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Roopa is an international lawyer who uses her varied expertise to ensure that her clients are provided with the best possible legal assistance in the most optimal manner across jurisdiction and practices. Depending upon the nature and jurisdiction of the matter / client, she either works on the matters herself or refers them to very qualified lawyers (with whom she then, based upon the client's expectation, supervises or coordinates). Roopa has rich experience of over twenty years practicing law in India and the United States. She has worked extensively on corporate (including investments) and commercial transactions, general corporate, technology, immigration, conflict resolution, intellectual property and employment law. She is trained in private commercial mediation. She is the founder of Lawshram™, an innovative non-partnership but collaborative international legal services delivery model using a proprietary technology platform, which she is developing in conjunction with her legal practice, Doraswamy Law Chambers (DLC). Roopa takes pride in nurturing lawyers and when her protégés are ready, she guides them to pursue their career in their desired direction (including incubating their own legal practice on the DLC model), while continuing to leverage their talent for DLC's clients.

Prior to starting DLC, Roopa nurtured and significantly contributed to the Corporate, the Employment and the Information Technology Law practices at a Bangalore-based law firm which she also co-founded in 2006. In 2004-2005 she was the head of the legal department at *Infosys Technologies*, one of the premier companies in India. In her role, she managed a multinational legal team and advised the board on various issues such as risk management and insurance, transactions and contracts, immigration, employment, anti-sexual harassment and regulatory compliance. She was also involved in a number of negotiations with customers on behalf of *Infosys*. Prior to joining *Infosys*, Roopa worked as legal counsel at *Wipro Limited*, where she drafted and negotiated various technology contracts.

Before moving back to India, Roopa ran her own law practice in the United States, focusing mostly on U.S. immigration. She was previously an associate at one of the premier law firms in Boston, *Bingham McCutchen LLP* where she practiced corporate law, advising on a variety of corporate legal issues, regulatory compliance and commercial transactions. When she decided to take a break from the organized work structure to have her kids, she continued to work with the Boston-based immigration-related organization, The PAIR Project, and successfully represented a woman belonging to the Tutsi community from the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) to be granted asylum in the United States.

Prior to entering the profession, Roopa held a prestigious one-year clerkship at the Superior Court of Massachusetts. During this time, she gained exposure to various kinds of laws, the United States court system and procedures. In addition to working with judges on trials, hearings, and motion sessions, she worked on preparing draft decisions, legal memoranda and proposed jury instructions. During her J.D., she also had the privilege of working with a federal court judge as a legal intern.

Roopa has a *Juris Doctor* (J.D.) from the Northeastern University, Boston and a B.A., LL.B. (Hons) from the National Law School of India University, Bangalore. She has been admitted to practice law in India, Massachusetts and New York. She has been recognized as a notable legal practitioner in the area of Technology Law by Chambers and Partners (Asia Guide) and in the area of Corporate / M&A (Foreign Experts based abroad) by Chambers Global. She has also been listed as an expert in Information Technology Law by Who'sWhoLegal.

She is part of the Working Group on Anti-corruption Laws, Bangalore Political Action Committee (B.PAC). She is an invited Charter member of TiE (Bangalore Chapter) where she has initiated the TiE Bangalore Legal Clinic, a one-on-one pro bono legal clinic for early stage entrepreneurs. She has served on the Board of the International Technology Lawyers Association (ITechLaw) and was the Co-chair for the organization's 2014 and 2016 India International Conferences. Roopa was a founding member of the Greater Boston South Asian Bar Association. She was also a founding board member of the National South Asian Bar Association (NASABA).

Having been an accomplished Bharatanatyam dancer, Roopa is now involved in promoting this classical art form. Roopa is married to Naganand Doraswamy and has two children, Adarsh (18) and Kavya (15).

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