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Dr. Aneesh V. Pillai has made notable contributions to legal scholarship through his authorship and editorial work. His notable authored books include *Surrogate Motherhood and the Law*; *The Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985*; *Artificial Intelligence and Legal Innovations*; and *State Responsibility under International Law*; etc. In addition, he has served as editor for several scholarly volumes such as *Short Notes on Competition Law in India*; *Cyber Laws: Issues and Concerns*; *Shaded Justice and Rights*; *Secularism and Freedom of Religion*; and *Climate Change Laws: Issues and Perspectives*, among others. His scholarly activities extend to participation in numerous national and international conferences, workshops, and training programs. Notable among these is the IUCN-funded Train-the-Trainers Program in Colombo, Sri Lanka; the International Conference at Dhaka International University, Bangladesh; and the International Summer School jointly organized by Bahcesehir Cyprus University, University of Sarajevo, and Pravniki Association Sarajevo, Turkey; etc. He has also engaged in workshops and conferences across the globe, including in the Netherlands, Israel, the USA, South Africa, Vietnam, Taiwan, Brazil, Singapore, and more.

In addition to his academic and research contributions, Dr. Pillai has rich experience in adjudicating national and international moot court competitions, such as the Stetson

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