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AU Corporate Advisory and Legal Services (AUCL)	Akshat Khetan, Founder	Akshat Khetan's brainchild is AUCL, who is a renowned corporate and legal advisor with decades of experience in corporate debt restructuring and insolvency under his belt.
Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas	Ashish Narang, Legal Associate	Ashish is a Corporate Law enthusiast with a brimming passion for Finance, looking to synergize his passion for the two and creating an exciting and fulfilling career.
Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas	Bishen Jeswant, Partner - Employment Law Practice	Bishen is a Partner in the Employment Law Practice of Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas and is based out of the Bangalore office.
Little & Co	Guruprasad Pal, Partner	Guruprasad Pal holds the distinction of working in India's oldest law firm, Little & Co., as one of the four equity Partners of the firm.
AZB & Partners	Shivani Shenoy, Associate	With 11 years of legal experience, Shivani Shenoy is a legal Associate at AZB & Partners, since last four years.

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What are the most important hallmarks of the most recognized lawyers? Those who are seeking justice or legal resolution always feel that their legal representatives must be compassionate about their case, listen to them, remain ethical, honest, transparent, and supportive, and provide them with that peace of mind as soon as possible.

Akshat Khetan's passion for promoting justice and his own experiences motivated him from an early age. His interest in the complexities of the law and his love for justice drove him to pursue a career in law. The challenges and triumphs he had encountered reinforced his commitment to the legal profession. The difficulties and successes Akshat had strengthened his dedication to the legal field. Every encounter has moulded him into an accomplished professional committed to providing his firm's clients with logical legal services by meeting deadlines.

AUCL: A Legacy of Integrity, Innovation, and Client Focus

Each experience has shaped Akshat into the professional that he is today, driven by excellence and a dedication to serving his law firm, **AU Corporate Advisory and Legal Services**, aka **AUCLs** clients, with integrity.

Today, AUCL's success is built upon a foundation of integrity, innovation, and unwavering client focus. The firm is committed to delivering exceptional legal solutions tailored to the unique needs of each client.

With a deep understanding of clients' businesses and challenges, AUCL provides proactive and strategic legal counsel. The firm fosters a collaborative environment where every team member contributes to delivering comprehensive solutions.

AUCL's dedication to building long-term relationships based on trust and transparency has solidified its position as a leading law firm in India.

Akshat's Vision: Empowering the Legal Profession

Akshat believes in leveraging technology to drive innovation in the legal industry. By investing in AI and advanced tools, he says they can enhance efficiency and precision. Fostering a culture of open communication and collaboration is crucial to staying ahead of the evolving legal landscape.

Akshat is also passionate about empowering women in law. The stereotype of women lawyers being confined to family and divorce law is outdated, says he, adding that they are committed to creating an ecosystem that recognizes the diverse capabilities of women legal professionals. By providing opportunities in various legal domains, AUCL is breaking down barriers and empowering women to excel.

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Their culture of collaboration and creativity fosters fresh ideas and innovative strategies. By encouraging open dialogue, Akshat and his team of experts anticipate potential legal hurdles and develop proactive solutions. This dedication allows them to deliver exceptional value to their clients while effectively navigating legal constraints.

Delivering Cutting-edge Legal Solutions

AUCL has achieved remarkable success. Akshat ensured that they have incorporated advanced technologies such as blockchain for document security and AI for automated compliance checks. This initiative not only exemplifies our commitment to legal excellence and innovation but also significantly improved their client's operational efficiency and compliance standards.

One standout initiative is AUCL's pioneering work in the digital transformation of legal documentation for a major client in the tech industry. Through this project, Akshat and his team demonstrated their ability to deliver cutting-edge legal solutions that address complex challenges, reaffirming their dedication to providing exceptional value and fostering long-term client success.

Today, jurisprudence goes beyond the physical realm, transforming due to aspects like digital and virtual advancements, which are necessities. Akshat accepts that Artificial Intelligence has revolutionized various industries, and the legal sector is no exception. The emergence of data-driven technologies, coupled with advancements in AI and automation, is set to change legal practices significantly. AI's capability to automate repetitive tasks, such as document review and contract analysis, offers time-saving and cost-effective solutions.

Moreover, AI empowers lawyers with data analysis on a scale-bound human capacity, enabling them to make better-informed decisions based on hidden patterns and insights.

AUCL: Navigating Complexity, Delivering Results

In the dynamic and often unpredictable realm of India's legal sector, AUCL has consistently faced and surmounted various challenges. One such instance stands out, demonstrating Akshat and his team's exceptional resilience and commitment to equity. During a particularly complex insolvency case, their client, a prominent manufacturing company, was on the brink of liquidation due to overwhelming financial distress and legal entanglements.

A Far-Sighted Leader in the Legal Profession

Akshat's leadership is characterized by a forward-thinking approach and a commitment to creating a more inclusive and dynamic legal profession. He strongly believes that there should be multifaceted perspectives in addressing business challenges. The 360-degree approach thought process facilitates the implementation of managerial, operational, strategic and organizational reforms, enabling clients to realize their objectives. Akshat has a firm opinion that economic policies should be inclusive and growth-oriented, emphasizing that profit and income are not ends in themselves but variables that contribute to the creation of meaningful value for all members of society.

Creating Client-Focused Innovation

The essence of the legal industry lies in bringing innovation and advancements to the niche. At AU Corporate Legal Advisory Services, Akshat and his team blend innovation with traditional legal principles to balance legal limitations and client expectations. Their approach starts with understanding each client's unique needs and industry. This enables them to tailor legal solutions that align with their goals while ensuring compliance.

They invest in continuous learning and stay updated on legal trends, technological advancements, and regulatory changes. This empowers them to offer innovative solutions and abled advice that meets modern challenges without compromising on legal integrity.

The stakes were high, and the future of numerous employees and stakeholders hung in the balance. Akshat and his team, undeterred by the magnitude of the challenge, approached the situation with unwavering dedication and a deep sense of responsibility. Employing a collaborative strategy, they meticulously analyzed every aspect of the case, leveraging their diverse expertise to craft a comprehensive resolution plan. Their emphasis on equity ensured that all parties, including creditors, employees, and shareholders, were fairly represented and their interests safeguarded. Through relentless negotiation, strategic litigation, and innovative solutions, they not only saved the company from liquidation but also set a precedent in insolvency jurisprudence. This experience underscored the profound impact of resilience and equity in legal practice, reaffirming their commitment to navigating adversities with integrity and tenacity.

At the Forefront of a Pivotal Moment

On gender equality, Akshat says more than a buzzword; at AUCL, they are committed to fostering an inclusive and diverse workplace that promotes it. They actively recruit, mentor, and promote talented women lawyers, ensuring they have equal opportunities to advance and lead. The *Women's Reservation Bill* marks a pivotal moment for gender equality in India, and its impact on the legal sector is expected to be substantial.



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Akshat adds that they believe that diversity enhances their ability to provide innovative and comprehensive legal solutions. By championing gender equality within their firm, they not only adhere to ethical principles but also set a benchmark for the legal industry, driving positive change and fostering a more equitable future.

Many young aspirants wish to enter the legal industry. Akshat's advice is to approach their career with dedication, curiosity, and integrity. Focus on building a strong foundation in legal principles and continuously seek to expand your knowledge. Embrace every learning opportunity, whether it's through internships, mentorship, or further studies.

Cultivate strong analytical and communication skills, as they are crucial in this field. Be proactive in networking and building relationships with industry professionals, as these connections can provide valuable insights and opportunities.

Most importantly, maintain a passion for justice and a commitment to ethical practice. The legal profession is demanding but immensely rewarding for those who are driven by a genuine desire to make a positive impact. Stay resilient, adaptable, and open to new challenges, and you will find success and fulfillment in your legal career.

Driving the Future Revolution

Looking to the future, Akshat's vision for AUCL is crystal clear. According to him, the legal industry is undergoing a profound transformation driven by rapid technological advancements, shifting client expectations, and increasing global competition. As law firms navigate this evolving landscape, it's crucial to stay informed about the latest trends, challenges, and opportunities shaping the future of the profession.

Whether you're a seasoned attorney or a legal industry professional, understanding these trends is essential for staying ahead of the curve and positioning AUCL for long-term success through uncovering the strategies they will have to thrive in this dynamic and ever-changing industry, he concludes. ■



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