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Dhirendra is a leading disputes lawyer with more than 30 years of experience in corporate commercial disputes.

He is a partner of J. Sagar Associates since 2010. Dhirendra has acted in a number of high stake arbitrations, both ad hoc and administered, and has successfully led his team from the front. Dhirendra has consistently achieved a very high rate of success. Clients have regularly sought Dhirendra to lead in assignments. Dhirendra also acts as an arbitrator. Construction & Engineering, Oil & Gas and Information Technology sectors are Dhirendra's focus practice areas.

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Amit is a Senior Advocate and Associate Member at Three Verulam Buildings Barristers (3VB), London, appearing regularly at the Supreme Court of India, the Delhi High Court and various other High Courts and Tribunals across India. Amit has a substantial practice in commercial and corporate disputes and international and domestic commercial arbitration. He is ranked as a leading practitioner for dispute resolution by Chambers & Partners Asia-Pacific Guide. He was admitted to the New York Bar in 1997 and practised as a transactional lawyer in banking, insolvency and capital markets for six years at the New York and Hong Kong offices of Davis Polk & Wardwell, one of the world's largest international law firms. Amit was admitted to the Indian Bar in 2002 and was designated a Senior Advocate in 2014.

After graduating with a BA in Philosophy, Politics and Economics at Balliol College, Oxford and a BA in law at Trinity College, Cambridge, Amit completed an LL.M. at Harvard Law School.



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Abhinav Bhushan is a Director (Foreign Law) at Drew & Napier LLC and represents clients in international arbitration and dispute resolution with a focus on India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, Australia and Europe. Abhinav sits as an arbitrator in international and ad hoc arbitrations panning sectors such as energy, aviation, construction, commercial cases and ship building contracts. He is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (FCIArb) and empanelled as an arbitrator with several leading arbitration institutions across the world.

As a thought leader, Abhinav has spoken in over 180 international arbitration conferences and training programs. Abhinav holds a B.L.S., LL.B. (First Class Honors) from Government Law College, Mumbai, and an LL.M. from Columbia Law School, New York, USA. He has lived in India, US, France, and Singapore.



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Adarsh has over a decade of experience advising clients on complex, high-value commercial disputes (litigation, arbitration, and mediation), often with an international element. He is qualified to practice in India as well as England & Wales. He is also a registered foreign lawyer in Singapore. His practice covers disputes relating to construction and infrastructure projects, joint ventures, family arrangements, shareholder agreements, media rights contracts, franchise agreements, sports, and corporate governance. He has advised large Indian conglomerates, multi-national corporations, and court-appointed committees/ directors.



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Aditya is an advocate in independent practice. He lives in Bangalore but travels anywhere that work takes him. Aditya spent 21 years in the disputes practices of two of India's best known firms. Aditya's practice straddles arbitration, litigation, and increasingly now, mediation. Apart from having appeared before courts and tribunals across the length and breadth of India, Aditya has appeared as counsel in arbitration and mediation in the United States, England, The Netherlands, The United Arab Emirates, Oman, Singapore, and Mauritius. When Aditya is not being a lawyer he is rearing indigenous cattle on his farm.



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Alipak heads the International Dispute Resolution practice at Nishith Desai Associates, in New Delhi. He represents clients with a special focus on cross-border and complex litigation, international commercial and investment treaty arbitration.

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Anirudh Krishnan is the founder partner of AK Law Chambers and an accomplished lawyer specializing in commercial and public law litigation, arbitration, and corporate advisory. A NALSAR, Hyderabad graduate with a BCL from Oxford, he is also a qualified Solicitor of England and Wales. Known for his expertise in arbitration, he serves as Chief Editor of "Justice R.S. Bachawat's Law of Arbitration and Conciliation," a leading two-volume work, and has contributed to prominent international publications on arbitration. His experience includes working at Clifford Chance, London, where he handled international arbitration and commercial litigation. Anirudh has represented clients in institutional arbitrations under a wide variety of rules, and has acted for corporates and public undertakings in Indian courts. Additionally, he authored The Law of Reservation and Anti-discrimination, writes a regular column for Bar & Bench, and is a sought-after speaker at legal conferences and law schools.



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Arjun Doshi is an Indian qualified lawyer with over ten years of work experience, currently leading disputes vertical at Adani Ports and SEZ Limited. He strategizes and supervises high-value complex litigation and arbitration matters for ports and logistics businesses. Before this, Arjun was a member of Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co.'s arbitration practice group in Mumbai, specializing in domestic and international arbitration, investor-state disputes, and public international law. Arjun teaches commercial and investor-state arbitration at various universities. He received the Dr. Angela Merkel Scholarship from the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), a fully funded scholarship, to pursue a master's from Germany.



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Ashish is a principal in the Singapore office of Baker McKenzie and sits on the firm's Global International Arbitration Steering Committee and Global India Steering Committee. His area of practice focuses on international arbitration and cross-border commercial disputes. He has represented parties with respect to disputes across a wide range of industries, including commodities, energy, oil & gas, renewable energy, technology, and telecommunications. In particular, Ashish has significant experience acting as counsel in relation to commercial disputes arising out of M&A transactions as well as joint venture and shareholder agreements in the Asia Pacific region.



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Binsy Susan, Partner at Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co., New Delhi, brings over 20 years of experience in handling complex corporate and commercial disputes, including cross-border arbitrations in sectors such as construction, oil & gas, information technology and telecom. Her litigation practice focuses on critical issues like data privacy and cybersecurity, representing global intermediaries before Indian Courts, including the Supreme Court. Recognized among the 'Top 40 Dispute Lawyers' and 'Top 100 Women in Litigation', Binsy frequently speaks at international forums and contributes to shaping arbitration discourse through her writings and roles in leading professional bodies such as Arbitral Women.



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Chitra Narayan is a lawyer, mediator and arbitrator. She is an accredited mediator with TNMCC (Madras High Court) & founding partner of Foundation for Comprehensive Dispute Resolution, Chennai.

She practised corporate commercial law with leading law firms before setting up independent practice. Since 2005, she has mediated a variety of disputes including family, workplace & commercial disputes.

She was part of a group of mediators appointed by the Mediation & Conciliation Project Committee (Supreme Court of India) in 2020 to draft a legislation on mediation. She is the author of *Mediation Policy & Practice* (Oakbridge Publishing Ltd., 2021) & Joint Editor of *Pollock & Mulla – The Indian Contract Act, 17th Edition* (Lexis Nexis, 2024). She is a Visiting Faculty with Sai University, Chennai, NLSIU, Bengaluru, & MNLU, Mumbai.



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Deepak Narayanan is an Indian qualified lawyer and is a Partner at BDN Chambers law firm, situated at Chennai. He has an LLM in Commercial laws from Queen Mary University of London (UK). He is also a member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (MCI Arb) and has been appointed in Core Committee of CI Arb YMG (India). He is also a member of the Sub-Committee of Young Lawyers of Confederation of Indian Industries. He has extensive practice in the field of Dispute Resolution with a particular focus on Domestic and International Arbitrations and Commercial Litigation. He regularly appears before the High Court of Madras and various Tribunals. He is also a Panel Counsel for Bank of India, Life Insurance Corporation and Indian Nursing Council.



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Dinesh, a Partner at DSK Legal, has over 23 years of experience in law. His primary focus areas are Disputes and Projects, with particular emphasis on construction and commercial arbitrations, both domestic and international. He also serves as an arbitrator when called upon. Dinesh advises on contractual and regulatory issues across various sectors, including energy, rail, airports, smart cities, and renewables. His experience spans disputes in railways, airports, energy, water and waste management, roads, steel plants, and oil and gas. Dinesh's expertise has been recognized by several respected legal directories, including Benchmark Litigation Asia-Pacific, Chambers Asia-Pacific, Asia Law Leading Lawyers, IFLR1000, and Legal 500 Asia-Pacific.



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Garv Malhotra specialises in the practice of international arbitration and Indian Law. He leads the International Disputes, Arbitration and Litigation team of Skywards Law from their office in New Delhi. He has studied, practiced and taught law in various civil and common law countries. Garv holds a dual bachelor's degree in Law and Commerce (from Gujarat National Law University); a master's degree in international dispute resolution (MIDS, Geneva) and a second master's degree in arbitration from the National University of Singapore. Apart from practice, he teaches international arbitration at the National Law University, Delhi.



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Manini has been practicing commercial law and international arbitration since 2010. Manini has acted as arbitrator in several domestic commercial arbitrations and amicus curiae in matters of public importance following appointments by the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi. She has represented clients in institutional arbitrations under the aegis of various international institutions. Previously, she worked as a deputy counsel at a well-regarded international arbitral institution and acted as tribunal secretary in an international arbitration in Singapore. She has also acted as counsel or consultant to the Government of India on matters of international investment law on several occasions between 2017-2024 (Dept. of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance; DPIIT, Ministry of Commerce). Manini's experience includes disputes concerning investment treaties, foreign direct investment, infrastructure development and lending (power, roads), shareholder agreements, trademarks, real estate and public housing, and service agreements. Manini holds various positions of responsibility in international arbitral institutions and organizations.



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Naira is a dual-qualified lawyer, with an LLM from Columbia Law School, who practises as an independent Counsel and Arbitrator in Mumbai. Naira started at Amarchand & Mangaldas and then Bharucha & Partners, before joining the Chambers of Darius Khambata SC. Naira has 2 decades of experience handling complex commercial disputes, across practice areas and fora. Naira appears as Special Counsel on behalf of the Maharashtra Government and is Standing Counsel for the Election Commission of India. Naira is a certified Advocacy trainer and was part of the faculty at MCI's first Tribunal Secretary Training Programme in 2023.



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Paras heads the International Arbitration practice of Bayfront Law LLC. His practice comprises International Arbitration, Commercial Litigation, and Investigations. Paras is an advocate and solicitor of the Supreme Court of Singapore and New York. Paras is also a qualified arbitrator and a fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators. He has extensive experience in handling high-value and complex commercial litigation and arbitration matters. He regularly leads matters before the Singapore Courts and tribunals in various institutional and ad hoc arbitrations.



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Poornima is a co-founder and heads the dispute resolution practice at Samvad Partners. She is considered a leading practitioner for arbitration and litigation in India. Her core areas of expertise include commercial law in particular disputes around mergers and acquisitions, shareholder disputes, employment law and insolvency. She has also advised clients in settlement discussions in pre-dispute stages as well as during mediation proceedings. Ms. Hatti also sits as an arbitrator and mediator. She also works on issues of diversity and inclusion at the workplace. She has consistently been ranked as a leading lawyer by Chambers and Partners, Asia-Pacific Legal 500, Asia Legal Business & Benchmark Litigation.



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Priyanka, a partner in the Dispute Resolution Group, AZB & Partners, obtained her Masters in International Dispute Settlement (MIDS) from Geneva, Switzerland. Her past experience includes working in arbitration boutique firms in Switzerland and India. She is the founding member of the Indian Arbitration Forum (IAF), Steering Committee member of Pledge- India chapter and the current regional representative of Young ICCA. She was nominated as the Indian Female Lawyer of the Year in Asia Law Awards 2024. With experience in investment treaty and commercial arbitration as well as litigation in India, she is featured as a rising star and recommended for arbitration and litigation in India by leading publications.



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Rhia Marshall, Partner in the Dispute Resolution Practice of Jerome Merchant + Partners, is an experienced practitioner in domestic and cross border disputes with a focus on arbitration. She has over a decade of experience in advising corporates and financial institutions. Rhia's experience spans the spectrum of commercial litigation and ranges from construction matters, oil and gas disputes, banking and finance, JV disputes, Investor Disputes, intellectual property rights disputes, real estate and information technology. Rhia predominantly focuses on arbitration and regularly appears before international and domestic arbitration tribunals. She has particular expertise in arbitrations concerning shareholders disputes and infrastructure disputes.



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Ria advises clients in international arbitration, post M&A arbitrations, shareholder disputes, and commercial arbitration related litigations. She has represented clients in both ad-hoc and institutional arbitrations and has appeared before various judicial forums in India. She has authored articles for various publications and has been recognized as a recommended lawyer for arbitration. She is currently with the arbitration and disputes resolution practice at Economic Laws Practice, and based in Mumbai.



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Varuna is a partner in the Dispute Resolution practice. Her practice focuses on high-stake commercial disputes. Varuna's expertise includes devising strategy in complex cross-border and domestic disputes and implementing it through a blend of pre-litigation/pre-arbitration actions and arbitrations/litigation. She excels in resolving situations involving nuanced issues of law while deftly managing the commercial objectives of her clients. Varuna has significant experience representing clients in ad-hoc and institutional arbitrations, particularly those concerning infrastructure disputes and shareholder disputes. She also has extensive experience in representing clients before Indian courts, including the Supreme Court, High Courts, trial courts and tribunals.