

The Kapila Hingorani Internships

Warwick School of Law

The School of Law is excited to announce a brand new opportunity for current LLM students in 2015 to undertake a funded internship in India relating to the area of Public Interest Litigation, through a joint initiative between Warwick Law School and the Kapila and Nirmal Hingorani Foundation.

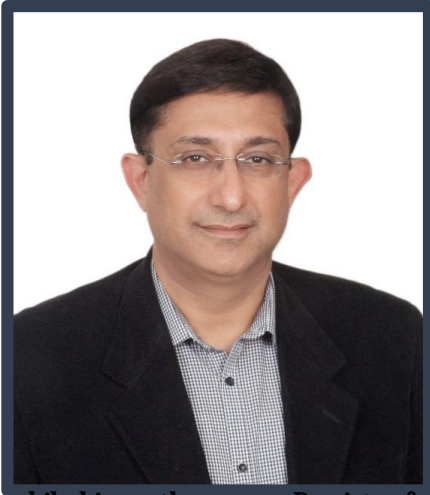
Dr Aman Hingorani (Warwick Alumnus and co-organiser of these internships) has been practicing law for over 22 years in the Supreme Court of India and acts as a mediator in the Supreme Court and the Delhi High Court. He studied his LLM in Law in Development in 1992-1993 and has since gone on to pursue a prominent career in the field of law and human rights. Aman has taught, amongst various institutions in India, at the Faculty of Law, University of Delhi, Indian Law Institute, New Delhi and the Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University as well as on a number of training programmes and other advisory roles.

The Foundation has been established to honour Aman's parents Kapila Hingorani and Nirmal Hingoran, by the Hingorani family. Both the late Kapila Hingorani and Nirmal Hingoran were distinguished and pioneering lawyers who played a key role in the foundation and development of Public Interest Litigation (PIL) in India. The Foundation seeks to promote PIL in India but also to encourage its development in other jurisdictions. Aman visited Warwick Law School in January 2015 to run a clinical programme on PIL with particular reference to India and to launch the new internship opportunities in collaboration with the School.

Internship Details:

- § **Availability:** Two funded internships (covering travel and associated costs).
- § **Eligibility:** Open to all registered LLM students.
- § **Location:** India.
- § **Timeframe:** 2-3 weeks in April-May.
- § **Selection:** By way of a 1,000 word essay competition.
- § **Criteria:** Dissertation topic must be linked to Public Interest Litigation.
- § **Programme:** The Kapila and Nirmal Hingorani Foundation will put together the programme, structured around the student's interest/research. The programme would usually involve opportunities to see PIL advocacy in action, and the student will typically be asked to engage with various stakeholders involved in that particular area and also with NGOs active in the field. The student will visit various institutions such as the Supreme Court of India, the Delhi High Court and specialised tribunals relevant to the interest/research of the student.
- § **Logistics:** These will be co-ordinated by the Law School, Kapila and Nirmal Hingorani Foundation and the successful applicants.

This is an exciting opportunity for our students and one which we hope to offer in future years if possible.



AMAN HINGORANI
LLM in LAW IN DEVELOPMENT
1992-1993
Nationality: *Indian*

Dr Aman M. Hingorani completed his Masters in Law in 'Law in Development' with distinction in 1992-93 from the School of Law, Warwick University. He was awarded the ODASSS scholarship to pursue this course. Dr Hingorani comes from a family of lawyers. His father is a Senior Advocate practising in the Indian Supreme Court,

while his mother was a Barrister from Lincoln's Inn. Both his sisters are practising lawyers of high standing. His grandfather was a judge in undivided India and then Chairman of Sind Public Services Commission.

Before coming to Warwick, Dr Hingorani held degrees of Bachelor in Science and in Law and also a diploma in French. Since his return to India, Dr Hingorani has practised law in the Indian Supreme Court, High Courts at Delhi and Chandigarh, and in other Courts and Tribunals in Delhi, Mumbai, Gurgaon and Jalandhar. He has argued cases on a range of legal fields such as constitutional law, human rights and public interest law, arbitration, international trade law, corporate and commercial law, taxation and excise, property law, consumer law, intellectual property law, drug law, land acquisition, rent law, criminal law, matrimonial law, Hindu law and probate, service and labour law. Several of the cases argued by him have been reported.

Dr Hingorani secured the First Position in the Advocate-on-Record Examination (December 2001) conducted by the Indian Supreme Court and was awarded on November 26, 2002 (celebrated as the *Law Day* to commemorate the adoption of the *Constitution of India* on November 26, 1949) the Gold Medal by the Supreme Court, through the Chief Justice of India, for having done so. Dr Hingorani has been empaneled by the Supreme Court Legal Services Committee to act as a legal aid Counsel, and has been appointed as Amicus Curie in cases to assist the Supreme Court. He has been appointed as an arbitrator by the Delhi High Court. Dr Hingorani devotes a substantial part of his professional time for *pro bono* work on behalf of the disadvantaged sections of society lacking access to Courts, such as bonded labour and mentally ill persons, and for taking up causes in Court for disempowered victims of injustice, for instance, acting as Counsel for the family of Nirbhaya to seek prosecution of the juvenile found guilty in the infamous December 16 gang rape case. He has served on governmental and non-governmental committees in such endeavour.

Dr Hingorani also acts as a mediator in the Supreme Court Mediation Centre and the Delhi High Court Mediation and Conciliation Centre. He was commissioned to make the preparatory course material on *Alternative Dispute Resolution* for the All India Bar Examination conducted annually by the Bar Council of India to grant licences for advocates to practice law in India. He was also appointed as National Consultant by the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) for preparing its Manual on *Alternative Dispute Resolution*.

At the academic level, Dr Hingorani completed his Doctorate in Law from the Faculty of Law, Delhi University, on *Terrorism, Human Rights And the Law: A Critical Study of the Kashmir Problem*. He is currently authoring a book on his doctoral thesis. Dr Hingorani has more than 25 publications, both national and international, on diverse legal topics. These include *Kashmir Issue : Differing Perceptions*, International Relations and Security Network, Zurich, 2007; <http://www.isn.ethz.ch/pubs/ph/details.cfm?lng=en&id=27333>; *U.S. Sanctions on Indo-Russian Rocket Engine Deal : A Subversion of the Missile Technology Control Regime*, 28 Journal of World Trade, Geneva, 1994, No. 1, p 59; *Commodification of Genes :The Final Conquest*, 17 World Competition, Geneva, 1994, No. 4, p 55; *The Bhopal Case : A*

subversion of the doctrine of parens patriae, Journal of Bar Association of India, The Indian Advocate, 1991, Volume XXIII, Part II, p 204; *State Liability in Tort - Need for a Fresh Look*, 1994 (2) Supreme Court Cases (Journal) p 7; and *Indian Public Interest Litigation: Locating Justice in State Law*, Delhi Law Review, 1995, Vol XVII, p 159.

Dr Hingorani has taught as international faculty in successive International Advanced Advocacy Skills Training courses at Keble College, Oxford, and on *Alternate Dispute Resolution* at the South Asian Institute of Advanced Legal and Human Rights Studies, Dhaka. He has run the Training of Trainers course on advocacy skills for young law teachers at School of Law, IIM University, Gurgaon. He has also taught as faculty at various High Courts in India in Weekend Advocacy Training programmes for practicing lawyers under the aegis of the Indian Institute of Legal and Professional Development, New Delhi. He has served on National Selection Committee for the Fulbright-Case Fellowships, United States Educational Foundation in India, New Delhi.

Dr Hingorani runs the *Clinical Legal Education & Practical Training* course at the Campus Law Centre, Faculty of Law, Delhi University, and at the School of Law, IIM University, Gurgaon. He has taught as adjunct faculty, the courses on *Constitutional Law, International Trade Law, Arbitration, Banking, Insurance, Negotiable Instruments, Pleadings and Civil Procedure* at Campus Law Centre, Faculty of Law, Delhi University and on *Constitutional Law, Human Rights, Alternative Dispute Resolution* at the Indian Law Institute, New Delhi. He has taught at other universities including the School of Law, Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University, New Delhi and at St. Stephens College, Delhi University. He has prepared curriculum for law courses and legal activities for several institutions including the Indo-British Project on Advocacy Skills Training, British Council, New Delhi; the Indian Law Institute and the Delhi University.

Papers presented include *Transformation of the Indian State, Law and Society through Public Interest Litigation* delivered at the 13th International Congress of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences, Mexico City, July 1993; *Evaluating the U.S. Anti-Terrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act 1996 in light of Human Rights and the American Constitution* presented at the American Regional Conference, Dhaka, March 1999; *Involving Law Schools and Young Lawyers in the Access for Justice* delivered at the Regional Conference South Asia on Human Rights, Gender Violence, Trafficking and the Law, UNIFEM, Kathmandu, November 3 – 5, 2008; *Difficulties of Law Schools in implementing Clinical Legal Education* presented at the National Seminar on New Challenges in Legal Education, Symbiosis Society's Law College, Pune, January 24 – 25, 2005 and *Public Interest Litigation* presented at the Seminar on Comparative Law in India and the U.K., British Council, New Delhi, November 7, 2005.

Dr Hingorani is a keen sportsperson, and has taken part in equestrian championship at the national level. He resides in New Delhi with his wife, Dr Manni Hingorani, an ENT Surgeon and Consultant, and their son, Aryaman.

Dr Hingorani was at the Law School, Warwick University in January 2015 and again in October 2015, to run the Kapila Hingorani Memorial Workshop on Indian Public Interest Litigation as part of the Master's course. Kapila Hingorani, along with her husband, Nirmal Hingorani, conceived and initiated Public Interest Litigation in India in 1979, which has revolutionised the Indian legal system and enabled protection of human rights of the poor, disabled and marginalised section of society. The School of Law, Warwick University has established two Kapila and Nirmal Hingorani Memorial Internships for its Masters' students to visit India as part of their dissertation research. The Kapila and Nirmal Hingorani Foundation, managed by Dr Hingorani and other family members, will facilitate the internship in India.