

**PARTNER**

## Ritika Ahuja

Ritika manages the in-house ICT (Electronics and Software) team in terms of patent prosecution and drafting and has been deftly handling portfolios of telecom giants.

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## Career Highlights

Ritika Ahuja is a Partner at Anand and Anand in Noida. With an experience of 19 years in IP, as a Registered Patent Agent and an Advocate, she specialises in the field of patent prosecution, patent drafting and patent infringement analysis in the Information and Communication Technology (ICT) domain including software, artificial intelligence, Machine learning, medical equipments domain. She provides legal opinions on various aspects such as infringement, validity and strength of patents, patentability and prior art searches/FTO searches.

She manages the patent drafting team in the ICT and mechanical stream, in-house and outsourced and deals with inventors, companies, startups/incubators on routine basis. She has been regularly invited to deliver IP awareness sessions/lectures before multiple forums, primarily the Medtech division of IIT Chennai, for encouraging their collaborating startups and incubators to file more and more patents, and before few universities and legal coaching institutions.

She has been regularly appearing before the Indian Patent Office, as a Registered Patent Agent

since 2007 and recently before the High Court as an Advocate respectively. She is adept at handling voluminous patent portfolios of top Telecom giants sitting abroad. The hyperactive ICT segment keeps her engaged in practicing the firm's unpatented but effective strategy of "smart prosecution".

## Experience

Ritika has an overall experience of 19 years in the arena of Intellectual Property. Prior to joining the firm in 2015, she has worked for seven years in the field of patents with the prestigious law firms of Delhi/ NCR region and has also served as an academic head of a premier Intellectual property rights Institution for three years.

## Thought Leadership

As an IP Enthusiast, Ritika regularly engages in IP awareness programs and pro-bono workshops organized by well recognized bodies, such as IIT Chennai and National Chemical Laboratory (NCL) and certain industry bodies, enforcement agencies, universities, legal coaching institutions and various IP stakeholders.

She also regularly writes articles for leading IP publications like Asia IP and Legal Era.

## RELATED PRACTICES

### PATENTS

## INDUSTRY FOCUS

- Patent Prosecution
- Patent Drafting
- Patent Infringement analysis in the ICT domain

## BAR ADMISSION & EDUCATION

- M. Tech in Electronics and Communication (GGSIP University, Delhi, India) and
- Ritika completed LL.B. from CCS University, UP and Enrolled with the Bar Council of India in 2017.

## PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT

- Member of APAA
- Advocate and enrolled with Bar Council of India (since 2017)
- Registered Indian Patent Agent (since 2007)

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

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