

“MISHTY” GITANJALI DEB

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Mishty is a skilled attorney with over 14 years of practice experience in the public, private, and non-profit sectors. She Teaches Real Estate Law, Business Organizations and Research & writing courses as an Adjunct Professor with the Dallas County Community College District. She co-founded the Dallas law firm of LaSusa & Deb, PLLC and specializes in providing legal counsel to small businesses. She has worked on multiple high-profile litigation cases and is an active advocate for alternative dispute conflict resolution methods, holding current certificates in mediation. She is a volunteer mediator with the SMU dispute resolution center in Plano and also volunteers with the Dallas County Dispute Resolution Center.

As a patron for women in business, she is also the CEO and Founder of the Sharks In Heels® series. Sharks In Heels is an informative social networking organization geared towards connecting, educating, and training women on becoming the future generation of successful women entrepreneurs. Each year the organization puts on four educational workshops and a business panel discussion. Mishty and her organization have been featured on Startup Dallas, Fox 4 Good Day, and the *Dallas Business Journal*.

Mishty has conducted training sessions for junior attorneys, CLE classes for colleagues, and mentored business owners at many events including Dallas Start-Up Week’s Women’s Edition, Cookies and Content at the Grove, Women's Tech Co., and Dallas Bloggers’s Collective. In her spare time, Mishty loves to travel the world and believes that diversity and a global worldview are the keys to understanding her clients needs and connecting with others.

Certificates

- 40 Hour Basic Mediation Training- Mediation Dynamics, Tarrant County, Fort Worth, Texas
- 32 Hour Family Mediation Course- Conflict Happens, Dallas County, Dallas, Texas
- 4 Hour Family Violence Training for Mediators, Civil Practice- Dallas Bar Association, Dallas County, Dallas, Texas
- **Patent Bar Licensed**

Education

University of Texas School of Law <i>Juris Doctor</i>	Austin, TX 2005
Southern Methodist University <i>Bachelor of Science, magna cum laude</i> , GPA: 3.86 Majors: Economics; Environmental Science (Geology)	Dallas, TX 2002

Professional Work Experience

LaSusa & Deb, PLLC <u>Co-Founder and Partner</u> Manages the firm’s non-profit, small business, and mediation practice groups. Oversees civil litigation cases and makes presentations to corporate Boards about options in active litigation suits, changes to governing documents, and overall good practices. Advises on a wide range of issues from business transactions to complex divorce cases involving business assets. Acts as the firm’s resident mediator for both civil and family cases. Advises on IP contracts and make presentations to various groups on legal topics through the firm’s Law Girl 101 program. Trains and mentors associates and interns.	Dallas, Texas January 2011- Present
Contract Title and Discovery Attorney <u>Contract Attorney</u>	Dallas, Texas January 2009-January 2010

Worked for several law firms on a variety of complex title cases, financial services licensing issues, and electronic discovery issues.

R. L. Marsh and Associates, PC.

Dallas, TX

Oil & Gas Energy Attorney

April 2008- December 2008

Project lead for title work cases including curative work, commercial tracts, public lands and residential subdivision work. Recognized as a top performer and represented the firm as a guest lecturer for the Texas Bar Association Continuing Legal Education regarding Joint Ventures. Interviewed and trained incoming associates. Supervised junior attorneys on my team.

U. S. Small Business Administration (Disaster Assistance)

Fort Worth, TX

Managing Attorney-Real Estate

October 2005- March 2008

Supervised a 10+ member legal team of attorneys and paralegals in areas of drafting, negotiating, modifying, and closing loans. Represented the SBA in complex negotiations with escrow agents, real estate agents, insurance agents and borrowers. Trained incoming attorneys. Received Gold Star Award for exemplary performance.

Awards and Honors

- President Scholar
- Richter International Fellowship Grant recipient
- Lovejoy Memorial Departmental Award (Economics)
- Golden Key Honor Society
- Mortar Board
- Certificate of Non-Profit Management from the Center for Nonprofit

Journals

- Editorial Board of Texas - International Law Journal (UT Austin) 2003-2005
- Editorial Board of Texas - Journal of Women and Law (UT Austin) 2003-2005

Academic Publications

“Stealing Gods: Illegal Trade” - Advocating Changes in International Fraud & Trade Regulations, Volume X, Issue 1, **Art, Antiquity and the Law, March 2005** (Peer Reviewed by Art & Law Institute in the UK).

“Atrazine and Frogs: A Case Study on the Regulation of EDCs – Advocating Changes in Evidentiary Standards for Federal Regulations,” **Temple Journal of Science, Technology and Environmental Law (lead article), Fall 2005.**

“The EU and the U.S. Regulation of EDCs,” **Temple Journal of Science, Technology and Environmental Law, Fall 2006.**

Notable Lectures, Interviews and Speaking Engagements

Topic	Type	Year
GDPR & Data Privacy Fireside Chat	Panel Discussion hosted by Nod Co-working space in Addison	2018
Protecting your Catch: Information Security Issues for Entrepreneurs- A short panel discussion on information security tips and pitfalls for small businesses.	Panel discussion hosted by LaSusa & Deb, PLLC for Sharks In Heels moderated by Mishty Deb	
Crossing Cultural Barriers: Multiple Perspectives on the Impact of Culture and Diversity in Mediation	Panel Discussion Hosted by Dallas Bar Associations Alternative Dispute Resolution Group	2017

Tips and Common Mistakes when Entrepreneurs Pitch to Investors	Rebel Role Model YouTube Channel	
Sharks In Heels Annual Female Entrepreneur Contest	Shark Tank Style Pitch contest where female business owners pitched their ideas to a panel of judges. Contest was held at Septien Entertainment Studios	2016
Patents and Pumps: Trademarks, Copyrights and Patents- an IP primer for entrepreneurs Image Shark- Key Points of Start-up Planning Advice for Women in Business Interview with host Jason Croft regarding Women Entrepreneurship Social Shark- Legal Issues every woman in business needs to know about Social Media. Mentor/Coach for Business Startups Legality of blogs/legal issues of using social media in business (including copyright issues and SLAP Lawsuits) Expert Panelist Top 5 Mistakes New Businesses Make Advice for Women in Business	Sharks in Heels Workshop at Expo Skills Creative Studio Sharks in Heels Workshop at Expo Skills Creative Studio Fox 4 Good Day TV Interview, regarding Sharks in Heels Startup Dallas video blog series Sharks in Heels Workshop at Expo Skills Creative Studio Dallas Start-Up Week- Women's Edition Guest speaker for The Grove's Cookies and Content Lecture Series. Dallas Bloggers Roundtable Discussion Sharks in Heels Workshop at UNT Dallas School of Law Channel 47 the Broadcast TV interview, promoting Sharks in Heels Workshop	2015
Best Business Practices for Law and Technology Small Businesses, Law ,and Technology Wills & Estates- Top 5 Reasons to have a Will	Law Girl 101 Lectures representing LaSusa & Deb, PLLC Law Girl 101 Lectures representing LaSusa & Deb, PLLC Web Interview for Benefit Brainstorm Representing LaSusa & Deb, PLLC	2014
Speaker Introductions for Wendy Davis Campaign Volunteer Trainer and Coordinator	Weekend of Action- Regarding Voter Registration for Wendy Davis Campaign Voter Registration Program	2013
Law of Antarctica	Green Drinks Presentation as Invited guest speaker representing Incite Development	2011
Joint Venture Agreements, Farm-in Agreements, and Farm- Out Agreements	CLE Lecture for the Half Moon Bay Sponsored CLE series representing RL Marsh and Associates	2008