

<u>Haranahalli Law Partners – Firm Profile</u>

Haranahalli Law Partners is a full service Law Firm that has its roots in litigation. Mentored by Shri. Ashok Haranahalli, Senior Advocate of the High Court of Karnataka, who believes strongly in integrity, hard work and ethics. It prides itself on championing the interest of the client while never forgetting its core values.

The firm's legal heritage, work philosophy, tradition, specialized services and unmatched acumen of the lawyers have redefined client service by perpetuating quality service with cost effectiveness. The firm's lawyers are recognized practitioners, who understand commercial realities and chalk out holistic legal strategies that ensure success to the clients. The Firm is headquartered in Bangalore and has eight partners who specialize in various facets of law including varied types of litigation, arbitration, corporate law, corporate crimes, economic offences, intellectual property rights and expert level litigation at the High Court level.

The firm comprises of efficient and passionate partners supported by numerous senior advocates across India and an in house team of junior associates, interns and office support staff. The firm represents leading private and public sector organizations in India and works at the forefront of key areas of practice including litigation, corporate and commercial, alternate dispute resolution, financial services, infrastructure, and government matters. Firms core strength of knowledge, excellence, impeccable service, loyalty and ability to serve its clients on time has stood in good stead throughout its existence. The fact that the firm has its roots in litigation gives us the unique ability to use and adopt a holistic approach to all our work, especially corporate work involving tasks that are otherwise repetitive and done without much thought or scrutiny. The legal

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Success in Legal profession today requires a combination of big picture thinking and an ability to deal meticulously with real life solutions. Haranahalli Law Partners LLP has built a reputation for professionalism and can be a reliable partner to guide you through the complexities of the law. With years of collective experience we can help you meet the challenges. Our Advocates are recognized practitioners in their respective areas of practice. Each and every client will be treated with equal importance and every matter would be completed with the highest level of care and expertise. Our efforts are always to ensure that litigation is avoided and prevented but if it is inevitable, that we have been diligent and put in iron clad terms to espouse the cause of our clients.

In present day resurgent India, there is a great need for a wholesome lawyer, who not only catapults the cause of justice but also acts a catalyst in the nation building process. We at Haranahalli Law Partners LLP, strive to ensure that the legal services we provide cater to the demand of a great nation. Since its inception, our firm has been in an unrelenting quest to tend to top quality legal service, harmonizing with the global benchmarks and can be a reliable partner to guide you through the complexities of Law. Apart from the professional achievements, an unyielding sense of social responsibility and righteous, expected of a lawyer, has been portrayed by my colleagues. Over and above, their enthusiasm and spirit in nurturing this firm as a whole has been praiseworthy.

Our diligence and eye for detail does not waiver. We are one of the few that use our extensive expertise in litigation to give every client sound legal advice and rock solid documentation in order to ensure safe commercial transactions. The has been a part of landmark cases and represented a diverse client base which include leading conglomerates, top industrial echelons, intricate and high-value mandates.

PROCEDURAL DOMAINS

LITIGATION

- •Civil & Criminal
- •Original Suits for Injunction, Declaration, Partition, Ejectment, Eviction, Specific Performance
- Suits for Damages
- Contract based Suits
- Recovery Suits
- •Writ Petitions, RFA, RSA, Writ Appeals, Criminal Petitions & Appeals, Winding up, etc.
- •Matters related to Consumer Protection, Labour, Environment, etc.
- •Matters before Tribunals, DC,AC and all other Quasi Judicial Bodies, etc.

NON-LITIGATION

- •Corporate opinion and advisiory services, Compliances, Due Diligence, Registration of Company, drafting of MoA, AoA, etc.
- •Land title scrutiny & opinions.
- •Registration of Property,Document extraction.
- •Drafting Abstraction & Reviewing of Agreements, Contracts, MoU, Share holders Agreements, JDA, JV, etc.
- •Issueance of notices and reply notices, etc.
- •Intellectual Property Rights, Registration of Trade Marks, Copy Rights, etc.
- •Licensing, Regulatory & Statutory Compliances.

ARBITRATION

- •Initiating Arbitration Proceedings.
- •Appointment of Arbitrators before the court.
- •Conducting Trials before Arbitrators.
- •Opinions on arbitration Clauses.
- •Appointment of Arbitrators.
- •Arbitration Notices.
- •Liasoning with Arbitrators, etc.

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PRACTICE VERTICALS

Constitutional Law	
Property/Land Laws	
Contract Law	
Company Law	
Family Law	
Consumer Protection	
Intellectual Property Rights	
Banking & Finance Laws	
Labour & Service Law	
Environment Law	
Corporate Laws	
Criminal Law	
Cyber Law	

Litigation

With over a 100 years of collective litigation experience, we are the best when it comes to court room practice, court craft and litigation as an art. Our clients will attest that we have given them the best representation and client service that has gone above and beyond any benchmark in the legal industry.

Civil Practice:

Collectively the firm has over 400 reported judgments in the High Court of Karnataka and a few in the Supreme Court of India. The firm has expansive trial court practice. Civil Practice has been the forte of this law firm, since our mentor Sri Ashok Haranahalli, started the law firm. We have considerable experience and expertise in dealing with matters in relation to various enactments and procedures under the Civil Law including Administrative law, Property Laws, Service Laws, Inter-state Disputes, Writs, Education matters, Civil appeals, Criminal appeals, Mining matters, CBI matters, Intellectual Property matters, Corporate matters.

Criminal Practice:

We deal in matters relating to offences under the Indian Penal Code, Prevention of Corruption Act, Company's Act, Negotiable Instruments Act etc. We have a team of lawyers, headed by senior who deal in such matters on regular basis, successfully.

We currently service over 2000 clients. We have represented and continue to represent High Profile Individuals, Large Corporations, Government Entities (both State and Central), Major Firms and Proprietorships, Co-operative societies, Unions and Banks. We take immense pride in being a where ethics and integrity are paramount and these qualities are closely followed by our dedication to our clients. We are reachable, accessible and involved with each of our clients closely.

Documentation and Contract Management:

Documentation and contracts form the basis of all business transactions and having iron clad agreements in place ensures that your business can run smoothly and without a hitch. It also ensures minimal risk in the event of problems and minimal exposure to liability. Our team specializes in contract vetting, drafting and management. Iron clad terms can be the difference between winning and losing a suit for specific performance and no one knows that better than a firm that specializes in litigation. Our team of experts can help you by reviewing existing contracts, drafting new ones, vetting the entire contract cycle and helping you manage the life cycle of a contract.

Real Estate, Due Diligence and Documentation:

Due diligence is paramount when you are entering into any transaction that relates to property. We help our clients decide, whether they should invest in a property, get into a joint venture or joint development agreements. We also help them get into these agreement by drafting Sale Agreement, Sale Deeds, Joint Venture Agreements and Joint Development Agreements. Reviewing and drafting commercial leases ensures peaceful possession and enjoyment of rights for our clients, be it factories, production plants or mines and we ensure that the said leases are water tight for your protection and to avoid any unwarranted litigation.

Alternate Dispute Resolution:

Our Firm has expertise and deals with matters relating to Arbitration, Mediation and Conciliation and other forms of Alternate Dispute Resolution, arising out of contracts or otherwise. Our office contains a conference room which is used an Arbitration Hall to conduct Arbitration. We are a well known law firm in India providing alternative dispute resolution services.

Our Firm assists clients from across different sectors in resolving disputes by means of ADR, which include Oil and Gas, Power, Mining, Construction and Infrastructure, Real Estate, Entertainment and Media, Banking and Finance, Insurance and Reinsurance, International Investments, Intellectual Property, Information Technology, Telecommunications, etc.

Our Firm has experience in international and domestic arbitration and other forms of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) such as conciliation and mediation. Our attorneys have acted as counsels and arbitrators in high stake arbitrations providing best advice and support in resolving disputes. We have a dedicated team of lawyers with specific expertise to meet our client's requirements and handle complex arbitration matters both in India and abroad.

<u>Corporate Law - Compliance and Transactions</u>

We provide corporate compliance and transaction services to companies incorporated within and outside India. Our expertise involves both reviving existing compliance procedure and creating new mechanisms and procedures to maximize compliance and

minimize exposure and risk. Our transaction services involve ensuring that all corporate transactions are done in full compliance with existing rules under various legislations, including Companies Act, SEBI, Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, FEMA, FERA, Competition Law and all other regulatory and compliance laws that are state, country and industry specific. We specialize in designing compliance processes and audit formats focusing on specific legal obligations of the company, such as employment law, the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, privacy, data protection or export controls. We design employee training programs, including delivery of substantive training in the areas of law, which are most significant to a company's business.

Intellectual Property:

The Firm provides a variety of services in the areas of Intellectual Property Rights. We provide end to end services in this domain. These services begin with application for protection of Intellectual Property and culminate with their protection from infringement before courts of law. We search for existing patents, file patent applications for protection in Indian and Globally. We provide comprehensive patent registration for all kinds of patents, including responding to objections, liaison with the office of registrar of patents and get certifications in time. We provide services of registration of Copyrights for various kinds of artistic work, literary work and software. We file for and help you register trademarks with the appropriate authorities. Ensuring that, your registrations are done quickly and promptly ensure that you don't lose out to the competition.

Interestingly we also help you protect you IP by reviewing what we like to call your exposure documents and making sure that IP is shared on a need to know basis, protected by confidentiality and non-compete. Most importantly, our services do not just stop with registration. We help you protect you IP by drafting, filing, trying or defending suits for infringement, injunctions, impounding and destruction and damages in cases of IP violations.

Profile of our Mentor Sri.Ashok Haranahalli:

Shri. Ashok Haranahalli was born on 19.01.1958. He is the grandson of Late Shri.K.A.Venkatramayya and Smt.Gowramma Venkatramayya who led the Kara Nirakarana movement in North Canara and were also awarded Thambarapatra for having fought for the freedom of our country. Shri.K.A. Venkatramayya was also the director of the All India Khadi Commission and Secretary for the Gandhi Smarka Nidhi. His father is Shri.Haranahalli Ramaswamy, former minister of Law, Parliamentary affairs and Muzrai. He was the Chairmen of the Administrative Reforms commission and was the member of Legislative Assembly and Legislative Council for several terms. He led the agitation for formation of new state of Karnataka after reorganization. He was responsible for establishing several educational institutions, was director of Karnataka Bank and was the chairmen of Loka Shikshana Trust fort several years, He has served at several organizations.

Shri.Ashok Haranahalli has practiced before the Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka, at Bangalore as well as before the Supreme Court of India. He functioned as Senior Central Government Standing Counsel, Senior Panel Counsel for Union of India, Retainer Council for CBI and has functioned as Counsel for various government, financial and educational institutions. He was elected to the Karnataka Bar Council in the year 2005, by obtaining the highest number of votes in the State. He has functioned as the Chairmen Karnataka Bar Council, Law Academy. He was appointed as additional advocate general on 02.02.2009 and subsequently appointed as Advocate General on 25.06.2009.

Profiles of Partners

Shri Subramanya. R:

Mr. Subramanya graduated in 1999 and enrolled with the Bar Council in the same year. With Over 19 years at the Bar, and 19 years of working with MrAshok Haranahalli, Mr.Subramanya has the most years at this office.

Having specialized in Writs and Appellate practice at the High Court of Karnataka, he has appeared in over 2500 cases. A strong believer in hard work and dedication, Mr. Subramanya sets an example for all the office with his tireless work and no short cuts approach to the practice of law.

Mr. Subramanya's list of clients is large and includes Indian Railways, South Western Railways, CBI, Central Excise, Customs, BBMP, Bangalore University National Council for Teachers Education, New Mangalore Port Trust, SBI, Dental Council of India, KSRTC, BSNL, Karnataka Telecom, Employees Provident Fund Organisation, All India Institute Of Speech and Hearing, Karnataka State Industrial Bank, CLAT and other Institutions.

In his spare time, he enjoys sport, loves a good read and has a keen inkling towards temple architecture.

Shri Sandeep Patil:

Mr. Patil enrolled as an Advocate in 2004. He began his career under Mr. Ashok Haranahalli and specialized in High court matters, especially criminal appeals and matters under the Prevention of Corruption Act.

He has been appearing in cases at The Supreme Court of India, High Court of Karnataka, Various Tribunals, Civil Courts and Consumer Forums. He has handled cases under The Indian Constitution, Company Law, Banking Law, Negotiable Instruments Act, Hindu Law, Transfer of Property Act, Motor Vehicles Act, Law of Contracts, Municipal Laws, Railways Act, Criminal Law etc.

With over 14 years of hands on litigating experience, Mr. Patil has developed an expertise in Criminal appeals and Corporate Crimes. He has also worked extensively in the area of documentation for companies and property.

In his spare time, Mr. Patil enjoys traveling and adventure sport. He enjoys debating and community activity. He was awarded the Indira Gandhi National Award for Youth related activities by the Government of India. He also received the Karnataka State National Service Scheme Award and the Dr. D.C. Pawate Award from Karnataka University, Dharwar. He represented India as a Delegate in the Common Wealth Youth Forum, Abuja, Nigeria, Africa. Shri Yeshu Mishra:

Mr. Mishra graduated in law in 1998 and enrolled with the Bar in January of 1999. With over 19 years at the Bar, Mr. Mishra began his career working under Shri N.S. Krishnan and then under Shri. S.N. Sathyanarayana.

A man who truly believes that Knowledge grows as it is spread; Mr. Mishra is a guide and mentor to everyone at the firm. Approachable, yet crisp and precise in his communication with his counterparts, Mr. Mishra embodies the skills of a lawyer and a teacher.

His primary area of interest is trial lawyering. He has worked in diverse areas of Litigation, Arbitration, Corporate Compliance and Documentation. His list of clients includes several companies, manufacturers, major builders and individual proprietors.

Shri S.S. Srinivasa Rao:

Mr. Rao graduated in law and enrolled with the Bar in August of 1999. Mr. Rao began his professional career on the criminal side of practice under the guidance of Mr. C.V. Nagesh designated senior counsel and ever since, his practice has been centered on criminal defense and corporate crimes.



With an expertise in Criminal law and trial, his areas of interest include Criminal defense, White collar crimes, NDPS, Mines and Mineral Act and several more niche areas of criminal law.

Presently, Mr. Rao is the Advocate-on-Record for His Excellency the Governor of Karnataka & Representing the Union of India before the High Court of Karnataka at Bangalore as its Counsel. Mr. Rao believes in leading by example. His empathy is hands on and he believes in working for the needy in person. Mr. Rao enjoys Hindustani classical music and enjoys giving back to society in different forms. Debate, Discussion and mooting are especially dear to him. He currently serves as the administrator, Sri Sringeri Shivaganga Sharada Peetam, Shivagange.

Shri Vinayak Bhat:

Mr. Bhat enrolled with the Bar in 2005 after having completed law from KLE Societies Law College, Bangalore. He began his practice under the guidance of Mr. Ashok Haranahalli and chose to specialize in Civil Appeals, Company matters and Arbitration.

With 13 years of experience at the Bar, Mr. Bhat has created a niche for himself by specializing in Company matters and first and second Civil Appeals. His keen eye for detail and the ability to break cases down into their basics holds him in good stead while convincing the Hon'ble High Court on the intricacies and legal technicalities of civil appeals. His has an in depth knowledge of property laws, laws of succession and conveyencing in general. Mr. Bhat is a technology buff and enjoys trekking and a good read.

Shri Abhijit Haranahalli:

Abhijit enrolled with the Bar Counsel of Karnataka in 2007. Commenced practice with Ashok Haranahalli Associates (Mr.Ashok Haranahalli, Sr. Advocate), in 2007-08. Practiced in the High Court of Karnataka handling cases in relation to and representing local bodies like BBMP, BDA, etc. Joined Indus Law Associates in the year 2008 and continued till 2009 and worked under the guidance of Sri.Srinivas Raghavan and Sri Sridhar. To gain more experience in respect of Litigation at a Taluka and District level, worked in the Taluk and District Courts of Shivamoga under a well respected advocate by name Mr.Sripada. In Indus Law Associates and under Mr. Sripada, gained considerable expertise with respect to civil practice on varied subjects and types of cases. In the year 2011 and upto 2014 returned working at the High Court of Karnataka dealing in Subjects concerning Local Bodies, Education, Service and Real Estate along with criminal cases in relation to prevention of Corruption act and Negotiable Instruments Act. At present, he has been working as an independent legal consultant with various entities, like Golden Gate Developers, Maverick Holdings and Investments etc.

Currently a Partner at Haranahalli Law Partners, LLP, He has been working with the nonlitigation wing of the firm ever since. He currently heads the property related non-litigation department of the firm, focusing on title verification, documentation, registration, contracts – drafting and whetting and the like. He is the retainer counsel for the Garuda Group. He is also

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part of the corporate law wing of firm, dealing with contracts, corporate transactions, incorporation and the like.

In his free time Abhijit likes playing basketball and enjoys swimming.

Shri Anoop Haranahalli:

Anoop graduated from M.S. Ramaiah Law College in 2013 and enrolled with the Bar. Anoop began his career in the High Court of Karnataka. He focused on research and briefing senior on a large variety of matters. He went on to expand his areas of practice to trial court litigation, corporate law and contracts.

In his free time, Anoop Enjoys reading philosophy, traveling and spending time with family and friends.

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