

## **UPASANA DASGUPTA**

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Citizenship: India

Current Residence: Montreal, Canada

### **EDUCATION**

- **Doctor of Civil Law (DCL) candidate** in Air and Space Law at the Faculty of Law, McGill University.
- **LL.M** in Air and Space Law from McGill University, Montreal, Canada (2012-13).
- B.A., LL.B (Hons.) from Ram Manohar Lohiya National Law University (RMLNLU), India (2007-12)

### **ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS**

- Awarded Erin J C Arsenault Fellowship, Nicolas M Matte Fellowship, Grad Excellence Award and R E Morrow, Q C, Fellowship for pursuing DCL by McGill University (2016- present).
- Awarded Teaching Tomorrow's Professors Award (2018- present) acting as student supervisor.
- Awarded GREAT award by Faculty of Law, McGill University to present paper in International Astronautical Congress.
- Awarded Graduate Mobility Award to participate in Doctoral Workshop at Sciences Po.
- Awarded Emerging Space Leader Grant by International Astronautical Federation (2016)
- Awarded Arsenault Fellowship (2012-13) and Grad Excellence Award (2013) by McGill University.
- Awarded the Nicolas M. Matte Prize by McGill University for highest marks in 'Space Law'.
- Received 4 Gold Medals from RMLNLU, including, for securing the highest cumulative progressive index (9.93/10) out of 155 students and for being the student of the year (2012).
- Received 'Sri Ma Sarada Scholarship' for Academic Excellence by Sri Sarada Math (2004-09).

### **WORK EXPERIENCE**

#### **SUPERVISORY FELLOW UNDER PROFESSOR DANIEL JUTRAS AND BRIAN HAVEL**

**SEPTEMBER 1, 2018 - PRESENT**

- Doctoral supervisor of three students each researching on various topics related to aviation and space law.

#### **LEGAL AFFAIRS AND EXTRERNAL RELATIONS BUREAU, INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY**

**OCTOBER 7, 2018- JANUARY 16, 2019**

- Researched on sufficiency of existing aviation security instruments to address cybersecurity in civil aviation.
- Part of team that drafted a working paper on national laws governing cybersecurity based on responses by States.
- Researched on Cape Town Convention and ICAO's supervisory role for Aircraft Protocol
- Researched on UN Organisations including ICAO to understand the power provided to ICAO in law-making.
- Commented on ICAO internal documents in order to make them gender-neutral
- Prepared presentation documents for consumer protection laws in aviation.

#### **TEACHING MENTEE, UNDER PROFESSOR PAUL MILLER**

**JANUARY 5, 2017 – APRIL 30, 2017**

- Assisted Professor Paul Miller in Corporate Law Theory (Seminar) Course during evaluations of the class performance, commented on research papers submitted by the students as a part of the course.

#### **INSTITUTE OF AIR AND SPACE LAW, MCGILL UNIVERSITY - RESEARCH ASSISTANT**

**OCTOBER 1, 2016 – PRESENT**

- Edited book chapters of the “Global Space Governance: An International Study” (Springer, 2017)
- Researched on drafting history of the space treaties, non-appropriation principle in outer space, liability in international law (“Manual on International Law Applicable to Military Uses of Outer Space”) project.
- Researching on mandate of ICAO and its possible expansion including space tourism and unmanned aerial vehicles.

#### **SPACE SECURITY INDEX**

- Drafted the Chapter “International Cooperation in space activities” for Space Security Index, 2017 as a researcher.
- Participated in Space Security Index Working Group (SSWG), 2018 as an expert and invited to participate in 2019.

#### **CYRIL AMARCHAND MANGALDAS - ASSOCIATE**

**MAY 11, 2015- JULY 22, 2016**

- Part of the team which is drafting the draft red herring prospectus for an e-commerce business and red herring prospectus for a road construction business- carried out due diligence of facility agreements and RoC forms, concession agreements and EPC contracts, litigation papers of the companies.

#### **AMARCHAND & MANGALDAS-ASSOCIATE**

**January 5, 2015- May 9, 2015**

- Part of the team which drafted the draft red herring prospectus, red herring prospectus and prospectus for a major theme park and an e-commerce company, the preliminary placement document and placement document for a major construction business house in India

#### **UDWADIA, UDESHI & ARGUS PARTNERS- ASSOCIATE**

**February 17, 2014- November 30, 2014**

- Legal compliance audit on a leading pharmaceutical company in India and prepared report on the same.
- Advised client on matters pertaining to establishing and operating a school in Haryana.

#### **INDIAN DELEGATION TO 38TH INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANISATION ASSEMBLY- ADVISOR**

**September 17-October 4, 2013**

- Assisted the Indian delegation to prepare for the 38th Assembly of the International Civil Aviation Organisation and during the Assembly meetings; especially on the market based measures to be adopted by the nations for reducing carbon emissions by aircrafts, in the light of the European Union's unilateral application of emission trading scheme on foreign aircrafts.

#### **IASL, MCGILL UNIVERSITY - RESEARCH ASSISTANT**

**October 1, 2012- December 31, 2013**

- Researched on national space laws of space-faring nations on licensing of space launches and other space operations and on export control restrictions under national laws on launch of satellites.
- Researched on annulled contract on S band spectrum between ISRO and Devas Multimedia.

### **PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

- Authoring doctoral thesis titled “Preventing Collisions in Outer Space – Towards better regime of State responsibility” under the supervision of Dr Ram S. Jakhu.
- Editing a special issue of Quebec Journal of International Law based on proceedings of Graduate Law Conference on the theme “Governing the Commons – What matters to us today” (under publication)
- Presented paper titled “Do National Space Laws Look Beyond Liability For Damage? - The Case Of India” in International Astronautical Congress (2018) and submitted paper for publication.
- Paper titled “Reconciling state practice of in-orbit satellite transfer with the law of liability and registration in outer space” presented at 2017 Manfred Lachs Conference, held in Montreal and published in *Global Space Governance And The UN 2030 Agenda* (Monograph Series)
- Paper titled “Flouting the rules on satellite registrations” under publication in ROOM, the space journal (2018)
- Paper titled "Relevance of general assembly resolutions in space law", published in Shefali Raizada (ed), "Space Law: Emerging Trends and Policy", (Satyam Law International, 2018).

- Paper titled “On-Orbit Transfer Of Satellites Between States: Legal Issues with Special Emphasis On Liability And Registration” presented at International Astronautical Congress, 2016 at Guadalajara, Mexico and published in *Proceedings of the IISL* (2016)
- Paper titled "Legal issues on Sub-orbital Space tourism: International and National Law Perspectives", published in the *Annals of Air and Space Law* (2013), volume 38 at 237.
- Presented paper titled “Is the present rescue and return regime sufficient to govern private spacecrafts and persons?” in United Nations Expert Meeting on Human Space Technology (2018)
- Presented paper titled “Co-existence of Space Activities through adherence to Soft Laws”, in ASTRO18, organized by Canadian Astronautics and Space Institute in May, 2018.
- Paper titled "Should States continue to be responsible for private space activities?" presented in Graduate Law Conference, McGill University, 2018 in May, 2018.
- Paper titled "State responsibility of space situational awareness: An important step towards protecting space environment", presented in BLG mini-conference in April, 2018.
- Paper titled "Co-operation in outer space – Altruism or a means to become global power?", presented in Conference on Law from Crisis to opportunity, organized by Graduate Studies in Law Student Association, University of Ottawa in May, 2018.
- Presented paper titled “National Law Universities in India – An experiment that needs reform” in Graduate Law Conference, 2017 at Faculty of Law, McGill University.
- Master's thesis titled "On-Orbit Transfer Of Satellites Between States: Legal Issues with Special Emphasis On Liability And Registration", submitted to McGill University in 2013.

## MOOT COURT ACTIVITIES

- Coached Jessup Team of University of Cairo for Phillip C. Jessup Moot Court Competition, 2018 who won the National rounds for Egypt
- Memorial Judge, Phillip C. Jessup Moot Court Competition, 2017 (International Rounds)
- Judge, NUJS-Herbert Smith Corporate Law Moot Court Competition, 2016
- Judge, Phillip C. Jessup Moot Court Competition, 2013 (International Rounds and Canadian Rounds).
- Semi-finalist, Phillip C. Jessup Moot Court Competition, India (South) Rounds, 2010.

## ORGANISATIONAL SKILLS

- Organiser of the DCL Coffee Hour – a bi-weekly series of talks for DCL Students of McGill University
- Co-chair, Conference Organising Committee of Graduate Law Conference, 2017 of McGill University
- Member, the Placement Committee, RMLNLU: Instrumental in facilitating internships & placements of several students of the batch 2007-12; organised talks and seminars regarding career options available.
- Regular reporter of The Telegraph in Schools (TTIS), a weekly publication of the Telegraph, Anandabazar office for 4 years from 2004-07; have been acclaimed as one of the most active reporters and received a Letter of Appreciation