

Apar Gupta

ADVOCATE & TECHNOLOGY POLICY EXPERT



I am a 40 year old resident of New Delhi and registered as an Advocate with the Bar Council of Delhi. I was in active counsel practice from 2007 till 2018 that I have resumed in November, 2023. Within this interregnum of 6 years (from 2018-23), I co-founded and ran the Internet Freedom Foundation (IFF). IFF is a digital advocacy organization funded by domestic sources and works on civic literacy, legislative and policy engagement and strategic litigation. In October 2023, I completed a transition from IFF and presently practice law, advise clients and write extensively on technology, public policy and society in India.

PUBLICATIONS

Commentary on the Information Technology Act, 2000, Third Edition (Lexis Nexis 2015)

Peer Reviewed Papers and Annual Lectures available on [SSRN](#)

Op-eds in leading national dailies on topics of technology and public policy on [Muckrack](#)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**Law Office of Apar Gupta, Advocate
Litigation Counsel and Technology Policy Expert**

Nov 2023 - Present

Legal practice with a focus on commercial & arbitration disputes. Includes advisory work for clients primarily in the technology, media and telecom sectors. Specific services include providing legal opinion, policy submissions and strategy on regulatory compliance. Also, member of the sub-committee on digitisation of courts formed by the Supreme Court of India to draft data practices and policies for judicial bodies in India.

Executive Director, Internet Freedom Foundation

Feb 2018 - Oct 2023

Participated in over 35 public consultations, created 6 legislative briefs, drafted 2 private members bills on digital technologies. Lead fundraising of about 4.2 crore INR, hired and managed 20 people at IFF in teams of lawyers and policy experts. Work included diverse organizational planning, management and operation tasks. Transitioned from IFF after a successful succession and building organisational reserves for 24 months.

Visiting Lecturer & Academic Work

2010 - Present

Conducted seminar courses on law and technology as electives to students at India's leading law schools such as NLSIU, Bangalore (2014) and NLU, Delhi (2010, 2012). Recent lectures on public policy given at IIM Ahmedabad, TIFR, IIIT-D and the ISB Hyderabad. Have delivered the 11th Krishna Raj Memorial Lecture at ILS Law College, Pune on digitisation of public health and 37th Annual Dr. Ramanatham Memorial Meeting Lecture on digital policing.

EDUCATION & CERTIFICATIONS

Master's of Law (LL.M.), 2010

Courses: Electronic Commerce, Legal Scholarship Student Editor, Science & Technology Law Review
Columbia Law School, New York

LL.B. (Hons), 2007

CPI (ending 10 Semesters): 65.54 (First Class Honors) Topped the 10th & final semester
Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University, Delhi

FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

Fellow, Ashoka Innovators for the Public
2019

**Special Citation, Agami Shamnad Basheer
Citizenship Prize**

2020

**Rest of the World 100 : Global Tech's
Changemakers**

2022