela held various positions in the IBM India Systems and Technology (STG) Lab. As Director of the Technology &amp; Semiconductor Lab and later the Storage and Networking lab, she helped establish globally integrated labs working on cutting edge technology and product development in the areas of nanotechnology, processor &amp; ASIC technologies as well as mid-range and high-end scale-out NAS storage and FCoE networking solutions. Ms. Pamela was the first ever appointee from India in the IEEE Standards Association – Board of Governors, as the Member at large for 2011-12. She also held the position of Chair for IEEE Computer Society and Chapter Coordination &amp; membership development for the IEEE Bangalore Chapter. She brings with her an experience of 27+ years in the semiconductor, computers and communication industry. She holds 3 patents in the area of networking accelerators</i></p>
	<p><i>Mr. <b>Pavan Duggal</b> is an advocate in the Supreme Court of India, one of the pioneers and a leading authority on Cyberlaw and E-Commerce law in the country.</i></p> <p><i>He graduated from St.Stephen's College, Delhi in History Hons. and LL.B. from the Faculty of Law, University of Delhi. He is a member of NOMCOM Committee on Multilingual Internet Names Consortium (MINC). Furthermore, he has also served as a member of the ICANN (The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers) Nominating Committee representing the Asia Pacific region.</i></p>

	<p><i>Mr. <b>Prasanth Sugathan</b> is an Engineer turned lawyer. He has practiced as a lawyer in the High Court of Kerala covering areas like Constitutional and Administrative Law, Information Technology Law and Property Law. He has a Bachelors Degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Kerala, MBA from Pondicherry University and LLB from Mahatma Gandhi University. His areas of practice include Constitutional and Administrative Law, Information Technology Law and Property Law.</i></p>
	<p><i>Mr. <b>Rahul De</b> is the Hewlett-Packard Chair Professor in Information and Communication Technology (ICT) for Sustainable Economic Development, Quantitative Methods &amp; Information Systems Area, at the Indian Institute of Management- Bangalore</i></p>
	<p><i>Mr. <b>S. Gopalakrishnan (Kris)</b>, along with N.R. Narayana Murthy and five others, founded Infosys in 1981. Before becoming the CEO and Managing Director in July 2007, Kris served as the company's Chief Operating Officer, President and Joint Managing Director, responsible for customer services, technology, investments, and acquisitions. Kris served as the company's Executive Co-Chairman between August 2012 and May 2013. He has been re-designated as the Executive Vice Chairman of the company effective June 1, 2013. He is a Trustee of the Infosys Science Foundation, a not-for-profit trust, set up by Infosys and some members of its Board, to spread the culture of science mainly through the Infosys Prize, an annual award across six scientific categories.</i></p> <p><i>In January 2011, the Government of India awarded Kris the Padma Bhushan, the country's third highest civilian honor. Kris is the President of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) National Council and on the Board of Governors at the Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Bangalore. He is also the Chairman of Indian Institute of Information Technology and Management (IIITM), Kerala and International Institute of Information Technology (IIIT) Bangalore. He is a member of ACM, IEEE and IEEE Computer Society.</i></p> <p><i>Kris holds master's degrees in Physics and Computer Science from the Indian Institute of Technology, Madras.</i></p>



*Mr. **Shreyas Jayasimha** is a founding partner at Aarna Law. He has previously worked at AZB & Partners, read law at National Law School of India University and was a Chevening Scholar at the University of Warwick. He serves as Secretary and Member of the LCIA Asia Pacific Users Council, Regional Editor (South and Central Asia) of the Newsletter of the IBA Arbitration Committee and as the Secretary of the IBA Task Force on the proposed amendments to the Indian Arbitration and Conciliation Act.*

*Mr. Shreyas' practice areas include litigation and dispute resolution, company law, competition law, intellectual property, real estate and technology law amongst others. He has appeared as counsel before various Courts and tribunals across India, instructed counsel in international litigation, conducted complex trials and cross examination in civil and commercial litigation and domestic arbitrations and has been involved in international arbitrations across various institutional rules.*

*He is a frequent speaker at national and international seminars and has authored several articles in domestic and international publications.*



*Mr. **Suhaan Mukerji** is expert advisor to Sam Pitroda, Office of Adviser to the Prime Minister of India on Public Information Infrastructure and Innovations (PIII). He previously led the Policy and Government Affairs practice group at Amarchand & Mangaldas & Suresh A. Shroff & Co. ("Amarchand Mangaldas"). Prior to joining the firm in Delhi he has worked in the Firm's Mumbai office in corporate M&A and capital markets and as an Analyst with the World Bank.*

*Suhaan has extensive experience in policy formulation, drafting and monitoring of legislative agendas for clients. He has consistently advised the Firm's clients on corporate affairs and public policy objectives strategy in India, primarily involving sectors of Defence, Nuclear Power, Information and Communications Technology, Economic & Corporate Laws, Competition Law, Media and Entertainment, and Education, apart from general corporate & investment advice in others.*

*Mr. Suhaan has assisted clients in developing engagement strategy and interfacing with the federal and state regulators and law enforcement agencies, including in legal advisory and dispute resolution. He has been actively engaged in counseling government ministries and departments both at the Federal and State level and has drafted legislations for numerous government agencies.*

*Mr. Suhaan also counsels on issues related to political process, including election financing, campaign finance, political law, election commission rules and bye-laws.*





*Ms. **Talha Salaria** is the founder of Lawyers at Work. She has more than a decade of experience as a corporate lawyer, representing companies across a wide range of industries, entrepreneurs, venture capital and private equity investors on a host of corporate, commercial and transactional matters, including in the education and IT/ITES sectors. During the course of her career she has advised on some of the landmark transactions in the Indian market including advising on structuring India's first greenfield airport project.*

*Prior to founding Lawyers At Work, Ms. Talha worked with one of the leading law firms in India and thereafter, was a co-founder of a well reputed corporate commercial law firm in Bangalore. Her work in the Indian private equity markets has been acclaimed by Indian Lawyer 250 in the past, which recognised her as an expert in structuring private equity transactions in India. Her extensive engagement with clients in IT/ITES has been recognised by the leading global legal publication, Who's Who Legal, which has listed Talha as one of India's leading practitioners in the Internet & E-Commerce industries in the past.*



*Mr. **Vaibhav Parikh** leads private equity and venture capital practice at the multi-skilled, research-based international law firm, Nishith Desai Associates, heading the Bangalore office. He has a wide range of experience in corporate and technology transactions. He has advised several private equity and venture capital funds in their investments, specifically in technology, media and life sciences industry. He also has significant experience in M&A transactions. He has been passionately involved in setting up operations and raising finance for several start-up companies. He is actively involved in the Intellectual Property Practice and is in charge of industry focus group for IT, Telecom, and Media.*

*Vaibhav has been nominated as one of the world's leading practitioners in 'Who's Who Legal' for Regulatory Communications. He has authored several papers and lectured at several prestigious gatherings on a worldwide basis. He has also been acknowledged as a 'Highly Recommended Lawyer' for Outsourcing, and Telecom and IT and 'Recommended Lawyer' for Intellectual Property by the PLC Which Lawyer? 2009. He has represented NASSCOM at a WTO symposium at Geneva for presenting a paper on 'Movement of Natural Persons' in 2001. He is a Charter Member of TiE, Bangalore Chapter and is also on the executive council of the Franchising Association of India."*



*Mr. **Vivek Durai** is the founder of Humble Paper, an IIT Madras incubated startup. A programmer, entrepreneur and recovering lawyer, Mr. Durai used to head the corporate legal practice at Ātman Law Partners. He started his career as a technology lawyer and continues to have significant expertise and insight in the technology, media and telecom sectors. Humble Paper builds on Mr. Durai's experiences as a corporate and technology lawyer and provides a cutting edge online document automation platform to businesses, including law*



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