YOU DON'T NEED TO DEFINE SUCCESS. THIS POWERLIST DOES THAT FOR YOU!
Over 70 years have passed since the foundation of an independent legal system in India was laid in 1949. A lot has changed and many laws have been amended since then. With changing times, the judicial system and laws in India have evolved over the decades but the process is an ongoing one and will continue for years to come; several laws still need to be fine-tuned for the benefit of the society that we live in. A central legal system, which serves as a one-stop solution for everything legal in India, is still a distant dream. A central legal system would refer to an authorized legal database created in order to digitally store and maintain the data of all the courts, tribunals, committees, articles, and acts. Once again technology seems to be an indispensable component required to be at the helm of harnessing the vast swathes of legal data available in the country. Technology is the only tool to dig through this gold mine of information and make legal research faster to benefit the fraternity.

By maintaining faith in the Indian legal system and building a strong civil society in abidance with the Indian Constitution, members of our legal fraternity play a crucial role in upholding the law of the land. To identify the contributions and felicitate such individual stakeholders of the legal system, Forbes India and Legitquest have come together for the 'Forbes India Legal Powerlist 2020'.

The Forbes India Legal Powerlist 2020 (1st Edition) has been aimed at identifying and felicitating young lawyers who exemplify distinction, quality service delivery, and those who demonstrate superior leadership, reputation and profile as Indian lawyers. In the Legal Powerlist 2020, nominees – practicing lawyers including those from various private and public institutions belonging to different sectors in India -- were short-listed through a stringent jury process. The finalists were then felicitated at a grand virtual event in the presence of an august gathering comprising of some of the most prominent and powerful names in the legal profession.

About Legitquest
Legitquest is a deep tech B2B data-as-a-service platform for everything that a legal professional needs. The company’s vision is to empower businesses and legal professionals to make data-driven decisions, and to use technology to build a Research and Analytics platform fuelled by the world’s largest litigation database.

Founded in 2017 by advocate Karan Kalia, IITian Rohit Shukla and Phd in finance Himanshu Puri, Legitquest has already built a state-of-the-art legal research tool and is now leveraging AI and machine learning to build analytics products never seen or built before in the legal field in India. The analytics products include crafting the winning arguments, predicting outcomes of cases, best performing lawyers and trademark threat infringement assessment.
A flourishing business and a robust workforce are indicators of a good Managing Partner, who is the powerhouse of a law firm. This event category, in particular, recognises and appreciates the phenomenal leadership shown by Managing Partners that has led to impressive law firm performance. All Managing Partners or equivalents in a practice firm, possessing a valid license from any State Bar in India, were invited to enter the nomination process. The details of their achievements/outstanding work, contribution to the growth, business performance or enhanced profile of the firm coupled with shaping the firm’s vision, work culture and business strategy through their leadership were assessed to finalise the winners.

Below 10 years of Experience

Top Managing Partners –

Rajeev N. Karanjawala
Karanjawala & Co.

Anand Desai
DSK Legal

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Dua Associates, Advocates & Solicitors

Rajiv Luthra
L&L Partners

Suhail Nathani
Economic Laws Practice

Rohit Kothari
Kothari & Co.

Pallavi Shroff
Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co.

Akshay Chudasama
Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co. (SAM & Co.)

Hemant Singh
Int'l Advocate

Rajesh Narain Gupta
SVA & Partners

Ravi Singhania
Singhania & Partners LLP

Abhijit Joshi
Veritas Legal

Gopika Pant
Indian Law Partners (ILP)

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P&A Law Offices

Vineet Aneja
Clasis Law

Dr. Manoj Kumar
Hammurabi & Solomon Partners

Dr. Joshua Davar khemani
L.S. Davar & Co.

Zulfiqar Memon
M2M Legal

Srishti Ojha
Verist Law

Puneet Bansal
NITYA Tax Associates

Souvick Ghosh
S. Jalan & Co.

Vikrant Rana
S S RANA & CO.

Gopinath Paharia
ZegotP Advocates LLP

Krishnendu Dutta
August Partners

Mahua Roy Chowdhury
Royce & Co.

Archana Rajaram
Rajaram Legal

Prateek Bajaria
Singularly Legal LLP

Aditya Chopra
Ventric Legal, Advocates & Solicitors

Sundeep Kapoor
Algo Legal

Vineet Bajana
Ventures Partners
An adequate consolidation of an organized professional apparatus, a sagacious leadership, a proficient workforce, and a decorous work ethic form an efficient law firm that does not limit itself to providing relief to its clients. This event category invited nominations from Indian Law Firms in the country and abroad to recognise their outstanding performance. All the Law Firms registered under Indian laws and recognised by the Bar Council of India, which have demonstrated professional excellence in legal practice during the period 1st April, 2019 to 30th September, 2020, were eligible to enter the nominations list. The Firms were required to divulge their business strategy and vision, along with the plan which would help them achieve their long-term goals. In addition, the Firms were asked to reveal how they have contributed to the growth and evolution of the legal profession in India.

Above 10 years of experience

Karnagalingam & Company
Litigation

L&L Partners
Corporate & Commercial

DSK Legal
Infrastructure & Projects | Insolvency & Bankruptcy | Litigation | Media & Broadcasting | Real Estate & Construction

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Corporate & Commercial | Labour & Employment | Litigation | White Collar Crime | Private Equity & Venture Capital

Dua Associates
Litigation | Anti-Dumping | Real Estate & Construction | Mergers & Acquisitions | Private Equity & Venture Capital

INDUSLAW
Technology Law | Mergers & Acquisitions | Private Equity & Venture Capital | Litigation | Capital Markets & Securities Laws

ELP
Anti-Trust & Competition Law | Anti-Dumping | Litigation | Taxation (Direct & Indirect) | Infrastructure & Projects

T&T&A
Advocates and Solicitors
Anti-Trust & Competition Law | Banking & Finance | Mergers & Acquisitions | Capital Markets & Securities Laws

Kochhar & Co.
Arbitration | White Collar Crime | Real Estate & Construction | Labour & Employment | Technology Law

S&P
Corporate & Commercial | Labour & Employment

SNG & Partners
Banking & Finance | Privatization & Divestments

M2M Legal LLP
White Collar Crime

Fox Mandal
Corporate & Commercial

I.S. Rana & Co.
Intellectual Property Rights

C&C
Capital & Capital Partners

P&A Law Offices
Anti-Trust & Competition Law | Corporate & Commercial | Litigation | Arbitration

Hamurabi & Solomon Partners
Aviation | Energy (Renewable & Conventional), Insolvency & Bankruptcy | Real Estate & Construction | Arbitration

Juris Corp
Banking & Finance | Corporate & Commercial | Litigation | Mergers & Acquisitions | Real Estate & Construction

Zeus IP
Intellectual Property Rights

P&A Law Offices
Intellectual Property Rights
Below 10 years of experience

Aarna Law
Corporate & Commercial

PSL
Insolvency & Bankruptcy | Arbitration

Stratage
Corporate & Commercial

Singularity
Arbitration | White Collar Crime

Energy
(Renewable & Conventional) | Oil and Gas

Ashlar Law
Corporate & Commercial

ASP
Arbitration

Alpha Legal
Private Equity & Venture Capital

Intellectual Property Rights

A & O Partners
Intellectual Property Rights

Vertices
Private Equity & Venture Capital | Corporate & Commercial

Burgeon Law
Franchising / Licensing Agreements / Distributorship Agreements / Private Equity & Venture Capital

Veritas Legal
Life Sciences & Pharmaceuticals | Mergers & Acquisitions | Private Equity & Venture Capital

ZBA
Admiralty & Maritime Law | Banking & Finance | Capital Markets & Securities Law

Spice Route Legal
Corporate & Commercial | Fintech | Mergers & Acquisitions | Private Equity & Venture Capital | Technology Law

RL
Fintech | Private Equity & Venture Capital | Start-ups practice | Technology Law

Nitya Tax Associates
Taxation (Direct & Indirect)
This category felicitated independent practitioners, advocates, members of the Bar who not only excel in their role as lawyers but also contribute to the evolution of law. All lawyers in India with a valid practise license from a State Bar were eligible to contest for the recognition (categorised under 41 practice areas). The lawyers were requested to provide the details of their professional achievements/outstanding work in their areas of practice/specialization from 1st April, 2019 to 30th September, 2020 to assess their performance. In addition, they were asked to specify their ideas on what sets them apart as leaders in their respective fields, details of positive client outcomes, and what it means to be a successful lawyer in order to make the assessment process comprehensive. The lawyers were also assessed on parameters like how they have contributed to the growth and progress of the wider legal community.

Pallavi Shroff Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co. Litigation | Anti-Trust & Competition Law | White Collar | Arbitration

Anand S. Pathak P&A Law Offices Arbitration | Anti-Trust & Competition Law | Corporate & Commercial

Sanjay Gupta SNG & Partners Litigation


Rohit Kochhar Kochhar & Co. White Collar Crime

Ritu Bhalla Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co. Litigation | Arbitration

Akshay Chudasama Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co. Private Equity & Venture Capital | Corporate & Commercial | Real Estate & Construction | Mergers & Acquisitions

Suhail Nathani Economic Laws Practice Anti-Trust & Competition Law | Corporate & Commercial

Tojas Karia Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co. Litigation | Technology Law | Arbitration

Vijayendra Pratap Singh AZB & Partners Litigation | Arbitration

Pratibha Jain Nishith Desai Associates Private Equity & Venture Capital

Radhika M. Dudhat Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co. Corporate & Commercial | Corporate Governance
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Anand and Anand
Intellectual Property Rights

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Economic Laws Practice
Anti-Dumping

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Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co.
Capital Markets & Securities Laws

Rahul Gulati
Talwar Thakore & Associates
Capital Markets & Securities Laws

Naval Satarawala Chopra
Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co.
Anti-Trust & Competition Law

Nishant Menon
Kochhar & Co.
Litigation | Arbitration

Kaadambari
Counsel Practice
Litigation

Jatin Aneja
Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co.
Project Finance | Energy
(Renewable & Conventional) | Infrastructure & Projects

Anju Gandhi
SNG & Partners
Banking & Finance

Pooja Patel
Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas
Private Equity & Venture Capital | Corporate & Commercial | Mergers & Acquisitions

Sonali Malhotra
SM & Associates Law Chamber
Litigation

Raghubir Menon
Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co.
Private Equity & Venture Capital | Corporate Governance | Foreign Investment | Mergers & Acquisitions | Joint Ventures |

Madhavan Srivatsan
Law Office Of Madhavan Srivatsan
Start-ups practice | Corporate & Commercial | Mergers & Acquisitions | Energy (Renewable & Conventional)

Babu Sivaprakasam
Economic Laws Practice
Banking & Finance

Feroz Dubash
Talwar Thakore & Associates
Mergers & Acquisitions

Mustafa Motiwala
Clasis Law
Litigation | Arbitration | Insolvency & Bankruptcy

Manoj Menon
Dua Associates
Private Equity & Venture Capital

Alok Tewari
Kochhar & Co.
Real Estate & Construction

Nishant H. Shah
Economic Laws Practice
Taxation (Direct & Indirect)

Sadhav Mishra
SNG & Partners
Real Estate & Construction
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Naman Joshi
Chambers of Joshi & Singh
Litigation

Siddharth Marwah
Khaitan & Co.
Sports & Entertainment

Mohit Rohatgi
Trilegal
Anti-Bribery & Anti-Corruption

Anshuman Mozumdar
L&L Partners Law Offices
Private Equity & Venture Capital | Joint Ventures | Mergers & Acquisition

Prasad Subramanyan
Rajaram Legal
Technology Law | Fintech | Start-ups practice

George Thomas
Numen Law Offices
Litigation

Gaurav Nair
Saga Legal
Litigation | Banking & Finance

Yuvraj Prabhakar Narvankar
Independent Practitioner
Litigation | Arbitration | Technology Law

Saket Satapathy
Tuli & Co.
Litigation

Tariq Khan
Advani & Co.
Arbitration

Priyanka Khimani
Anand & Anand & Khimani
Media & Broadcasting

Yosham Vardhan
Link Legal India Law Services
Mergers & Acquisition

Kritika Krishnamurthy
Al and Partners
Banking & Finance

Prateek Bagaria
Singularity Legal LLP
Arbitration | White Collar Crime

Ankit Sinha
Juris Corp
Banking & Finance

Ankit Sahni
Ajay Sahni & Associates
Intellectual Property Rights

Anshul Sunil Saurastri
Krishna & Saurastri Associates LLP
Intellectual Property Rights

Karuna Thareja
Law Offices of Karuna Krishan Thareja Advocate
Litigation

LEGAL POWERLIST 2020
In-House Lawyers of the Year

The ones who not only provide legal advice to their organisations but also influence crucial business decisions with their expertise are the In-House Lawyers. All such lawyers from corporate and public sectors were recognised under this category. Nominations were invited from both dedicated In-House Lawyers as well as legal services professionals who do not hold the position of general counsel or head of legal and are not involved in any private practice matters. The nominees were required to be Indians citizens holding valid lawyer license from any State Bar in India. The nominations filed were adjudged on the basis of professional achievements/outstanding work from 1st April, 2019 to 30th September, 2020. The candidates were also marked on the way they alleviated risk and contributed to the financial or policy goals of their organisation along with the value addition their leadership provided to the professional strategy of their employer.

Aravind Varma
WeWork

Veteran Wing Commander Sivarama Krishna Prakash
Cisco System India Private Limited

Aakansha Munjhal
Walmart India Pvt. Ltd.

Shine Joy
Frontizo Business Services Private Limited

Krisshna
TikTok

Pallavi Taneja
Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd
More than just a lawyer, a General Counsel or Legal Head has significant responsibilities of acting as the legal representative and providing legal and commercial advice on a host of issues, adding a lot of value to an organisation. Recognising the best in-house performance and leadership of General Counsels, Legal Heads, and Chief Legal Officers, this category was open to Indian lawyers holding valid licenses. The assessment was based on criteria such as professional achievements/outstanding work from 1st April 2019 to 30th September, 2020, competence in alleviating risk, contributing to the financial or policy goals of their organisation, and justifying how their leadership transformed the work culture and perspective of the in-house team.
Nurturing the country’s subsequent generations of lawyers and thus shaping the future of the legal profession, Law Schools are pivotal institutions. This category recognised the Law Schools that are training students most efficaciously to be zealous lawyers and outstanding professionals. The eligible Law Schools were Law Universities and Deemed University colleges registered under Indian Laws and recognised by the Bar Council of India. The nominations were assessed on grounds such as teaching methodology practised by the institute to instil knowledge, and skills and analytical thinking imparted to students to prepare them for the challenges of the future. The Law Schools were required to elaborate on their investment in technology, especially for the benefit of undergraduate students, to avail resources of the 21st century and provide details of their financial resources and their utilisation during the period 1st April, 2019 to 30th September, 2020.

Top Law Schools

The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda

Amity Law School

Damodaram Sanjivayya National Law University, Visakhapatnam

UPES School of Law, Dehradun

Marwadi University

GLS Law College, Ahmedabad

Asian Law College (ALC), Noida
On the Esteemed Panel

The jury comprised of the most sought-after names in the legal industry who came together to vote for the most deserving participants of the Forbes India Legal Powerlist 2020.