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Mr. S. Dhanapal (Managing Partner)

Mr.S.Dhanapal is a fellow member of The Institute of Company Secretaries of India and Law graduate from the reputed Dr. Ambedkar Govt. Law College, Chennai (Five years Integrated Law course) and Commerce graduate from the University of Madras.

He is the founder and the Managing Partner of M/s. S Dhanapal & Associates, Firm of Practising Company Secretaries, Chennai. He has over 15 years of experience in the areas of Corporate Secretarial and Legal matters and has been mentoring corporate as well as professionals with his wide experience, knowledge and professional acumen.

He is a passionate reader, voracious speaker and prolific writer on varied corporate legal and secretarial matters. He regularly contributes as a speaker and writer in various professional forums/journals. He is a well known resource person, having addressed as speaker in over 200 national and regional forums throughout the country in various professional Institutes, Chambers, Universities and Colleges and other places. All his articles are widely appreciated and acknowledged due to his unique style of writing and practical coverage of the topic in a very simple language. Got accredited as best article published in the Magazine for two years by Chartered Accountant Study Circle.

He is also a much sought after corporate trainer and also been a trainer to various Government Authorities like Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG), Office of Regional Director, Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Chennai, Registrar of Companies, Chennai and Economic Offences and Commercial Crime Wing, Police Department, Government of Tamilnadu.

He also holds following position in various Professional Institutions, University and Chambers:

1. Elected Council Member and the office of Treasurer of the Southern India Regional Council of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (SIRC-ICSI)
2. Chairman of the Professional Development Committee of SIRC-ICSI
3. Council Member, Hindustan Chamber of Commerce, (HCC)
4. Chairman of Expert Committee on Corporate, Allied Laws, CSR, Governance & Ethics of Hindustan Chamber of Commerce
5. Member of the Executive Committee for Entrepreneurship Development of the Anna University
6. Committee Member-CII (SR)-Sub-Committee for CSR Initiatives

7. Committee Member for Accounting Standard for Local Bodies, Southern India
Regional Council of Institute of Chartered Accountants of India

He has authored three books so far, namely “LLP Made Easy”, “Handbook on Companies Act, 2013” and “Guide to Companies Act, 2013” all of which were very well received by the readers. “Guide to Companies Act, 2013” is one of the very few books available in the market on Companies Act, 2013 which presents the Act and Rules in a very simple, crisp and logical manner. This Second Edition of Guide to Companies Act, 2013 is updated with MCA amendments made till August 2015.

He was privileged to receive India’s most coveted Institutional Presentation and Prestigious Recognition Award of “BHARAT GAURAV AWARD” for being worthy example to inspire others for remarkable achievement in the Grand Annual Glittering Ceremony to be held at New Delhi organized by INDIA INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY, India’s leading Voluntary Organisation of Socio-Economic Existence, New Delhi in the year 2015.

He also privileged to get selected to receive India’s most coveted Institutional Presentation and Prestigious Recognition Award of “BEST CITIZENS OF INDIA” in recognition of his exceptional calibre and outstanding performance in his chosen area of activity by BEST CITIZEN PUBLISHING HOUSE, India’s leading Voluntary Organisation of Socio-Economic Existence, New Delhi in the year 2015.

Mr. N. Ramanathan (Partner)

Mr. N. Ramanathan is a Commerce Graduate from the University of Madras and a fellow member of the Institute of Companies Secretaries of India. Prior to associating with the firm as a partner, he worked as Company Secretary of a listed company in Chennai for more than ten years. He has gained substantial knowledge and experience in ensuring compliance of listed companies and has handled variety of assignments including take over, scheme of arrangements, variety of equity issues etc. He is an extremely down to earth and modest person who believes in simple living and high thinking.

He heads the following broad functions in the firm -

1. Incorporation of Companies and LLPs.
2. Schemes of mergers and demergers.
3. Compounding of various offences before the Company Law Board, Regional Director and RBI.
4. Liaison with and appearance before Registrar of Companies, Regional Director, Company Law Board and RBI.

Professional Experience

1. Compliance with listing agreement.
2. Handled documentation relating to overseas issue and related due diligence.
3. Handled composite schemes of re-arrangement including mergers, demergers and amalgamation.
4. Rights issue by listed companies.
5. Liaison with Stock Exchanges.
6. Documentation and due diligence in relating to acquisition of companies in India and abroad.

His areas of interest include

1. Understanding the functioning of stock exchanges and securities market across the globe.
2. Listing of various types of securities and issues in India and overseas.
3. Schemes of arrangements and compromises.
4. Registration of trademarks and other intellectual property rights.

Ms. Smita Chirimar (Partner)

Ms. Smita Chirimar holds Masters Degree in Commerce from the University of Madras. She is also an associate member of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India and has completed a post membership qualification course in Corporate Governance. Prior to associating with the firm as a partner, she worked as Company Secretary of a listed company belonging to a big group of Power and Steel companies and independently handled secretarial and compliance related work for the whole group comprising of a number of NBFCs, listed companies (both in India and abroad), private and public companies. She has gained substantial experience and knowledge, in a short span of time, and has handled a variety of assignments stretching over the provisions of Companies Act, LLP Act and Foreign Exchange Management Act. She is an easy going but confident and committed person who strives to bring harmony and peace in also aspects of life. She firmly believes that "Success is immediate history" and "learning is a never ending exercise".

She heads the following broad functions in the firm

1. XBRL filing of Cost and Financial statements
2. Assignments relating to Foreign Exchange Management Act

3. Co-ordinating with clients for completion of routine assignments
4. Management, supervision and training of employees and trainees
5. Preparing academic updates and opinions

Professional Experience

1. Compliance management under the Companies Act, SEBI, FEMA, RBI and other Economic Legislations for listed and as well unlisted Companies
2. Incorporation of Companies and LLPs
3. Liaison with Stock Exchanges for listing, re listing and other matters.
4. Co-ordination with RBI for FEMA and NBFC related issues.
5. Preparation of Scheme of Arrangements and Reconstruction.
6. Conducting Secretarial Audits and Due-Diligence of Companies.

Ms. R. Pratheepa (Partner)

Ms. R. Pratheepa is a Corporate Secretaryship Graduate from Bharathiar University, Coimbatore and an Associate Member of the Institute of Companies Secretaries of India. She has around 6 years of experience in the areas of secretarial matters in corporate sector. She started her career with one of the leading Real Estate group in Chennai and has thereafter worked in a listed company and has independently handled secretarial and compliance related works there. She has acquired practical experience and knowledge in regular compliance management and documentation relating to various secretarial matters of both listed as well as unlisted entities.

The following are the some of her major areas of practice

- Compliance requirements under the Companies Act, 1956, Companies Act, 2013 and SEBI.
- Liaison with Stock Exchanges, Registrar of Companies, Share Transfer Agents etc.
- Incorporation and closure of companies.
- Engaged in the process of Capital Reduction and Demerger of companies.
- Compliance with listing agreement, SEBI Regulations & FEMA rules and regulations.
- Handled due diligence exercise.