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NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

I am delighted to bring *“Law – not merely a career”* as a topic for discussion among the law students who will be participating in the Bar as upcoming lawyers in near future. The Symposium of great contemporary relevance is designed to address the young lawyers to the basic ideology and sociology of “law” and to encourage them into questioning how they can help in building a Society as envisioned by our Constitutional forefathers and the Freedom fighters.

It is based on the idea that the purpose of creating Law was not to generate an income rather it had a wider aim. Through the past and in the present it is known for its infinite scope with a tendency of an affirmative acceleration. It was (is) the need of every society, for the development, that the “Rule of Law” came into existence.

When we look at India, we have as many as Thirty Eight Thousand codified laws; this is in addition to the numerous Constitutional Court's Judgments. Each legislation and each law as declared by the Apex court has its specific objective. The Judiciary had been created to provide justice to victims but it was not the idea of “Law” to wait for a crime to happen and then for the Judiciary to act upon it.

Since its inception “Law” is considered to be a noble profession. It is a moral duty of every person to stand against the injustices and to extend a helping hand to someone needy rather than to wait for something unjust to happen to them. For the future lawyers, it is

very important to enshrine these values in them to secure the basic structure of this Country.

To get the views of the students in this area, we called for “thoughts” from the participants in advance. I want to give my sincere thanks to Dr. Kavitha Chalakkal, Asst. Director, Research Cell, Lloyd Law College who spared her time to read and review the thoughts of the participants; the selected ones have been published in this Compendium. Based on the thoughts received and the obvious excitement around Human Hands Together will take steps towards this goal.

Best wishes and thank you in advance for reading to the Conference Proceedings of the Symposium “Law – not merely a career”

Mr. Lakshay Jindal
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Law is a way of life, not merely one's career. It is perhaps, the sole profession (besides medicine of course) which is inevitably applied and verily utilized by each and every person at some point of time in their lives. Whether a lawyer or not, one inexorably does come across this field in its variant forms, be it a relative's property dispute, a family member embroiled in a civil litigation, a stark case of corporate fraud or an unfortunate series of criminal trials. It is thus, significant to comprehend and appreciate the law, not merely because it is one's career, but a knowledge based skill that may be ubiquitously and pragmatically used by one and all.

Law has always been a principled profession, since lawyers have always endorsed and strived for a better and peaceful society. Lawyers have indeed proved to be the true beacon light bearers for people. For instance, Lokmanya Bal Gangadhar Tilak who roared *Swaraj is my birth-right* fought his own case in a British Court that accused him of sedition. Mahatma Gandhi, yet another lawyer, determined independent India's future and destiny. Justice Krishna Iyer in one of his judgements emphatically has opined "*Law is not a trade, not briefs, not merchandise, and so the heaven of commercial competition should never vulgarize the legal profession.*" He believes the underlying ethos of the legal profession is the service to society, *akin* that of a doctor. In other words, the principal aim of law is to protect citizens from social

diseases. Hence, it is essential to persistently ruminate upon the aim of the law, especially as a young budding lawyer, should you wish to excel in this field.

Today, law as a preferred choice of career has found sudden colossal success, especially with Indian law schools churning over 3.5 lacs law graduates per year, as per the data made available by the University Grants Commission. However, not all law graduates make respectable lawyers. Only a selected few are able to ascent the ladder of success which is encumbered with cut throat competition, outstanding legal knowledge and professional acumen. Charles Darwin says, it is only the fittest that survive. In other words, only those survive and subsequently, succeed for whom the law is their passion and not merely their career. Passion ought to be the north-star in the constellation of a lawyer's career universe. That to me is another innate quality of survival, found in almost all promising lawyers of India.

The Hon'ble Supreme Court in the case of *Chief Justice of Andhra Pradesh and others v. L.V.A. Dixitulu and Others* highlighted that the law is a living, integrated organism having a soul and consciousness of its own and its pulse beats, emanating from the spinal cord of its basic framework, and can be felt all over its body, even in the extremities of its limbs. Through its dynamic and purposive interpretative approach, the judiciary strives to breathe life into the law and not render it a collection of mere dead letters. Lawyers, as society's catalytic agents have the potential to enable and urge the Courts and law to adapt to the ever-changing circumstances without losing their identity. In other words,

practising the law is not merely a career choice but a community outreach programme undertaken for life because law is the legal expression of a society's moral, political and economic ideology.

Besides passion, patience and hardwork illustrate and illuminate the hallmarks of an able lawyer. As a career choice, the law makes all of us question, on a daily basis "*What, Where, When and How*". This *critique* ability enables lawyers to adapt to the ever-changing needs and sociological developments taking place in the society. The role of lawyers in realizing the evolving nature of this living instrument called the law is undoubtedly the embryonic cognitive which makes it worthwhile for me to deliberate with you in much greater detail, its charms and challenges.

Dr. Prem Kumar Gautam
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The legal profession as it exists in India today had its beginning in the earlier years of British rule. The most talented and bright among the Indians were attracted to the study and practice of law. The legal professionals dominated the public life of the country and played a prominent role in the national struggle for freedom. Law profession produces so many great leaders who not only fought for the freedom of the country but also fought against the social discrimination and bad practices prevalent in the society.

We live in a society in which everyday life is touched by legal regulation more than at any other period of history. One of the many ways in which human societies can be distinguished from animal groups is by reference to social rules. Legal rules are especially significant in the world of business, politics, administration, human rights, conflict of laws issues, international disputes and intercountry disputes including public and private.

The law is a great profession and it offers greater and more varied opportunities perhaps than any other profession. It is perhaps most significant social institution for the settlement of disputes and it contains within its rules and procedures means whereby infringement of the law, from the trivial to the most serious can be dealt with.

In the contemporary time legal professionals should try to promote the legal culture in the country. Here I would like to quote Dr. Ambedkar who said in this article “Thoughts on the Reform of Legal Education in the Bombay Presidency” “The problem of overcrowding of legal profession must be separated from the problems of legal education. It would be indefensible both from the stand-point of education and also from the stand – point of social justice to frame a scheme of legal education on a basis which would make legal profession the preserve of the few. From the educationist point of view the study of law requires a study of certain other auxiliary subjects without which the study of law alone would be incomplete equipment for the practice of the profession.”

Connection between law and other subject of humanities in India including literature are ultimately about social justice and human rights. Most of the renowned universities in the world including Oxford, Harvard, Cambridge and Australian universities providing scholarship for talented and bright students for higher studies in law. International organizations like United Nations and Red Cross and Amnesty International preferring law graduate for the job and social service. Law is for them a mission rather a subject for the job.

National law universities/schools are established to promote legal education with social justice. Students are studying not only law subjects but also sociology, history economics and political science. Though the aim of law schools was to produce law professionals who can go in corporate sector but scenario has been

changed and many law graduates of the NLUs are joining government services, they are becoming judges, prosecutors, doing social services, going abroad for higher education and joining academics etc.

Now, what I think legal profession is not limited to advocacy or judgeship only. A law graduate has more options beyond these opportunities. A law graduate can make his career in academics, bank, NGO, international organization; law firms and social advocacy and he/she can become politicians too. Most of the successful politicians are law graduate. Apart from these career options there are some other options also available like legal executive, Para legal volunteers etc.

A law graduate has a different status as compared to non-law graduate. We can say that a law graduate has a legal mind to think legally and act accordingly. A law graduate can bring the change in the society and can fight for the rights of the weaker section of society. A law graduate can promote the fundamental values enshrined in our constitution like equality, religious freedom, justice, fraternity and liberty. For this a passion is required. We all nurture a passion but few translate it into an action. An action driven by passion can transform lives.

In the present scenario the role of law profession is significant. People, societies and countries are not fighting in the battle ground but fighting in the court of law through the legal means. Here I can say that every future war would be in the court and not on the ground.

The role of legal fraternity is also important in legal profession. In addition to their teaching duties, law teachers are active in conducting research and publishing their research finding in almost all areas of law in the country. We can see their contribution in so many landmark judgments of the Supreme Court, where court cited the articles of renowned intellectuals belongs to law field. The work of local and overseas legal academics are cited in the courts and referred to in judgments.

Academicians can play an important role in the development of the law. The written and published opinions of the academics on the law, what it is, and what it should be- collectively referred to as the doctrine- is an important, though not binding, and source of law. It is therefore important to have a lively legal academic community in a democratic country.

Comments of law teachers are sometimes highly critical to the government. But the constitution of the country protects the autonomy and academic freedom of educational institutions and the protection is extended to cover teaching staff employed by the institutions. Rule of law should be followed by everyone.

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Law as a profession plays an important role in developing lawyers who act as social engineers and work towards the cause of nation building. Legal education is not just imparting legal knowledge and training the students to equip with skills to handle legal profession, but it is also an instrument of national development to deliver social justice to the people¹. *Manubhai Pragaji Vashi v. State of Maharashtra, AIR 1996 SC 1*“... the need for a continuing and well-organized legal education is absolutely essential reckoning the new trends in the world order, to meet every growing challenge. The legal education shall be able to meet the ever-growing demands of the society and should be thoroughly equipped to cater to the complexities of the different situations.” Infusing the sense of social obligation on the part of legal service providers is the responsibility of legal education².

Legal education is not just imparting legal knowledge and training the students to equip with skills to handle legal profession, but it is also an instrument of national development to deliver social

¹ The objectives of National Law Universities as contemplated under various State enactments include this goal.

² Prof. P.Ishwara Bhat, “Curriculum Reform in Legal Education For Professional Excellence, Critical understanding and higher social responsibility”, p.3.

justice to the people³. It ought to build creed of lawyers to be architects of social structure. The other social development which affects legal education is the increased juridification of society. The role of law in society has given rise to an increased variety of legal activities. Many of these lie outside the traditional preserve of the legal professions. The growth of new professions practising law to deal with new kinds of work is not a modern problem. But the broad definitions of legal services required by modern society can be seen in new groups of people engaged in legal work in areas such as consumer advice, marriage advice, refugee work, human rights work, social protection, and so on. Because of this greater diversity of ways in which individuals may work professionally with the law, the whole idea of legal education has to be broadened. It is not sufficient that legal education prepares students for the classical professions as lawyers or judges. Rather, there needs to be something generic that is capable of helping students to progress into a number of different career paths which involve the law. No doubt, the academic ambitions of intellectual and skills development are part of the general pattern of liberal legal education, the core of legal education lies in a distinct subject-matter and distinct methods of dealing with it.

Legal education is not just the study of law, but a study which also inculcates the ability to make use of law, to analyse it, and to

³ Prof. P. Ishwara Bhat , “ Centerstaging High Quality Research In Legal Education: Aspirations, Necessity, Challenges and Agenda”, p.1.

criticize it as a member of the legal community⁴. The capacity to deal with new legal and social developments, and relate these to legal principle and existing solutions is a critical feature of being a good lawyer. But the concern is not simply the need to engage in lifelong learning. The professions recognize this both in the various updating and training opportunities, which they provide in-house, and in the professional requirement to engage in continuing education. In this view of legal education, students have to be prepared to cope with diversity and change. They have to be able to work with the tradition and reinvent it more radically than in the past. The other facet of legal education is what describes as the ‘enlightenment’ function, of developing the ability to generate new understandings, even to ‘unlearn’ what has been inherited from the past. In view of the constitutional contemplation towards sensitizing the operation of legal system to promote human rights and access to justice, legal education which prepares law persons to shoulder these responsibilities, should undergo these refinements. A legally conscious civil society, free from corruption and prejudice, can be built well only on the sound foundation of legal education. Bringing social justice through legal literacy to the doorsteps of people should be the vital role of the legal profession.

⁴ John S. Bell , Legal Education, The Oxford Handbook of Legal Studies, p.5.

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How can someone define law? It is the law which has defined us. Law has given us the identity which we possess today. We need law to express and protect ourselves. Without law, this life is also in danger. Without law, there is no state, no country and no identity. Infact, it is the law which allows my pen to craft my thoughts on this piece of paper. So how can I define law?

Still law gives me the liberty to try the impossible task and I won't shy. So, law can be said as a binding force which clubs together all the different pieces of the society and presents us in the form of a State where we live in.

Law, asunder from other beautiful things, provides us a path called 'career'. But this is just one of the facets of law. There is not even an iota of doubt that law is a very promising career option. A legal professional enjoys the unmatched reputation and gifted with various benefits, but law is not only a means to earn bread and butter. Law gives power to a person to 'define' things, 'modify' things, 'challenge' things and 'change' things till a certain extent. Law can uplift the whole nation and can destroy it too. Law can help a person to become a great freedom fighter like Mahatma Gandhi and can also make person the President of the second most populous country in the world. And on micro level, the interest of common man often lies in the hands of pen holder (legislative and judicial bodies) and a challenger (advocate).

To think that law is nothing, but a career only shows the narrowest conception. Law is definitely not just a career but, a means as well as an end to achieve and savour.

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It is said that "Law is one of the greatest healing professions while medicine heals the body and the clergy heals the soul, the law heals societal rifts." the law develops one's understanding of the realms of power in our society and in a way that is more efficient than that of any other branch of knowledge. The man in black and white suit acts as the protector of the powerless and counselor of the society and brings forth the stage where mournings are lost and the allegiance to justice and liberty becomes a sacred duty. The profession of law despite being negatively perceived by the stereotypical minds has always succeeded in transcending the mere definition of being just a profession because it comprises of the defenders of our Constitution, the guardians of our liberty and ofcourse the advocates of just causes. For that very reasons law is of utmost significance to the way of life.

The profession of law is not only confined to lawyers these days but has spread its branches in diversified fields such as media, medical, entertainment, space, food etc., apart and above from this it has endless avenues where in the legal professionals devote themselves to education, philanthropy or to the arts. In pursuit of these types of fields the lawyers can spread the message of justice and fairness in th society. Mr. M.K. Gandhi, Nelson Mandela, John Grishaw, David E. Kelly and Monty Python's John Cleese, each of them are the law school graduates.

Law is a profession where we take a responsibility above from the rest of the society and accept new obligations, standards and principles. If the values are not in sync with the obligations the

profession of law dies a brutal death. When a lawyer swears in the set of principles and obligations they become a part of his life forever. Whether he practises in the court of law or not he will always be judged in that light. Some may say "what a burden!" but a lawyer says "What an honour! What an honour!"

Oliver Wendell Holmes expressed that no profession is as rewarding as the law. In what other profession he asked, does one plunge so deep into the stream of life, into the passions, into battles, into despairs, into triumphs.

The law is far beyond a profession and a lawyer is far beyond a professional because he is often asked, "how hard did you fight?", "how much did you risk?", "how willingly did you suffer so others might get justice?".

Mr. Shobhit Diwakar
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There is need to give vision to your ambition that's what exactly law as a career do. Law is something which is inculcated within us from our very birth, as one grows, realizes the laws imposed on him by citizenship, by which, one is expected to fulfill certain rights and duties. The perspective of the society is such that they think that getting a law degree only means a practicing lawyer or ending up by becoming judge, rather its way of living in professional manner which one has been learning since his or her childhood.

We should realize that many parts of our life, in some or the other way, are secured by law because it is about relationships, as fundamental as state-citizenship, so our life has a lot many aspects, intervening or regulating it in some way or the other, by law. Law is the root to justice and peace. We need it because if we do not have rule in society or the rules and regulation which regulates each other, everything will tend to fall apart.

Law as a career gives you opportunity to be independent of politics, independent judges who are free to give unbiased decision and critical about politicians. Law degree can mean to train in logical ways, to resolve problems, to get well versed with research, apart from this, it makes one a better citizen.

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There are number of career opportunities in the world for people to choose such as Engineering, Architecture, Fashion professionals, Govt. jobs, Law professionals etc,. Among these, Law is considered to be a 'Noble' profession not only in India but all over the world. It is a system of rules that are created and enforced through social or governmental institutions to regulate human behaviour. Sadly, I think we have forgotten the core meaning of law that is to be fair & just.

Nowadays, people or I would rather say most of the Law professionals are not true to their profession because they are not doing what their profession demands. People are only concerned about how to have 3-4 cars standing outside their big sized Villa in a good area even if all this comes by helping a criminal and least of them is concerned about their moral duties which is to provide Justice to the victims in every manner they can.

I am not afraid to say that law professionals even misuse their knowledge, power & experience just for the sake of fame and money.

I think we should not let the struggles of our ancestors go in vain. An old saying is "कर भला तो हो भला", but for law professionals I would like to re-draft it as, "है कला तो कर भला, न्याय के पथ पर दे खुदको चला". We should never forget that we play an important role in the betterment of this society.

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“Law is king of all”

- Henry Alford

Law has always been considered as a noble and respectable profession because every single person deserves justice, and lawyers make sure that this happens for their clients. The general perception behind the importance of lawyers is that all human beings are equal, and each person deserves an equal opportunity to get justice. Without lawyers, no one to protect you from abuse of the law.

Lawyers are held in high esteem in our society, and there remains the faith that when everything else fails, one can still take the right path of legal system. The lawyers help the society and ensure that the legal machinery is regulated. In this profession Academic excellence does not count for success. Professional competency acquired through experience and practice with lawyers is the main benchmark of success. So we can say that anybody in the legal profession is always treated with utmost respect and consideration. This is because the legal profession is so noble and prestigious in nature. This shows what a noble profession ‘Law’ is.

According to Maxwell Anderson, *“Without law men are beasts”*.

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Law is one of the most popular but misunderstood professions in the mindset of the common public who has no legal background. Law has been one of the most popular career choices in our country for a long time. To become a lawyer neither is mandatory to have a family background in law nor is it necessary that you belong to an affluent family. Anyone can choose to study law as long as one has the passion for it. A degree in law not only lets you practice as a lawyer in the courts in the company but also opens up career options in sectors like corporate management, legal services and administrative services. There are various things by which we can say that law cannot be considered as a career but a lot more than that. If you have some knowledge about law you can argue with anyone and prove them wrong. Law also teaches us how to convince people and makes them believe what we are saying. It develops the personality of a person. If you want to make a change in social structure or society in general, you need a lawyer to draft, litigate or amend the laws for the society. What more can make it easy than being a Lawyer yourself? A sizeable number of law school graduates join Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) that work for social causes. If you are passionate about socio-legal issues, then this is the right avenue for you. Law school graduates are also offered opportunities to work with international organizations such as the United Nations and with international tribunals like International Court of Justice, International Criminal Court, etc.

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When we think about our country as a whole, the one thought which reckons each time and we dwell into is the point of justice. While millions strive to face the injustice which are the nuances created by the Society, there are laws to protect the same. If we dwell into the past what we see the reason of law being created was to serve justice. Here, in India we are with law to protect the fundamental right of our citizens, uplift constitution and make sure that there is the proper implementation of the peaks preamble.

When we students chose law as our career, we not only take it as a career but also as a responsibility to serve citizens are serve ourselves as well. This not only helps us in filling our stomach but also leads to a sense of responsibility which ensures that we can give justice to the ones who really needs. If I give light more on this, I'll see the fact how the rich can demean poor and take law in their own which has been precentor prevalent since decades, so it becomes our sole respond to protect what we have and to stand with what we are making, from education to home and to work places, everywhere the essence of legality comes in and no one can avoid such constraints.

That's why when you use the word "merely" we totally demean the whole facet of law. As we not only represent ourselves in this field we represent the people of this nation. As we say "*of the people, by the people and for the people*". We stand of the people, by the side of justice and for the cases of legality. Hence, law cannot be ever considered as a mere profession.

Mr. Sampark Panigrahi
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Law is a source of motivation and not merely a career. Every day, in the field of law people find something new and the research in this field never ends. If a person is motivated to achieve new heights in this field he/she can always work towards it. There is always a scope for improvement no matter how big an individual has achieved in this field. If a person is interested in law that person will always find law interesting as there are cases, judgments, articles, etc. coming up every day. It is very difficult to stay up to date with all the cases and news revolving law as it is very vast field. If a person is motivated and dreams big then that person will surely try to cover up all the news revolving law even though it can be an unsuccessful attempt. Being a lawyer the first thing you need to learn is not to be afraid of your mistakes as failures are pillars to your success. I would say if a person is interested in law he would stay motivated and staying motivated (self-motivated) is a better thing than being motivated in this area. So, for me law is not merely a career but a source of motivation which will help you to strive for success.

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“Law is a subject to provide justice to the masses; it is not seen as a profession but as social work”.

Law is an inter-disciplinary subject which gives you a wide knowledge of theoretical and practical aspects of the country. The knowledge of the law not only makes us aware about the governance system of our country but also makes us capable of fighting against different taboos prevalent in our society. It also helps us to fight against stereotypes & prejudices formed by people. Law helps us to approach the correct authority to solve problems. It is not merely a career option but also a tool to bring revolution. It was established by the people to raise awareness about their rights and to strengthen the judicial system of the country. Recently CJI of India Dipak Misra while addressing the students of law in NLU Delhi, told them law should be practiced as a profession to provide justice for ‘needy not for Greedy’. It is concluded that law is not to be seen as career but as a social work or social job as to provide justice to the people.

Mr. Ashish Kumar Rai
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Law is not merely a career but also a social science grows and develops with the growth and development of society. The new developments in society create new problems and law is required to deal with those problems. The thinking of the present generation on law is that a piece of regulation which governs the society. If we are talking about society so many norms are taken for consideration. It's not only a career building field but also a way of social working. We work for the upliftment of backwards castes as well as the poor people. Social service is field where a lawyer can easily make their own effort for the betterment of the people. The law is the main scope of the society where all things are either directly or indirectly related, the people of our country even half of the population are don't know about their rights which are provided by our Constitution. The day today business is controlled by the some or other law which directly impact on the people lives. If we look our leaders from Constituent Assembly till today all them are from law background. So law is not only provides an opportunity in career but also in the field of social service, politics etc.

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Law is the profession which is seen with utmost respect and with prestige. The lawyers since the ages have meticulously helping in regulating the legal system of our country. The very fact that a person is a part of the legal system makes the other members respect him. This shows what a noble profession 'law' is. But, we cannot see law merely as a career or profession. It has a wider scope or objective. By becoming lawyers, we can not only stand for the rights of others but can do much more than that. Lawyers influence the human behaviour and help the people to modify it. They make the citizens more obedient. Law has power, prestige and dignity attached to its position. Law ensures that people become more responsible. Lawyers help the individuals to ensure that they get justice. Lawyers help to change the world. Helping the people around the world is like helping the world and helping to change the behaviour of people around the world constitutes what is changing the world. Only the law has power to make this happen and to make a better world for us.

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According to my perspective, law play an important role in our lives. Because of law we get justice, equity and dignity. In today's scenario, Law is important especially for women. In ancient time, the conditions of women were not good and they suffered many problems in their life. Time has not yet change, and so is the problem. The only change is in past time where no one raised their voice against crime but in modern era victim raised their voice against the crime. Law provides many laws for women but the main issue is that women are not aware of their own rights. Law as a career is best but it is of more importance in our daily life for e.g. property related issues, domestic violence, dowry, eve teasing, child marriage etc. If a person is aware of his/her rights than they need not to depend on any other person. They can fight on their own. When our rights get infringed then what we do? We raise our voice for the enforcement of that right. Isn't it? So for this enforcement law is the solution/base and lawyer is the medium. So this proves that law is ultimate and supreme and every career related to it drives their power from law only. It's not wisdom but authority that makes a law. Hence law is the moral values inculcated within us and then comes our career.

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When we talk about law, we need to consider the instinct and learned behaviour of humans. As law is for the humans and by the humans. It's not merely a career as each and every individual, system works on the basis of its reflection. What's the difference between the individual who are pursuing a career in law and the one who are just interested and are aware of the laws and its particulars? It's just that people pursuing law are going to get their degree and will try their luck to get the most respected posts to make their living and have a social status in the system. While the people who are merely aware of the laws and the legal system they are regulated with will empower them to demand justice, accountability and remedies at all levels. The main reasons for the large number of cases in the courts are the absence of a legal culture and the resulting illiteracy. If the accused knows that an act is a crime punishable by law, they may not do it. A learned man can restrict his actions and behavior while working only on the basis of instincts can lead them to do wrongs. 'ignorantia juris non excusat', a very familiar legal principle holding that a person who is unaware of a law may not escape liability for violating that law merely because one was unaware of it. It's better to know the laws and the rights and restrictions to be protected by it as a responsible citizen, the aware one.

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Law, morality and ability are the essences inextricably bound to each other. Often said the lawyers are the guardians of the law, the one who serve; and being enriched in our government documents it is well understood that the said essence shall be infused in us from the beginning.

But some of us today don't care about criliting some fictitious utopia out of situations just trying to line their own pockets. The thinking of being self sufficient financially or else would be better saying that everyone in this profession just to earn money no matter by which means is it coming and this is something that we can say is an unethical practice. If the same continues then that time would not be far from us when people will start to disbelieve in the legal system. To prevent that situation we the lawyers have to mould our thinking in the social perspective too. This has aligned this profession to be considered less as a service than a perfect carrier.

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Law is career which requires loads of patience and logical skills. It takes loads of hard work and dedication to become a successful lawyer. As India is one of those countries with highest litigation rates but still law just not need to be misunderstood merely just as a career option. Ours is the country with greatest constitution but slow litigation processes, henceforth to overcome this scenario we are in the need of more and more professionals with good analytical skills, commercial awareness, persuasiveness, writing ability, logical reasoning so on and so forth. Apart from these basis potentialities one need to be a good human with the zeal to serve the nation and its people for their rights and betterment. Hence we can conclude that law isn't a career option but a promise to serve the humanity and abide by righteousness

Legal studies not as a career option but even in general makes one aware of his/her rights. He/she gets to know what is his/her legal rights and also the laws of other nations. It helps to make people aware of their legal rights and about the law of country. Moreover legal studies makes one more logical in approach it enhances their thinking skills and the decision making ability. Law as a career option makes one to understand the problem of the society briefly and helps in giving a solution to them.

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Firstly, one needs to understand what career is. So, A career is an individual's metaphorical "journey" through learning work and other aspects of life. Career reflects an individual's professional expedition. But, law incorporates people from all communities, societies and nationalities. It is not limited to one's personal aspirations rather it's intrinsic nature is inclined towards public good at large.

So, a lawyer's professional decision doesn't only have a ramification on his/her career but it will also impact the client's life at different degrees. There is conspicuously a stake of life of another person which demands orchestrated meticulous attention of lawyers in their decision making process.

Very less people have the power to impact someone's life and society to that extent but legal field provides that kind of opportunity which should be properly utilized. Law is one such profession where you are not just a lawyer from nine to five or for any specific period of time but rather it becomes an intrinsic part of one's personality.

A career may be one of the elements of law but it doesn't entirely revolve around it. Hence, law is not merely a career but **A WAY OF LIFE.**

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Choosing the right career after your high school is a must if you want to achieve something big in your life. Nowadays, many options are available but what makes law different from others is its practical approach accompanied with the theoretical approach. Law is one of those careers that not only gives you the power to empower the society but also provides you with the opportunity to help people in seeking justice.

Law forms the basis of an organized functioning and healthy human society. It ensures peace by setting boundaries to human actions. We fail to introspect and forget to realize the importance of law in our daily lives. Law ensures that justice prevails and that the implementation does not remain confined to just 'on paper'. Numerous careers carve out from the study of law, be it advocates, judges, journalists, authors or bloggers.

In the contemporary World what we fail to understand is that law is not restricted to the realms of careers but it is a way of life, a way of living. It is an integral part of our lives. It is there in our sub-conscious; it was there even when man started becoming civilized. It is there in the conscience of a chemist when giving expired medicine to an illiterate rickshaw puller, it is there hovering in the mind of a robber while looting the house of a middle class family. All in all law cannot be subjected to the fancies of career making. It is the very life we live. Hence, it cannot be taken only as a career but it is far beyond just a paid job. The ultimate objective of law is to bring justice in the society and provide harmonious construction.

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Law is not just a career but a responsibility to bring justice to the suffering. It is a chance to do something for the welfare of the society. It is a way of contributing towards educating the unaware. Nowadays, law is associated as one of the wealthiest professions of the era but law goes beyond just earning money. It is a weapon of establishing social just and safeguarding the interests of the weak and underprivileged sections of the state. Neither everyone gets an opportunity to speak nor everyone possesses the knowledge and method to portray themselves in before the whole world and especially before those who think rules can be mended accordingly.

It takes years of hard work, dedication and determination to get yourself established in the field of law. One can find something new every single day and this makes the study and profession much more fascinating as compared to the professions. The work of a lawyer never ends and the knowledge that he has is never considered to be enough because the area under law is the widest and the deepest with the requirement of researching skills being the most basic of all. Law as a career is like a web which only a few are made fit to get through while others get confused about the application of knowledge they gained while learning law.

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Law is a set of rules which bring a sense of clarity and a way to go about the daily business of life. Law determines the domain to exercise your freedom in order to live your life in a society. The existence of laws cannot be waived off, for the very existence of a civilization is possible because of the Law. Even before the idea of civilization came into place, the law existed, in the practice of self-sustenance.

The law developed with the man and aided him in achieving a better life. From the concept of social contract with the sovereign to adjudication by the Court of Law; the mankind had come so far and achieved beyond imagination. In this long journey, the rights and duties were defined, agreed upon, and abided by the parties and in any case of violation of the terms, an independent arbitrator was appointed to resolve such disputes for restitution of rights of the parties and to deliver what was due.

The legal fraternity is in itself a service to the society because herein we as social doctors resolve the problems of the society. From the generally agreed principles of the society to one's own moral code, we subject ourselves to various laws with a shared belief that this is a way of life and in the best interest of oneself and the society that we live in.

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Law apart from being a career includes a very vast field of study. Taking law as career is a very good option but applicability of law is the task which should be given utmost importance. Law is a very noble profession and is given huge respect by the society. The main aim of taking law as a career should be making people aware of their duties and rights as a citizen. If a person who has some amount of knowledge relating to law he/she can make right decisions whereas a person who has little or no knowledge of law might end up making bad decisions for himself and the society. Law binds the society with its people. It acts as a rope with two ends and the ends include the people and the society. The society is the biggest reason the law is prevailing today. Main aim of law should be to provide justice to the people and if the law fails to provide so then the law loses its meaning. The law has the power to change the political setup of the country. Law acts like a king and no one can surpass the decision made by a king and if someone does the same shall be punished. Law is made for the people and people must abide to it. Law helps in the upliftment or growth of the down trodden. The law should not let the people abuse power and should treat people equally for a better society and living.

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As it is rightly said that, “law makes you logical and reasonable as whole.”

Law is an art which gives one the significance of learning the people scenario, their societal changes, their behavioral changes, their norms and conditions. So basically it is a field where one can read both about the rules and the society overall. There is a misconception between the law and a career. Law is a career but in spite of being a career it is basic phenomena which a person needs to get into mind in the urge of personality development.

You choose your career as a law, it doesn't mean that you are only fascinated by black coat but by selecting law as career means that you are going in a field which will enhance your personality as a whole. Being a aspirant in law field you need to be:

- Logical
- Aware of the society
- Answerable

And with these entire qualities one can outshine in the practical world since in 21st century champ, you cannot be day dreamer, you cannot be vague & law will make you the most logical person in this practical world. Law is just not the career, law will enhance your intellectual as well as your personality as a whole.

Law, it is art of answering.

Law, it is art of thinking logically.

Law, it is a rope which connects to the society.

Law, it is a family maker scenario.

Law, obviously a field which makes you lawyer and gives you the most wonderful personality.

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Law is one of the most ancient as well as one of the most important fields existing in society. No society can function in a proper, just, fair as well as in reasonable manner without proper law and order existing in society. From the ancient times itself if we look at history, many great leaders of the world such as Akbar, Alexander, The Great, King Ashoka etc have focused very particularly on proper implementation of law and order in the society for the proper working of the society. Therefore in ancient times also, there was a proper need for proper implementation of rules as well as law and orders for the betterment of society. Moreover those who did not follow law and order were subjected to strict penalties as well as sanctions.

In today's time in this age of Industrialization and Globalization, Law has also emerged as one of the most important field regarding career opportunity of an individual.

But, we should look law not only as a field of career. The basic purpose of law should not only be confined to its advantages of providing career opportunities but it has one of the most important feature of providing a system of proper governance and proper functioning of the society. One of the most important objectives of a law student or a lawyer should be to utilize the provisions of law for the betterment of the society as a whole which will ensure rule of law.

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