

CS Ashish Garg
(Vice-President, ICSI, and Chairman, Peer Review Board)

A Fellow Member of the ICSI, a Post Graduate in Economics (M.A.) and Commerce (M.Com.) and a Graduate in Law (L.L.B.) from the Vikram University, Ujjain, CS Ashish Garg was elected to the Central Council of the ICSI for the term 2015-2018 and re-elected for the second term in 2019 for four years.

During his first stint with the Central Council, he was the Chairman of Practising Company Secretaries Committee of the ICSI for the year 2015 and 2016 and it was under his leadership that the PCS Day was celebrated with full gusto on 15th June every year. While holding Chairmanships of the Core Group of GST of ICSI and Centre of Corporate Governance, Research and Training (CCGRT), he was also nominated by the ICSI as a member at the Cost Accounting Standards Board of the Institute of Cost Accountants of India.

A nominated Director on the Board of ICSI Institute of Insolvency Professionals, he has chaired several in-house Committees of the ICSI of the likes of Placement Committee, PMQ Committee and Direct Tax Code Committee.

Extremely passionate and driven towards the betterment and growth of the profession, CS Garg has proved his dedication since his days as the Secretary and Vice Chairman of Indore Chapter of the ICSI in 2004 and 2005 and later on as a member of the Western India Regional Council of the ICSI for two consecutive terms from 2007-14 and even further as Secretary, WIRC in 2013 and 2014.

With almost over 18 years of experience and specialization in Corporate Laws, organizational restructuring and corporate legal counseling to companies, he is a sought after faculty at conferences and seminars of CA, CS and MBAs in India and abroad and is zealous when it comes to connecting with and motivating members and students. Having authored number of Articles for magazines and newspapers and extensively travelled across the length and breadth of the India, he feels pleasure in having visited four continents of the Globe and getting a chance of getting acquainted with varied cultures thereat.

CS Vineet K. Chaudhary
(Council Member, ICSI, and Vice Chairman, Peer Review Board)

Mr. Vineet Chaudhary is a Practising Company Secretary and Insolvency Professional. He founded M/s V. K. Chaudhary & Co. in 2001(now known as M/s. VKC & Associates) and has an integrated and well-knit set up of a practising firm of Company Secretaries. He has a wide network of the professionals and his presence as such is Pan India. He is popularly known as 'VKC' in the corporate laws professionals' fraternity.

He is also founding partner of the Resolution Professionals LLP ("Res-Pro") which is a conglomerate of professionals coming from all walks of corporate consultancy, be it secretarial, legal, financial or Insolvency Resolution. The strength of "Res-Pro" is the blend of dedicated, proactive and senior team with an enthusiastic young team of GenNext.

He has led several significant assignments, providing both hands-on legal advice as well as overall strategic inputs. Mr. Chaudhary has extensive experience in a wide range of practice areas including Corporate Commercial Transactions, Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process Advisory under IBC, 2016, Foreign Direct Investment, Joint Ventures, Mergers & Acquisitions Advisory , Comprehensive Legal & Secretarial Audit, Corporate Law Advisory ranging from Approvals & Appearance Services in the scrutiny, inspection & investigations to Composition of the offences under the various corporate legislations, Corporate Governance Advisory and Management Services to business entities.

He is thorough Professional with highest degree of integrity and is a resource person for the implementation of various Ease of Doing businesses in India and e-Governance Initiatives of the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Government of India. His skill sets of opining in issues surrounded under discussions is what sets him apart.

He has been re-elected as a member to the Central Council of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (“the ICSI”) in 2019 for four years and has served as the Chairman of Corporate Laws & Governance Committee of the ICSI for the year 2015-16 & 2016-17. He is the presently Chairman of the Auditing Standard Board constituted by the ICSI and Vice-Chairman of the Peer Review Board of ICSI. He is also an esteemed member of other functional committees of the ICSI, the ICoAI and industry chambers and Quality Review Board of ICSI. He is a frequent speaker and presenter on Companies Act and Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 at national conferences, workshops and seminars organized by various professional Institutions & bodies.

Mr. Chaudhary is also a registered Insolvency Professional under Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 (“the Code”) and is also a founder Director of ICSI Institute of Insolvency Professionals. He has actively participated in various committees discussions constituted by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs and other functional bodies advising in the framework of the Code and regulations made there under. Mr. Chaudhary has acted as an IRP/RP and is an active Professional Advisors in many ongoing Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process and Liquidation process under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016.

A man of substance and hard work. Believes in team spirit and wears passion and compassion with no compromise.

CS Dr. Ahalada Rao Vummenthala (Council Member, ICSI, and Member, Peer Review Board)

CS Dr. Ahalada Rao Vummenthala, Fellow Member of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI). He has been elected to the Council of ICSI for the term 2019-22, with the highest number of votes for the second time after his first term from 2014-18. During this tenure he was the Chairman of ICSI Research Committee. He has served as Vice-President of ICSI for the year 2018. He has also served the Institute at Chapter level as the Chairman Hyderabad Chapter of SIRC of ICSI for the year (2006). He was also a member of Secretarial Standard Board of Institute of Company Secretaries of India, New Delhi, 2014-2016.

He was awarded the Doctor of Philosophy for his Research Study on “Valuation of Intangible Assets in Indian Companies- an Empirical Analysis” by Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University, Hyderabad (JNTUH). He is a Science graduate, Master of Law from Osmania University and Master in Financial Management from Pondicherry University. He further completed Certificate course on “Business Valuation and Corporate Restructuring” conducted by the Institute of Cost Accountants of India.

CS Dr. Ahalada Rao Vummenthala has an overall 20 years of corporate experience in the secretarial field and has spread various expert opinions and advices on all the matters of Corporate Laws. He has also represented before the Company Law Board and is representing before the National Company Law Tribunal and Consumer Forums.

Dr. Rao has been a faculty to the Executive Students of Company Secretary Course at the ICSI Hyderabad Chapter for Economic Labour and Industrial Laws, during the period 2001-03. He has been delivering guest lectures at reputed Organizations on Various subjects, Accounting Standards, Company Law, Industrial Laws and financial planning. He has also delivered lectures on Securities Laws & Regulation of Financial Markets for Post Graduate Students. He is also a regular faculty at Seminars and Workshops conducted by various Professional Bodies.

Dr. Rao has also written numerous articles and papers in various professional and research journals and newspapers. . He was a Member of Governing Councils, Committees, Sub Committees of CII (Confederation of Indian Industry), FAPCI (Federation of Andhra Pradesh Chamber of Commerce and Industry), APTBA (AP Tax Bar Association) and such other Institutional bodies.

CS Siddhartha Murarka (Council Member, ICSI, and Member, Peer Review Board)

CS Siddhartha Murarka is Fellow member of The Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) and law and commerce graduate. Shri Murarka is presently the Central Council Member of ICSI.

He was the Chairman of the Eastern India Regional Council (EIRC) of ICSI for the year 2017. He was Vice Chairman of EIRC-ICSI for the year 2016. He is member of Corporate Law & Governance Committee, Professional Development Committee & IT Committee of ICSI. He has been associated with Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry (BCCI).

Shri Murarka is Practicing Company Secretary and prior to starting his own practice, Siddhartha's substantial corporate experience was with PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) where he was head of Risk Management and Compliance.

Shri Murarka specializes in Company Law, NCLT matters, Legal Risk Management and Compliance matters. He has travelled around the world and has worked with people of different nationalities. He is regular faculty at ICSI, ICAI and other eminent professional bodies and chambers of commerce like Merchant Chamber of Commerce (MCC) and BCCI. His views on several matters have received media coverage by newspapers such as The Economic Times, Times of India etc.

CS Gopalkrishna Hegde (Former Council Member, ICSI, and Member, Peer Review Board)

CS Gopalkrishna Hegde an ambitious professional, who loves challenges, has passion to excel and an effective leader with excellent communication skills and always building winning relationships. He is a Company Secretary and Chartered Accountant with over 35 years of extensive experience in Corporate Finance, Accounts, Taxation, Audit, Secretarial, Legal, Systems, Personnel and Administration functions.

Received recognition as "Competent Communicator" and "Competent Leader" from TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL – a global organization engaged in education & training on Communication & Leadership Skills and recipient of Certificate of Honour from Dr. D.G. Shetty Educational Society (R), Dharwad, Karnataka, conferring the title "VIDYA VIKAS" in recognition of the excellent services rendered in the field of education.

Mr. Hegde is also a recipient of "Prathibha Puraskara Award" Honour conferred by Shree Akhila Havyaka Mahasabha (R.) and awarded Certificate of Achievement "Advanced Leadership at Emerson", Ohio, USA, 2011

Mr. Hegde Professional Engagements:

- Director of Sri-Gem Corporate Services Private Limited, Bengaluru
- Director – Finance, Legal & Company Secretary, Trident Powercraft Private Limited, a multi locational, multi product and multinational manufacturing company, part of Emerson Electric Co., USA
- Chairman, STRTA Consulting Services Private Limited, Bengaluru.

His Lead Professional Bodies:

- Served Bangalore Chapter of ICSI - Chairman -2006.
- Served Southern India Regional Council (SIRC) of The Institute of Company Secretaries of India as Chairman - 2009. Provided Successful Leadership for the activities of 15 Chapters, all spread across 5 States in Southern India.

Council Member of ICSI – The Institute of Company Secretaries of India for two terms: 2011 – 2014 & 2015 – 2018.

CS S. K. Agrawala (Former Council Member, ICSI, and Member, Peer Review Board)

CS S.K Agrawala is Past Central Council Member of The ICSI. Previously Shri Agrawala was Company Secretary of Balrampur Chini Mills Limited, one of the largest sugar producing company in the country. He has been providing the service to this company for more than 20 years. Shri Agrawala is a B.Com [Hons] and Associate Member of Association of Secretaries and Manager, Kolkata, a fellow member of the institute of Cost Accountants of India and also a fellow member of Institute of Company Secretaries of India.

Shri Agrawala is possessing about 37 years of rich professional experience which includes Birla Organizations also, wherein he had occupied several senior positions like:

- Company Secretary in Bharat Sugar Mills Ltd., Birla Cotton Spinning and Weaving Mills Ltd.
- Apart from that Director in many Birla companies too.

At present, Mr. Agrawala is holding position of independent Director at Himadri Speciality Chemicals Ltd., and Himadri Credit and Finance Ltd.

He was a member of the Secretarial Standard Board of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) for the year 2010-11 and also a regular in Secretarial Modular Training /MSOP Programme organized by the Eastern India Regional Council (EIRC) of ICSI.

CS Agrawala had been thrice elected to the Eastern India Regional Council of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India for the year 1995-97 and 1998-2000 and 2004-2006. He was the Vice Chairman of EIRC in the year 1999 and the Chairman of EIRC in the year 2000. He was elected as Central Council Member for 2014-18. He was Chairman of Editorial Advisory Board of the Journal “Chartered Secretary” for 2 years i.e. 2017 and 2018.

He has actively participated in seminars, meetings and management development programmes organized by different professional bodies. He was also a member of the Corporate Law & Taxation Sub-Committee of FICCI.

CS Amit Rajkotiya (Member, Peer Review Board)

CS Amit Rajkotiya is a practising Company Secretary. He was 5th Merit in 12th Exam. He was 2nd Merit in LL.B. from Nagpur University and was University topper in M.Com. He started practice in 2003. He is involved in day to day company law compliances along with his team of 3 Company Secretaries. He has handled Main Board IPOs and also assignments relating to SEBI compliances for takeover of Listed Compliances. He is regular consultant to various listed companies and provides services for Corporate Governance, Audit and acts as Scrutinisers.

He is involved in legal drafting relating to commercial agreements, arrangements. He is involved in study and drafting of petitions, reply for High Court, PMLA Court, NCLT and other Quasi Judicial forums. He regularly assists Advocates in corporate matters.

He has handled matters relating RoC, RD inspection and investigations. He has done Mergers, Demergers. He is regularly appearing before National Company Law Tribunal in the matters relating to share holder disputes, Merger Amalgamation, Compounding of offences. He is also handling matters in Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code.

He was part of the Expert Group constituted by Ministry of Corporate Affairs to review Companies (Acceptances of Deposits) Rules, 2014. He is also a member of Tax and Corporate Law committee of the Vidharbha Industries Association.

CS Ashish Shah
(Member, Peer Review Board)

CS Ashish Shah is a Practicing Company Secretary from Ahmedabad. He is also a Registered Trade Mark Agent and Registered Insolvency Professional.

CS Ashish Shah has a vast experience of practice as well as of corporate. Before starting his practice in 2001, he served Rich Gold Finance and Securities Limited as Assistant Company Secretary.

His core area of experience is Companies Act, Amalgamation, National Company Law Tribunal, Joint venture / Equity Subscription / Initial Public Issue due diligence, Foreign Direct Investment proposal and approvals, Registration of Trade Mark, Insolvency Resolution Professional, etc.

CS Bhavin Mehta
(Member, Peer Review Board)

CS Bhavin Mehta, is a Fellow Member of the ICSI and a Commerce Graduate. He has been practicing since 2001 and having rich experience of more than 18 years.

His main areas of expertise are listing regulations & other SEBI compliances, drafting, & corporate restructuring.

CS Bhavin was founder Secretary of Rajkot Satellite Chapter of the WIRC of the ICSI in 2002 to 2004. He was the Chairman of the Chapter in year 2005. He was Chairman of Professional Development Committee of Rajkot Chapter in 2015 and was co-opted Member of Managing Committee of Rajkot Chapter during 2015-2018.

He is also founder partner of MJP Associates, a firm of Practising Company Secretaries based at Rajkot.
