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“Protection of Trade Secrets & Economic Espionage”

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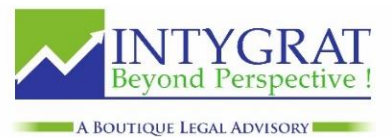
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About The Law Commission of India



The Law Commission of India is constituted by the Department of Legal Affairs, Ministry of Law & Justice, Government of India with a definite term of reference to carry out research in the field of law. The Commission makes recommendations to the government in the form of reports. The Law Commission has submitted various reports on significant issues in relation to the reforms required in law such as Report No. 165 that led to the enactment of the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009; Report No. 186 that resulted in the enactment of the National Green Tribunal Act, 2010; Report No. 246 that suggested important amendments to the Arbitration and Conciliation Act 1996; and Report No. 253 that contributed to the introduction of the Commercial Courts Act, 2015. Presently, it is engaged in working on various important issues, such as the Uniform Civil Code, simultaneous elections, protection of trade secrets, etc. The Law Commission of India provides excellent, thought provoking, and vital review of the laws in India. The current 22nd Law Commission of India is headed by Hon'ble Mr. Justice Ritu Raj Awasthi, former Chief Justice of the High Court of Karnataka.

About ASSOCHAM



The Associated Chambers of Commerce & Industry of India (ASSOCHAM) is the country's oldest apex chamber. It brings in actionable insights to strengthen the Indian ecosystem, leveraging its network of more than 4,50,000 members, of which MSMEs represent a large segment. With a strong presence in states, and key cities globally, ASSOCHAM also has more than 400 associations, federations and regional chambers in its fold. Aligned with the vision of creating a New India, ASSOCHAM works as a conduit between the industry and the Government. The Chamber is an agile and forward-looking institution, leading various initiatives to enhance the global competitiveness of the Indian industry, while strengthening the domestic ecosystem. With more than 100 national and regional sector councils, ASSOCHAM is an impactful representative of the Indian industry. These Councils are led by well-known industry leaders, academicians, economists and independent professionals. The Chamber focuses on aligning critical needs and interests of the industry with the growth aspirations of the nation.

ASSOCHAM is driving four strategic priorities - Sustainability, Empowerment, Entrepreneurship and Digitisation. The Chamber believes that affirmative action in these areas would help drive an inclusive and sustainable socio-economic growth for the country. ASSOCHAM is working hand in hand with the government, regulators and national and international think tanks to contribute to the policy making process and share vital feedback on implementation of decisions of far-reaching consequences. In line with its focus on being future-ready, the Chamber is building a strong network of knowledge architects. Thus, ASSOCHAM is all set to redefine the dynamics of growth and development in the technology-driven 'Knowledge-Based Economy'. The Chamber aims to empower stakeholders in the Indian economy by inculcating knowledge that will be the catalyst of growth in the dynamic global environment.

About Conference

The economic value of an intellectual property emanates from an innovation that is contingent upon capability of the entity that possesses and preserves the confidentiality of materials embodying the trade secrets in a rightful and sustainable manner under the law. The US Economic Espionage Act of 1996 delineates the term 'trade secret' and comprehensively covers all forms, types, mechanisms, and even information having economic value that may be at risk of theft, misappropriation, and claims. The gross impact of foreign economic espionage exposes much higher cross-border complexities and risks, unlike the impact of unfair and anti-competitive practices by a competitor in the local market or in a particular sector.

EU countries and the USA have promulgated laws to protect and provide for preventive measures, injunctions, and compensation for infringements of trade secrets and have introduced general measures to protect them through civil or commercial courts as well. Currently, businesses in India use their trade secrets within their limited means to exercise the clauses under a non-disclosure agreement or non-compete agreement with the parties. Furthermore, they implement a robust IT security infrastructure for controlling the accessibility of important trade secrets, which is always insufficient in the modern emerging digital landscape.

So far in India, protection against trade secrets and economic espionage is provided under the Civil Law, Criminal Law, and Information Technology Act, 2000, which is insufficient and requires a lot of clarity. An unauthorized and illegal exploitation of an unprotected trade secret, if it remains uncovered under the specific legislation, poses an international threat, a serious risk, and serious economic consequences. Thus, a codified law with a separate regulator and enforcement authority in lines of sectoral regulators such as Competition Commission of India would address the issue and protect the industries and economy at large.

In view of the above, amid subject-related ongoing international developments and in pursuance of a need for India to have futuristic legislation, **The Law Commission of India** and **ASSOCHAM** are organising First International Conference on ***"Protection of Trade Secrets and Economic Espionage: Trends and Impediments under Law, Regulation, and Enforcement"*** on March 6, 2024, in New Delhi.

The conference aims to invite national and international stakeholders to participate, delve into the high-level deliberations, and contribute to India's progress in developing a model of legislation that balances and protects the trade secrets-related rights of all, including trade and industry.

Focus Areas

▶▶	Trade Secrets- concepts, importance and need of its legislation
▶▶	Whether existing common laws are sufficient for protection of trade secrets?
▶▶	Latest trends in trade secrets litigation and strategy in global sphere

Conference Schedule

Date: Wednesday, 6 March 2024	Registration Time: 09:00 AM - 10:00 AM
Conference Time: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Venue: New Delhi, India

Eminent Guests and Speakers

Guest of Honor

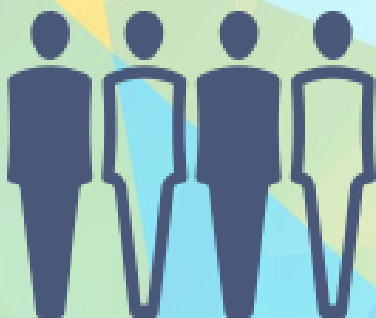
- ❖ **Mr. Justice Ritu Raj Awasthi**
Hon'ble Chairperson, Law Commission of India; & Former Chief Justice of the High Court of Karnataka

Eminent Speakers

- ❖ **Mr. Shardul Shroff**, Chairman, ASSOCHAM National Council on Legal Affairs and Regulatory Reforms, & Executive Chairman, Shardul Amarchand and Mangaldas
- ❖ **Mr. Basudev Mukherjee**, Assistant Secretary General, ASSOCHAM
- ❖ **Mr. Dev Robinson**, Partner, Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co, Advocates & Solicitors
- ❖ **Adv. Venket Rao**, Founder and Managing Partner, Intygrat Law Offices
- ❖ **Dr. Raman Mittal**, Professor, Campus Law Centre, Faculty of Law, University of Delhi
- ❖ **Mr. Aman Avinav**, Partner, Phoenix Legal
- ❖ **Mr. Rajiv Malik**, General Counsel, LG Electronics

- ❖ And many more

Profile of Speakers & Participants (to be invited):



- Judiciary and Law enforcement
- Sectoral regulators
- Representatives from States and Central Government
- Corporates, Trade Bodies, and Industries
- International Organizations
- R&D Organisations
- Foreign Embassies in India
- Espionage detectors and intelligence
- WIPO, Intellectual Property India
- Practicing IP and Trade lawyers
- Independent Practitioners
- Law Universities and Academia
- Corporate Counsels
- Trade or economic policy Makers
- Economists and IP Valuers
- Law Firms, Patent Attorney and Managers
- IP, Value Chain Partners and Vendors
- Head of Patent Litigation
- Cyber Espionage and Data Security Service Providers
- Lead Technology Suppliers
- Directors, KMPs and Chief Compliance Officers
- Licensing and Franchise Teams and Licensee of Patents
- PARTICIPATING CROSS-INDUSTRY EXECUTIVES from Life sciences, Pharmaceuticals, Defence Research, Finance, and Science & Technology, FMCG, IT, Engineering Goods

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Registration Fee (Per Participant)	
Participants from Law Firm	₹ 2,000 (Inclusive of GST)
Corporates/ General Councils/ Research Scholars/ Students	₹ 1,000 (Inclusive of GST)
Inclusion	- Lunch & Refreshments - Certificate of Participation
Discount @ 10 % for ASSOCHAM members or for the participation of two or more delegates from same organization	

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