**MR SUKRIT SABHLOK**

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**EDUCATION**

**Master of Arts**, Monash University, March 2013-present (part-time).

**Graduate Diploma of Legal Practice**, College of Law, 2012-2013. Electives taken: Criminal Law Practice and Consumer Law Practice.

**Bachelor of Arts (First Class Honours),** University of Melbourne, 2011. Thesis: ‘The Politics of Central Banking: Balancing Independence and Accountability’; Major: Political Science.

**Bachelor of Laws**, University of Melbourne, 2006-2010. Marks of 70+ in Corporations Law, Trusts, Advanced Legal Research, Environmental Law, Rethinking Australian Democracy and the Law, Comparative Constitutional Law, Australian Bills of Rights, Principles of Public Law.

**Victorian Certificate of Education**, Melbourne Grammar School, 2005. Subjects: Economics, Legal Studies, IT: Information Processing and Management, Psychology, English, Political Studies. Percentile rank: 99.65

**WORK EXPERIENCE**

Current Roles

**Paralegal,** Footscray Community Legal Centre (Apr 2013-present; casual)

**Team Member,** Target Australia (Nov 2012-present; casual)

Past Experience

**Paralegal,** Taylor & Preston Lawyers(Oct 2012-Jan 2013; part-time)

Legal and administrative duties under the supervision of partner Mr Jeremy Williams:

* *Managing client files*: I was responsible for advancing a range of matters, and reviewed files in consultation with the supervising solicitors. Example of matters dealt with: divorce applications, sale and purchase of business, intervention orders, personal injury litigation
* *Managing client enquiries*: This included telephone and in-person enquiries. I was the first point of contact for many clients who were seeking to be updated on the status of their file.
* *Legal research*: I helped research the process for enforcement of Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal orders, helped research the process to register as an electricity retailer, legislative changes etc

**Paralegal**, Brimbank Melton Community Legal Centre (Sep-Dec 2012; part-time)

Under the supervision of principal solicitor Mr Khanh Nguyen, completed tasks such as:

* *Assisting lawyers in writing correspondence*: I have written to clients confirming their instructions, written to third parties etc
* *Drafting legal documents:* I have helped draft affidavits, statements of claim and Fair Work Australia applications for unfair dismissal
* *Interviewing clients:* I have been the preliminary port of call for clients attending the centre and have taken initial instructions
* *Assisting in answering phone calls and carrying out research*: I have researched insurance contracts, the *Family Law Act* and other Acts

**Research Fellow,** Liberty Australia Institute(Jan 2012-Sep 2012; part-time)

* *Writing/Editing*: I was editor of the peer-reviewed *Journal of Peace, Prosperity & Freedom* and also wrote reports and opinion pieces.
* *Management*: I have organized volunteers and conferences.
* *Communication*: I was interviewed by media such as Triple J radio.

**COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES**

**Student Ambassador Leadership Program,** University of Melbourne (2009-10). SALP is Melbourne University’s premier volunteering program. Entry is by competitive application. It involves 60 hours of volunteering over a 1.5 year period, seminars and team-building camps. Key achievements:

* set up an internet café for the Church of All Nations in Carlton.
* administrative and teaching tasks for the church and university.

**Orientation Host & Peer Supporter,** University of Melbourne (2009-2010)

*Orientation host*: Key mentor for a group of 10 first-year students, helping them to adjust to university life. *Peer support:* supported students who had failed subjects and were facing academic sanction by referring them to counseling, financial aid and other university services. My note-taking during hearings of the academic board led to a successful appeal by a student.

**Rotary Youth Leadership Award**, Rotary Club (2009)

A 7 day leadership and teamwork skills training camp. Awarded Certificate of Recognition.

**Legal Researcher**, Reprieve Australia (2008)

Wrote a 2000 word paper that was then summarized in Reprieve’s newsletter.

**ACADEMIC AWARDS AND PRIZES**

**J.A. Aird Award for Public Policy** for highest mark in a public policy subject, Uni of Melbourne/Institute of Public Administration (2010). $500.

**Australian Students Prize,** for outstanding Year 12 results, Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (2006). $2000 cash prize.

**Reverend Adie Simondson Memorial Prize for Ethics,** for winning an essay competition, Melbourne Grammar School (2005). Won $50 book voucher.

**Psychology Prize,** to top student in Psychology at Melbourne Grammar School, Melbourne Grammar School (2005). Won $50 book voucher.

**Entrance Academic Scholarship,** remission of tuition fees based on competitive scholarship exam, Melbourne Grammar School (2002-2005)

**CONFERENCE PRESENTATION**

**Liberty Australia Mises Seminar**, Sydney, Australia (Dec 1-2, 2012). Presented paper; also served on Organizational Committee as coordinator.

**SELECTED PUBLICATIONS**

Book Contributions

[Foreword](http://www.la.org.au/ipaper/291112/menckens-conservatism) to Benjamin Marks, *Mencken's Conservatism*, Liberty Australia Institute, 2012.

Peer Reviewed Papers

‘[Secession as Political Reform: The Case of Western Australia’](http://www.la.org.au/ipaper/231112/secession-political-reform), *Policy*, No. 4, 2012.
 ‘[Taming the Dogs of War: Why Parliament Should Authorize Major Deployments](http://www.la.org.au/ipaper/310311/taming-dogs-war-why-parliament-should-authorize-major-deployments)’, *Policy*, No. 1, 2011.

**REFERENCES**

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