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Educational/Professional Memberships

Master's Degree in Law from the University of Mysore (Gold Medalist); Attended courses at IIM-Ahmedabad, Northwestern University (Kellogg) and Harvard Law School; IIAM Certified Mediator; Life Member of the International Centre for Alternative Dispute Resolution (ICADR), New Delhi; Vice-President (South) India International ADR Association, Kochi, India; Member of the South India Users Council of the LCIA; Life Member of the Institute of Directors; Member of the International Bar Association; Editorial Board of *India Business Law Journal*, *Hong Kong* and *Asia I.P. Magazine* on Intellectual Property Law.

Current Position

Since May 2010, Pras has relocated to Bangalore as an Independent Consultant primarily for corporates, advising them on a variety of corporate transactions, mergers and acquisitions. He is also a member of the Karnataka Bar Association and appears in court primarily in diverse corporate matters. He is associated with Aarna Law as a Senior Advisor to that firm. Pras has been and continues to be a Director on the Boards of many of the Aditya Birla Group Companies both in India and abroad. He also serves as a Director on the Boards of Indian Companies. He is on the Advisory Board of: (i) OPC Asset Solutions Ltd, an Operating Lease Company and (ii) Economic Law Practices, a large law firm headquartered in Mumbai. He is a Senior Consultant, in India, to the renowned Private Equity Firm, TPG Growth. He is currently active in the working of various committees of the Bangalore Chamber of Commerce & Industries and also the local chapter of the Confederation of the Indian Industries.

Professional Experience

After being an independent Counsel for seven years, Pras worked as Head of the Legal function for over 28 years with different organizations like Alfa Laval and Brooke Bond India Limited (now part of Hindustan Unilever). He was the Chief Legal Officer of Larsen & Toubro Limited, Mumbai for seven years. For 12 years, Pras was the General Counsel of the Aditya Birla Group, spearheading mergers and acquisitions. During his stint in Mumbai, he was the Chairman of the Legal Affairs Committee of the Bombay Chamber of Commerce & Industry and also played the role of Advisor to the Managing Committee of the Bombay Chamber. Over the course of his career, Pras has been conferred some of the following honours: "**Outstanding Leader Award**" by Mr. Kumara Mangalam Birla, the Chairman of the Aditya Birla Group, in 2002; "**Best In House Counsel**" award by Asia Law, Hong Kong in 2005 and 2007; "**National Law Day**" award by Hon'ble Prime Minister of India in November 2006; Recognized in the "**Hall of Fame as India's Top 50 lawyers**" in 2010; "**Outstanding Achievement**" award by IFLR - Law Asia in 2011; "**Life Time Achievement Award**" by Legal Era in 2014.

Arbitration Experience

During his corporate career Pras used arbitration as an effective tool for resolution of disputes and after having been involved in a number of arbitrations, he developed a penchant to become an arbitrator which he did in 2011. He is a panel member of the Singapore International Arbitration Centre, the Kuala Lumpur Regional Centre for Arbitration, the Nani Palkhivala Arbitration Centre in Chennai, India, and the Indian Institute of Arbitration & Mediation (IIAM), Kochi.

Publications

Pras is a regular speaker on diverse topics before various forums, both national and international. He conducts general and bespoke training programmes on a variety of legal topics both for legal and non-legal executives.

Languages

Read, write & speak- English, Hindi, Kannada; Speak- Tamil ; Familiar with: Marathi, Gujrathi & Malayalam