

It was indeed good fortune that straight out of college, in the mid-1990s, I was to join Mr Jain's chamber. At that time, Mr Jain was practising on the original side, including the trial courts. Mr Jain, the topper of his class in criminal law, had established a very successful civil practice very early in life. Mr Jain had been a debater all his student life, that ensured that he became a master in the art of persuasion.

Law – substantive or procedural – may be learnt in law colleges, but one cannot learn the art of advocacy in colleges. The initial years were fantastic as I got an insight into the intricacies of trial practice from Mr Jain and a ringside view of the art of advocacy being practised by one of the then giants of the trial courts.

As Mr. Jain gained new heights in the profession and started practising solely in the High Court, my professional career also progressed. Mr Jain was designated as a Senior Advocate very early in his career. As a young advocate, I often sought his counsel and, many a time, briefed him. It was always a pleasure working with Mr. Jain as he went in-depth into the matter and, after understanding the intricacies, provided valuable additions to the brief. No point, however small, was missed because he always (and still does) took detailed notes during conferences. His vast court experience ensured that no technicality, however minor, was ever overlooked. Further, over the years, his knowledge of law has become so vast that he often cites case law from memory.

It is easy to fill a book just on anecdotes - of all the wonderful and enriching experience but I leave that for another time.



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