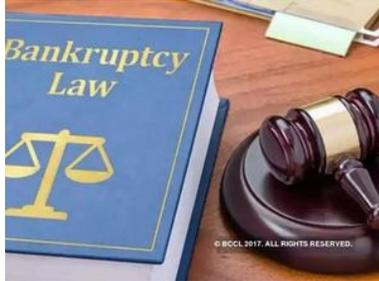


NOVEL IBC RULES

Ref: The Economic Times, Wednesday, 03.01.2018



Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code has recently been amended whereby it has been statutorily stated that the liquidation value of a company against which insolvency proceedings are initiated shall remain confidential. The various stake holders experienced an adverse outcome after the liquidation value was being disclosed in various arenas, thus the amendment was proposed and has been notified accordingly.

SPOTIFY VIOLATES COPYRIGHT

Ref: The Times of India, Thursday, 04.01.2018



Recently, Wixen Music Publishing Company has sued the web portal Spotify for more than \$1.6 billion for blatant copyright piracy. The company has alleged that Spotify has been repeatedly streaming songs of various artists, music companies without obtaining permission or payment of royalty or licenses from them. The company has sued for damages for all the songs of its artists. However, the vicious issue of rights, royalties and transparency in the system of payment of fees is still a grey area for Music copyright matters both for USA as well as for India.

OFFENCE UNDER CYBER & SHW ACT

Ref: The Times of India, Thursday, 04.01.2018



Complaint filed in April 2017 has been taken cognizance of by the authorities and FIR has been registered only in January, 2018 against Mr. Mahesh Murthy, a renowned Angel investor. The complainant a Delhi based woman had alleged sexual harassment, stalking as well as accused him of mental harassment, derogatory and sexual remarks. The police are also contemplating action under the Cyber law as well as the Sexual Harassment Act.

LEGALISED KEYBOARD

Ref: The Economic Times, Friday, 05.01.2018



Lawyers have devised technology for use by professionals in the legal arena, the innovation termed as 'legalese' is a keyboard for lawyers. The keyboard has specific words which are of regular usage to lawyers for instance Plaintiff, Court, etc. In the first of its kind, this product is super specialized and of immense use for lawyers. The product is well compatible with Windows system but not with Apple yet.

GENERIC OFFENCE OF ADULTERY

Ref: The Times of India, Saturday, 06.01.2018



Adultery an offence in which only a male can be punished has been finally challenged before the Apex Court to be made gender neutral. Public interest litigation has been filed wherein it has been asserted that the law which was promulgated more than 158 years ago still stays the same and has been repeatedly upheld by the Courts. There have been innumerable cases wherein the issue has erupted but on all occasions it has been left to the Parliament for amendment, which has not seen the light of the day till now. Thus, a five judge bench has been constituted for deciding the matter and they have issued notice to the Government for their stance.

COFFEE GI IN INDIA

Ref: The Times of India, Saturday, 06.01.2018



The coffee board has recently filed for an application for Geographical Indication of the coffee grown in Baba Budangiri which is around 250 km from Bengaluru. This was the location where coffee was first grown in India and the Coffee Arabica

originally brewed here. The application is for Coffee Arabica and for its other variants namely Coorg Arabica, Wayanad Robusta, Chikmagalur Arabica and Araku Valley Arabica, before the Chennai GI registry. The coffee plantations are spread over thousands of hectares and are also in areas of Karnataka and Kerala. The registration shall bring accolades to the farmers and other supplementary associations.

ROBOT ON MOON

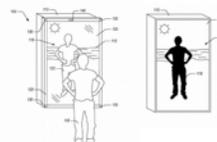
Ref: The Economic Times, Wednesday, 10.01.2018



Entering in the competition of Google Lunar, Team Indus suffers an obstacle as its partner ISRO has rescinded from the contract. The competition wherein participants are aiming to win an award of \$ 30 million by Google Lunar XPRIZE, the team is required to place a robot on the surface of moon which should explore for atleast 500 metres transmitting high definition videos and then be back on Earth. There are 4 more companies which qualified for participation and in this scenario the company of Team Indus is now looking for a partner for this launch. It would be interesting to witness an Indian team competing with team from Israel, USA and Japan.

AMAZON'S MIRROR PATENT

Ref: The Economic Times, Wednesday, 10.01.2018



Amazon has filed a Patent for a mirror image, which a prospective client can view along with the product they are intending to purchase. The mirror shall be equipped with cameras, projectors and reflective and transmissive display panels. This would enhance the experience as compared to a regular mirror. Also; the mirror can display different looks as per real environments. Under the ecommerce portal this revelation shall attract more clients and also incrementally increase apparel, jewellery as well as footwear shopping from their portal.

INDIAN ETHERAL MACHINES WON AWARD

Ref: The Times of India, Friday, 12.01.2018



Ethereal Machines, an Indian Startup has been awarded for the category of Best Innovation at CES, 2018. The founders Mr. Kaushik Mudda and Mr. Navin Jain have created a unique five axis machine with hybrid technology that does both additive (printing) and subtractive (cutting) manufacturing. The machine created is a practical solution which overcomes various hurdles faced by people from this arena, it weighs only 1.5 tonnes and is in desktop size further letting the user both print as well as cut materials. The field of hardware and machine has long been given a back seat and this award is recognition for Indian entrepreneurs worldwide.

RERA LACUNAE IN REDEVELOPMENT

Ref: The Times of India, Wednesday, 17.01.2018



The Rera authority of Mumbai has specifically stated that they aggrieved cannot claim relief under the special acts for vows of redevelopment. Recently in Mumbai, a few society members approached the tribunal against their society, but due to lack of jurisdiction as no violation of the provisions of the Act were made out the matter was not entertained. The issue whether it is a lacuna or proper lineation of statutes and remedy probably needs judicial consideration.

BIOCON JOINS HANDS WITH SANDOZ

Ref: The Economic Times, Friday, 19.01.2018



The pharma giants Biocon and Sandoz have joined hands for research and development in the generic drug industry. This partnership shall be for developing, manufacturing and sale of affordable copies of biologic drugs in immunology and oncology globally. The sales shall be split up on territorial basis and thus both companies are optimistic about the partnership at a global level.

MERYL STREEP PROTECTS HER OWN NAME

**Ref: The Economic Times, Wednesday,
31.01.2018**



Veteran Hollywood actress aged 68 years, has recently filed a trademark application so as to retain exclusivity for her name for any “entertainment services, namely, live, televised and movie appearances by a professional actress and entertainer”, “personal appearances, speaking engagements; autograph signings” and “providing a website featuring content in the field of motion pictures”. The application was filed as per the records of US Patent and Trademark Office and this would protect the misuse of her name in the entertainment industry widely.

DABUR V/S MARICO

**Ref: The Economic Times, Wednesday,
31.01.2018**



V/S



Disparaging advertisement by Marico for its Dabur Amla Hair oil has brought the companies at loggerheads. Dabur has filed case against Marico for trademark infringement as well as disparaging the repute by printing a paper advertisement and comparing the bottle of Dabur Amla with Nihar Shanti Amla product. The matter is pending adjudication and shall be an important precedent for the FMCG sector on a whole as lots of companies including the new entrant Patanjali are using misleading and comparative adverts to enhance their product image.

GULRAJ V/S NOVEX

**Ref: Bombay High Court, Friday,
09.02.2018**



Novex Communications has been issuing legal threats to all the big names in the hospitality and events business on the grounds that the latter are infringing the copyright in the music owned by Novex Communication. Novex Communications have been restrained from taking any coercive action against Gulraj Hotel which filed a threat action under Section 60 of the Copyright Act, 1957 by the Hon'ble Bombay High Court. The first issue dealt with in this case is whether Novex, can engage in the business of issuing licenses for its own music and second is a more fundamental question – is Novex actually the assignee of the performing rights for the entire catalogue of the music owned by Zee? This issue is now pending adjudication in both Mumbai High Court as well as Delhi High Courts.



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