



GITANJALI SARAF

Designation: Senior Partner

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Expertise: Corporate Law; Technology Law; Sports Law; Environment Law; Not for Profit Regime.

Education: LLB, University of Delhi

Bar Admission: Bar Council of Delhi

Awards and Recognitions:

- Recognised amongst '**Top Female Lawyers in India 2023**' by Asian Legal Business.
- Inducted in the **Hall of Fame: Legacy Builders of Law** by **BW Legal World's 100 Most Influential Women 2023**.
- Recognised as an **honorary member** by **International Who's Who Historical Society**.

Overview:

Gitanjali Saraf is a highly accomplished Senior Partner at Saraf and Partners, boasting an impressive professional journey spanning over 30 years. Her expertise lies in corporate laws, technology, privatization, and disinvestment.

With a unique blend of experiences, Gitanjali has excelled on both sides of the table. She has worked as an external consultant in leading law firms, where she spearheaded the privatization, disinvestment, and IT sector verticals. Additionally, Gitanjali has served as the General Counsel, heading the Legal and Secretarial Department of the Indian subsidiaries of Perot Systems Corporation, USA—a Fortune 1000 Corporation. In her role as Head of Legal, Gitanjali's responsibilities extended beyond the Indian company to encompass 20 subsidiaries across North America, Europe, Middle East, and the Asia Pacific region, including prominent locations such as Japan, Hong Kong, China, and the Philippines. Her global expertise and leadership earned her recognition as the lead counsel for the Asia-Pacific region and a seat on the Board of Indian Subsidiaries of Perot Systems. She successfully handled contract negotiations worldwide and even represented the company in arbitration proceedings in Australia.

Gitanjali's remarkable achievements and significant contributions to the business community have garnered acclaim. She has been honored by the *International Who's Who Society* for her exemplary accomplishments and distinguished service. Furthermore, Gitanjali was featured in BW Legal World's prestigious "**100 Most Influential Women 2023**" list, specifically recognized as a "**Legacy Builder of Law**". This esteemed list acknowledges 100 women leaders who are driving change and progress in the Indian legal ecosystem.

Gitanjali Saraf's extensive experience, strategic prowess, and notable recognition underscore her invaluable contributions to the legal profession and her role in shaping the business landscape.

Volunteer, CSR or related work:

- Gitanjali is a Mentor on **Digital Mentorship Platform for Women** which is a global mentorship platform to promote women's leadership at all levels through knowledge exchange on an e-platform. The portal is hosted on the women's empowerment platform of NITI Aayog and serves as a global mentoring and capacity-building portal for women mentees and mentors from G-20 nations. This collaborative effort involves the Women Entrepreneurship Platform (WEP), G20 EMPOWER India, and FICCI (G20 EMPOWER India Secretariat). The WEP, already empowering over 30,000 entrepreneurs, is incubated by Niti Aayog, the premier policy think tank of the Government of India, and envisions empowering women from diverse industries, backgrounds, and cultures worldwide.
- She is actively associated with **Very Special Arts India**, an NGO working arduously for the development of Children in need of care and protection.
- Gitanjali closely collaborates with **PRAYAS**, a dedicated NGO committed to transforming the lives of marginalized, vulnerable, destitute, trafficked, and abused children through various essential services, including education, nutrition, shelter, life skill programs, and vocational training. One of PRAYAS' significant initiatives focuses on empowering the girl children of commercial sex workers residing in Grant Bastion Road (Swami Shraddha Nand Marg), a well-known red-light area in Delhi. The objective is to provide them with alternative career opportunities and education to prevent them from being forced into the sex trade.