

The memory of my very first day in the Bangalore Institute of Legal Studies (BILS) in the summer of 2003, when all my classmates introduced themselves one by one is so vivid that it still feels as though it was a far more recent event. Such was the five year journey that it had a profound impact in the shaping of not only my knowledge and skill at law but also my personality. It is in those five years that I was able to conquer my fear of addressing an audience and the same moulded me to become the person I am today and for that I will always be grateful to my alma mater.

The captivating lectures, the endless hours we spent buried in books at the library, the inspirational speeches by our Seniors, among various other aspects, enabled me to fully entrench myself in the study of law and aspire to learn as much as I could. The encouragement and guidance of our lecturers kept us striving for more and work harder whether it was in academics, debates, moot courts or even skits which we performed in various competitions.

A few of us were always enthusiastically joining the Committees, be it Moot Court, Literary or even Cultural and we always had tremendous fun, whether it was in organizing and hosting the National Moot Court Competition or intra college activities.

For all the opportunities and guidance provided by the college to us, some of us were privileged to have been offered conditional Admissions to the University of Manchester, UK, although I embarked on a different path. I was privileged to have been able to intern with a chamber practicing in the Supreme Court of India and had been offered a job by Fox Mandal, Bangalore though I opted for the litigation route and practiced in the office of M/s Satish Parasaran, R. Parthasarathy and Rahul Balaji at Chennai for two years after which I moved back to my hometown of Delhi and joined the chambers of Mr. Krishnamurthi Swami and Mrs Prabha Swami, Advocates in the Supreme Court of India where I am currently practicing.

Regardless of the amount of time that passes us by and as it seems to rapidly do so, mere words will never suffice to express the love and gratitude I have for my alma mater. The memories we made are forever etched in our minds and hearts. The knowledge, confidence and life skills I gained there has enabled me to face the challenges of the profession and has inspired me to strive to make our alma mater proud of me as well.

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