

About the Editors

Indira Jaising

Indira Jaising is a noted human rights lawyer and a senior advocate at the Supreme Court of India. Along with her husband and fellow Supreme Court senior advocate Anand Grover, Jaising founded the Lawyers' Collective, a legal NGO that has been working since its inception in 1980 for the rights of the marginalised, particularly women, LGBTQ peoples, sex workers, and many more economically and socially disadvantaged groups.

Jaising has fought and won a number of landmark legal battles, particularly those dealing with Christian women's right to inherit property, right of the mother as the natural guardian in child custody cases, or having the Supreme Court strike down instant Triple Talaq as unconstitutional. Starting from the rights of pavement dwellers in the 1980s Bombay, to enshrining collective rights over environment in the famous Goa Foundation case, to fighting for justice and compensation for the victims and survivors of the Bhopal Gas disaster in December 1984, Jaising has traced a long and eventful journey and made her mark as an outspoken and intrepid legal interventionist, who is not afraid to call the spade a spade.

Jaising's role was pioneering in forming landmark laws against domestic violence, against sexual harassment at workplace, among other legal interventions.

Sarasu Esther Thomas

Prof. (Dr.) Sarasu Esther Thomas is Professor of Law at the National Law School of India University, Bengaluru. Her areas of specialization include Human Rights Law and Family Law. Dr. Sarasu coordinates a number of research projects on Human Rights, Reproductive Rights and Sex Selection,

Trafficking and Rights based Lawyering. She coordinates the Centre for Women and the Law and the Human Rights Lawyering Project. The Centre for Women and the Law works with Legal Literacy for non law students in order to develop paralegal skills. Since its inception, it has worked on sensitization and continuing legal education of judges through training programmes in collaboration with judicial academies. Work with police has also been done to a lesser extent. The Centre has also directed women to legal aid and other avenues for redressal and generated knowledge products for use in justice education. The Human Rights Lawyering Project funded by the Ford Foundation has worked primarily with law students to offer summer courses/ one credit courses on the practical application of law and access to justice issues, leadership programmes for both students and young human rights lawyers to strengthen student initiatives and be change agents and holding conferences which could be platforms for students, young and mid career lawyers to interact and learn from peer experiences.

Akshat Agarwal

Akshat Agarwal is a legal and policy researcher whose areas of interest include public law, public health, family law and gender and sexuality. He is currently working with an independent think tank in New Delhi. He graduated from the National Law School of India University in 2017.

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Manisha Arya is currently working as a Judicial Law Clerk-cum- researcher at the Supreme Court of India. She completed her B.A.,LL.B(Hons.) in 2019 from National Law School of India University and in past has worked as Law and Marginalization Young Fellow at the Centre for Health Law, Ethics and Technology, Jindal Global Law School, where she researched on diversity in Indian Judiciary specifically focusing upon 'Caste' as a factor in appointment of Judges. During her student life she held the position of the Joint-Convenor of the Savitri Phule Ambedkar Caravan (SPAC), a student body at NLSIU working towards creating an equal and safe space at campus for the Dalits and Adivasis (SC/ST) students. She was also a Member of the Law and Society Committee and student speaker at the conference of 'Indian- Arpatheid' where she spoke

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Prannv Dhawan

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Vani Sharma graduated from the National Law School of India University in 2019, where she was an active member of the Law and Society Committee and the NLS Queer Alliance. She has also previously been an editor with the Socio-Legal Review for two years, and has been a teaching assistant in Family Law. She presently works as a lawyer in Delhi.