



**PARTNER**

## Lakshmid devi Somanath

**Partner – Litigation & Strategy**

An alumnus of the National Law School of India University, Bangalore, she served as a Member Judge in the Intellectual Property Appellate Board, Govt of India, and was part of landmark decisions including declaring GOODDAY a well-known trademark and ruled to protect prominent trademarks including RPG, HP, REDBULL and others.

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### Core Competency

With over 24 years of extensive experience in practising IP law, she represents clients as an arguing counsel in high stake cases before the High Courts, other courts and tribunals in cases involving significant jurisprudential questions in IP and constitutional law. She is known for handling complex IP litigation with astuteness and fluidity. Her professional journey till date included litigating various IP legal issues, crafting strategic IP legal advisory, conducting IP audits, coordinating IP valuations, overseeing the filing and prosecution of numerous applications before the Indian IP Offices, as well as international, PCT and MADRID filings. She also advised on corporate IP strategy, IP monetization, IP contracts and agreements, well-known marks and other non-contentious legal issues surrounding IP commercialization.

Served as Co-Chair and Facilitator for CII-IP Leader's Forum, and member FICCI-IP Council.

Regularly speaks on developments and trends in IP litigation, IP strategies, and new age IP at various



institutions, conferences, industry conclaves and other fora. Also a PhD Scholar-RGSOIPL, IIT Kharagpur, balancing her professional commitments with academic pursuits.

## Thought Leadership

### Interviews & Videos

- LexDiscuss – 10 Jul '24 – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HJ2NozB9xAl>
- SCC Online – 21 Mar '23 – <https://www.sconline.com/blog/post/tag/lakshmiddevi-somanath/>
- WomenWhoWin – 26 Jun '23 – <https://www.womenwhowin100.com/blog/changemakers-leading-intellectual-property-lawyer-lakshmiddevi-somanath-shares-expertise-her-passion-for-creating-a-more-equitable-society-in-the-digital-era>
- Super Lawyer – 17 Feb '24 – <https://superlawyer.in/women-lawyers-navigate-challenges-with-resilience-and-dedication-turning-legal-briefs-into-power-suits-and-objections-into-steppingstones-an-exclusive-interview-with-lakshmiddevi-somanath-par/>
- [https://www.facebook.com/FounderInstituteChennai/videos/it-was-an-evening-where-several-aspiring-founders-got-their-legal-doubts-clarified/523317099569853/?locale=ms\\_MY](https://www.facebook.com/FounderInstituteChennai/videos/it-was-an-evening-where-several-aspiring-founders-got-their-legal-doubts-clarified/523317099569853/?locale=ms_MY)
- <https://ms-my.facebook.com/FounderInstituteChennai/videos/filing-a-trade-mark-is-essential-to-safeguard-your-brand-name-when-is-the-right-/1195647077891634/>
- <https://youtu.be/zbV89Bpj09U>
- [https://youtu.be/XdU2hY\\_FP18](https://youtu.be/XdU2hY_FP18)
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LsLhe4IMSUY>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ujqsm8Ds3a4>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HJ2NozB9xAl>

### Professorial & Editor Positions

- Professor of Practice, Christ University School of Law, NCR, Delhi, 2023–2024
- Associate Editor, Chennai Law Times, 2007–2020
- Advisor, The Global Citizen, Journal of the International Law Society, 2004

## Awards & Recognition

- Certificate of Excellence – Plenary Session, 17th GIPC, Jan 2025
- Woman Power in Legal & Compliance Award 2024–Winner, 9th Annual Women Power Summit and Awards
- IP Strategist of the Year 2024–2nd Global IP Leadership Awards ASSOCHAM
- Inspiring Intellectual Property Lawyer of the Year Award 2024–Lex Falcon



- Golden Pillar of the World Intellectual Property Forum 2024-WIPF
- Woman Lawyer of the Year Award 2023-Indian National Bar Association 9th Annual Awards
- IP Star for India 2023-ManagingIP
- Leading Individuals in IP in India-Asia Pacific Legal 500
- Leading Individuals in IP in India-World Trademark Review 1000
- Leading Individuals in IP in India-IAM Patent 1000
- Finalist – Copyright Lawyer of the Year-Women in Business Law Awards 2023-APAC
- Finalist – Patent Lawyer of the Year-Women in Business Law Awards 2023-APAC
- Finalist – IP Lawyer of the Year-Legal Insider Awards 2023-APAC
- Shortlisted-2023 Lawyer Monthly Legal Awards
- Woman Lawyer of the Year 2022-Legal Era 4th Annual Women in Law Excellence Awards



## RELATED PRACTICES

### LITIGATION

## INDUSTRY FOCUS

IP Strategy and Advisory

## MEMBERSHIPS & AFFILIATIONS

- International Trademark Association–International Amicus Committee
- American Bar Association. Committees:
  - a. Copyright and Emerging Technology
  - b. HighTech and Software Patent
  - c. International Copyright Laws
  - d. International Patent Law–Sub Committee on Asia
  - e. International Trademark Laws
  - f. Patent Litigation–Sub Committee on International Patent Litigation
  - g. Women in IP Law Action Group
- Delhi High Court Bar Association
- Registered Independent Director–IICA
- Mentor–MANTHAN
- Mentor–MAARG, Startup India



## News & Insights

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### [Heir of the Family Trademarks](#)

'First published on Lexology' By: Sandhya Singh, Sampada Kapoor and Kritika Gandhi Trademarks play a pivotal role in distinguishing the goods or services

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### [Navigating the AI frontier: India's sovereign LLM quest](#)

'First published on India Business Law Journal' By: Pravin Anand, Dr. Ajai Garg and Alvin Antony The ascendancy of large language models (LLMs) has

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### [Senior user versus junior user: Delhi High Court confirms passing off in a trademark dispute](#)

'First published on Asia IP' By: Prachi Agarwal and Manan Mondal In a significant ruling, the Division Bench of the Delhi High Court in Wipro Enterprises

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### [The future of trademarks: shaping tomorrow's brand identity](#)

'First published on IP Stars' By: Safir Anand, Omesh Puri and Abhishek Paliwal As the world changes and technology grows fast, the way we think about

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