

Vaishali Bhagwat, Advocate

Brief Profile - 2020

Vaishali Bhagwat is a practicing lawyer with 22 years of experience in litigation and advisory practice in Pune and Mumbai. Vaishali specializes in Cyber Law and Privacy Law and also handles general Commercial and Civil cases. She has represented clients in courts in several high profile cases of cyber frauds, data theft, hacking, cyber defamation, insider corporate fraud, online harassment against women and children.

She represented the Pune Police and several large and mid sized companies in IT, ITES, manufacturing, banking and Fintech, healthcare, Media, Gaming, Educational institutions and other sectors in cyber related cases and is also invited by industry forums such as CII and DSCI / NASSCOM, Police training academy, Judges training academy to conduct training sessions on cyber law, investigations and digital evidence.

She is a member of the Expert Panel formed by CII – Delhi for Digital Transformation ; member of the expert committee of the Maharashtra Commission for Women on online harassment ; member on the expert panel formed by Maharashtra Cyber to discuss changes required in Cyber Law; Member of the board of studies at Symbiosis Centre for Distance Learning and Member of the Cyber Advisory Council for Suryadatta International University of Cyber Security

Vaishali is a TCS Chevening Scholar on “Cyber Policy and Cyber Defense “ and has earned the Post Graduate certification from Cranfield University UK. She is also a Disha Alumni which is a prestigious program of the British high Commission on Innovative Leadership chaired by UK PM David Cameron and PM Manmohan Singh.

Vaishali has won several recognitions and awards for her pro bono work in spreading cyber security awareness and won the award by NASSCOM and Data Security Council of India in 2017 for her work in “Keeping children safe Online “. She was invited to speak at the Rotary Annual Convention at Seoul on “Keeping children safe

online” and to Ho-Chi-Minh City Vietnam as a Chief guest for the Annual Security Consultants conference to speak on Cyber Resilience.

She was recognized by Rotary International District 3131 for her outstanding contribution as a professional by conferring on her the Vocational Excellence Award and the Change Maker Award and her work focusing on women empowerment was recognized by the “Rana Ragini award “ and the “Woman of Substance award “

Vaishali has served on several boards as independent Director at Renishaw India and Trustee at the Lila Poonawala Foundation and Shelter Associates .

Vaishali is also a co-chair of the Pune chapter of the International Association of Privacy Practitioners which is an international organization in the forefront for Data Privacy.

Vaishali is a co-founder of “Cyber Maitra” which is a first aid centre for legal and psychological first aid for cyber related issues

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