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MCIA is supervised by the MCIA Council which consists of 25 reputed practitioners from India and across the world. The Council Members are a mix of international and domestic arbitration practitioners that bring experience, credibility, and impartiality to the institution in the administration of cases.

With a steadfast commitment to diversity, inclusivity, and greener and sustainable arbitrations, MCIA is dedicated to advancing institutional arbitration in India and worldwide.

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BENGALURU
15th September 2025

Venue

The Orchid Hall, The Oberoi, Bengaluru

**HOST COMMITTEE
 MEMBERS**



Mr. Lomesh Kiran Nidumuri
 Partner
 Cyri Amarchand Mangaldas



Mr. Nandakumar, C. K.
 Senior Advocate
 High Court of Karnataka



Ms. Poornima Hatti
 Partner
 Samvad Partners



Mr. Promod Nair
 Senior Advocate
 High Court of Karnataka



Mr. Shraeyas Jayasimha
 Founding Partner
 Aarna Law

EVENT SCHEDULE

10:00 a.m to 12:00 p.m



Event hosted by Poovayya & Co
Topic - Data Privacy in Cross-Border
Arbitration: Navigating DPDPA, GDPR, and Global
Frameworks

Moderator



Mr. Ankit Parhar
Partner
Poovayya & Co.

Speakers



Ms. Harini Sudersan
Partner
Poovayya & Co



Hon'ble Mr. Justice (Retd.) Kurian Joseph
Former Judge
Supreme Court of India



Dr. Malavika Prasad
Lead Counsel
Sadananda & Prasad



Dr. Sapna S
Associate Dean
School of Law Christ



Mr. Saurabh Awasthi
General Counsel
Kyndryl India



Mr. Ankit Parhar (Moderator)

Partner, Poovayya & Co.

Ankit Parhar is a litigator with almost 20 years' experience in civil and commercial disputes, regulatory litigation, and arbitrations.

Over the years, Ankit has handled several high-value and complex infrastructure disputes relating to construction of residential and commercial projects, power plants, oil and gas pipelines, transmission lines, mobile towers, optical fibre networks etc.

Ankit also handles litigation under the Information Technology Act and represents social media intermediaries before various courts. He frequently advises and represents financial creditors, operational creditors, promoters and shareholders in proceedings under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code and the Companies Act. His litigation expertise also extends to property disputes, medical negligence cases, indirect taxation, environmental law, public tenders, drug price control, legal metrology etc.

In addition to litigation and arbitration, Ankit supports clients in mediation, pre-litigation advisory, strategy formulation, litigation management, internal investigations, and offering practical, business-oriented legal solutions.



Ms. Harini Sudersan

Partner Poovayya & Co

Harini Sudersan is Partner of the Data Privacy & AI practice in Poovayya, Advocates & Solicitors. Harini has over 16 years of experience, and is qualified to practice in California and India. She also has CIPP/E and CIPP/US certifications from the IAPP.

Harini specialises in data protection, AI and technology laws. Harini advises clients on data protection compliance, international transfers of data, sensitive data processing, processor obligations across multiple jurisdictions, AI systems review and assessments, as also on technology licenses and queries. Harini has also acted as independent/fractional counsel advising startups and large international organisations on various technology, AI and data protection issues, prior to joining the Firm. Before this, Harini was legal counsel in the Office of Legal Affairs at INTERPOL, where she primarily advised the Cybercrime Directorate on data processing and governance matters, data sharing with the private sector, and on data protection compliance.



Hon'ble Mr. Justice (Retd.) Kurian Joseph

Former Judge, Supreme Court of India

Hon'ble Justice Kurian Joseph is a former Judge of the Supreme Court of India, where he served from 8th March 2013 until his retirement on 30th November 2018. He began his legal practice in 1979 in the High Court of Kerala and was appointed as Government Pleader in 1987, Additional Advocate General from 1994 to 1996, and was designated as a Senior Advocate in 1996.

He was elevated as a Judge of the High Court of Kerala on 12th July 2000. Over the course of his tenure, he held several distinguished positions including President of the Kerala Judicial Academy (2006–08), Chairman of the Lakshadweep Legal Services Authority (2008), Chairman of the Kerala High Court Legal Services Committee (2006–09), Executive Chairman of the Kerala State Legal Services Authority (2009–10), and Visitor of the National University of Advanced Legal Studies, Kochi (2009–10).

He twice served as the Acting Chief Justice of the High Court of Kerala before being appointed as Chief Justice of the Himachal Pradesh High Court, where he served from 8th February 2010 to 7th March 2013. His judicial career culminated in his elevation to the Supreme Court of India on 8th March 2013.



Dr. Malavika Prasad

Lead Counsel Sadananda & Prasad

Dr. Malavika Prasad is Lead Counsel at Sadananda & Prasad, a commercial disputes chamber based in Bengaluru. She appears in civil and commercial disputes before courts and tribunals across India and offers allied advisory support as well. Outside of law practice, she has taught elective courses in the National Law School of India University, Bengaluru, Nalsar University of Law, Hyderabad, and the Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru. She enjoys thinking about and practising public-law, and its intersections with private and commercial laws. She holds degrees from the Nalsar University of Law, Hyderabad and the University of Michigan Law School, Ann Arbor.



Dr. Sapna S

Associate Dean, School of Law Christ

Dr. Sapna currently serves as Head of the School of Law, CHRIST University, Bangalore. A Gold Medalist in both LL.B. and LL.M. with specialization in Commercial Law, she earned her Doctorate from the National Law School of India University, Bangalore. She is an invited speaker at several national and international forums and has authored multiple publications. Dr. Sapna has served as Gender Consultant to the Department of Labour, Government of Karnataka, and as an Expert on the Review Board of the National Commission for Women, Government of India, on issues of domestic violence. She is also a member of the High-Level Advisory Committee of the Bar Council of India. Her domain expertise includes international commercial arbitration and gender capacity building with government institutions. Recognized as a recipient of the Women's Leadership in Asia (WoLA) Scholarship, she is presently working on a book with Taylor & Francis on international arbitration.



Mr. Saurabh Awasthi

General Counsel, Kyndryl India

Saurabh Awasthi is an attorney who works at the intersection of law, business, and emerging technology. Currently General Counsel at Kyndryl India and earlier, as a private practice lawyer, he has steered several large stakes acquisitions, commercial contracts, complex disputes and regulatory matters. His career has been shaped by relentless curiosity and a desire to provide clarity amidst complexity. With degrees from Delhi University and NYU, he passionately follows the current discourse on AI, ethics, and governance.

EVENT SCHEDULE

12:00 p.m to 01:30 p.m

TRILEGAL

Event hosted by Trilegal
Topic - Generative AI in Arbitration: Transforming
International Dispute Resolution

Moderator



Ms. Manasa Sundarraman

Counsel
Trilegal

Speakers



Ms. Deepika Kinhal

Co-Founder and CEO CORD
Centre for Online Resolution
of Disputes



Mr. Mohammed Shameer

Partner
Trilegal



Mr. Raghav Gupta

Founder & CEO
Futureense



Mr. Shantanu Mishra

Head of Projects
Lucio



Ms. Manasa Sundarraman (Moderator)

Counsel, Trilegal

Manasa Sundarraman is a Counsel in the dispute resolution practice at Trilegal and based in Bangalore. Manasa regularly advises and represents clients in complex commercial litigation, arbitration (domestic and international) and arbitration-related litigation. Manasa has significant experience representing clients in arbitrations across different seats (Singapore, London, Bangalore, Mumbai etc.) and under different arbitral rules (like SIAC and LCIA) and also in ad-hoc proceedings. In addition, Manasa regularly appears in courts in New Delhi, Mumbai and across South India. Manasa's typical focus areas are corporate and commercial disputes arising from private equity investments, construction contracts and general commercial agreements. She regularly represents intermediaries and other technology-related companies before various Indian courts.



Ms. Deepika Kinhal

Co-Founder and CEO CORD, Centre for Online Resolution of Disputes

Deepika Kinhal is the Co-Founder and CEO of CORD – Centre for Online Resolution of Disputes. With a background in judicial reform and policy, she previously led the JALDI initiative at Vidhi Centre for Legal Policy. A graduate of NLSIU, Deepika has worked across litigation, academia, and policy, and is known for her interdisciplinary approach to justice delivery. At CORD, she is driving innovation in online dispute resolution, making legal processes more accessible and efficient. Her work reflects a commitment to systemic reform and leveraging technology for equitable justice.



Mr. Mohammed Shameer

Partner, Trilegal

Shameer is a Partner in Trilegal's Dispute Resolution practice and based in Bangalore. His wide experience in dispute resolution extends to commercial litigation, arbitration, real estate litigation, labour and employment disputes and criminal law.

As an experienced arguing counsel, he regularly appears before various fora and provides end to end representation and advise to clients in different contentious situations. He has successfully defended and prosecuted arbitrations concerning breach and enforcement of contracts, construction disputes relating to large infrastructure and public utility projects, real estate disputes and employment disputes. He has achieved favourable outcomes for numerous clients in white-collar disputes, including securing orders for property release, unfreezing bank accounts, granting bail, and quashing First Information Reports and Charge Sheets. He regularly advises corporate clients in criminal investigations and assists in prosecuting and defending criminal complaints which deal with offences relating to cybercrimes, data or IP theft, and economic offences.



Mr. Raghav Gupta

Founder & CEO, Futureense

Raghav Gupta is the Founder & CEO of Futureense Technologies and Co-Founder of the 1% Club. At Futureense, he pioneered India's zero-cost upskilling model, bridging the talent gap in AI, data science, and emerging tech fields. His platform trains and places professionals with top global firms, including Fortune 500 companies. Through the 1% Club, Raghav is transforming financial literacy and independence for India's middle class. A systems thinker and visionary entrepreneur, he collaborates with IITs and IIMs to scale inclusive tech education. His work is redefining how India prepares its workforce for an AI-first future.



Mr. Shantanu Mishra
Head of Projects, Lucio

EVENT SCHEDULE

02:30 p.m to 04:00 p.m



Event hosted by JSA Advocates & Solicitors
Topic - Strengthening the arbitration regime in India - a discussion on Gayatri Balasamy v. ISG Novasoft Technologies Ltd.

Moderator



Mr. Prasanth V G
Partner
JSA Advocates & Solicitors

Speakers



Hon'ble Mr. Justice (Retd.) A.V. Chandrashekhar
Former Judge
High Court of Karnataka



Mr. Harish Narasappa
Senior Counsel
Karnataka High Court



Ms. Neeti Sachdeva
Registrar & Secretary General
MCIA



Mr. Vinod Kumar
Partner
JSA Advocates & Solicitors



Mr. Prasanth V G (Moderator)

Partner, JSA Advocates & Solicitors

Prasanth is a partner at the Bangalore office of JSA and he oversees and handles the litigation and arbitration matters at the Bangalore branch of JSA. He is an alumnus of the National University of Juridical Sciences, Kolkata, having graduated from its first batch in 2005. He worked initially in Delhi for years with Paras Kuhad & Associates and then moved to Bangalore. He has been with JSA since 2011. His expertise has been dispute resolution and he has handled a large number of commercial litigations and arbitrations before various courts and tribunals in the country. He is also actively involved in various initiatives and has served as a member of several voluntary organisations in the field of law and public policy. He also gets invited to speak at various fora and he has been actively involved in many such initiatives.



Hon'ble Mr. Justice (Retd.) A.V. Chandrashekhar

Former Judge High Court of Karnataka

A.V. Chandrashekar (Justice A.V. Chandrashekara) is a former Judge of the High Court of Karnataka and a former Judicial Member of the Karnataka State Administrative Tribunal (KSAT). After retiring from the judiciary, he continued to serve in important roles, including as a Board Member and Independent Director at Karnataka Bank Ltd., a resource person at the Karnataka Judicial Academy, and a chair of various committees.

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Mr. Harish Narasappa

Senior Counsel, Karnataka High Court

Dr. Harish Narasappa is a designated senior advocate of the High Court of Karnataka. Harish has advised clients on complex litigation and arbitration matters, both domestic and cross border. Harish appears before various courts and tribunals in India on a range of constitutional, commercial, tax, foreign investment, competition, banking, insolvency, and company law matters. Harish regularly appears in many domestic and international arbitrations. Harish has been appointed as arbitrator both in ad-hoc and institutional arbitrations. Harish is the co-founder of Daksh, a Bengaluru-based independent, not-for-profit organization which works at the intersection of data, technology and law. Harish is also the co-founder of ADRes Now, an online arbitration platform. Harish has been a member of various committees constituted by the Niti Aayog and the Supreme Court e-Committee in connection with digitisation, data and privacy. Prior to being designated as a Senior Advocate, Harish co-founded Samvād: Partners, one of India's leading law firms. Harish also worked in London with the international law firm, Herbert Smith (now Herbert Smith Freehills). Harish is the author of the book titled "Rule of Law in India – A Quest for Reason" published by Oxford University Press. He is also the joint editor of Daksh's four pioneering publications – "State of the Indian Judiciary – A Report by Daksh", "Approaches to Justice – A Report by Daksh", "Justice Frustrated", and "Constitutional Ideals- Development and Realisation Through Court-Led Justice."

Harish is an alumnus of the National Law School of India University, Bengaluru, having graduated as a multiple gold medallist in 1996 and later having received his Ph.D in 2016 for a thesis on the Rule of Law in India. A Radhakrishnan Scholar, Harish completed his BCL from Oxford University in 1997. Harish has also received a BA Philosophy (External) from the University of London.



Ms. Neeti Sachdeva

Registrar & Secretary General, MCIA

Neeti is the Secretary General and Registrar of the MCIA. Prior to joining MCIA, Neeti has extensively worked in the field of International Commercial Arbitration, both as a private practitioner representing clients and as an administrator, facilitating the dispute resolution procedure. Neeti's past professional experience includes working with some of the top Indian and international law firms, besides being a judicial clerk. She is also active in academic circles, having done her Masters in International Commercial Arbitration from Stockholm University and regularly sits as an Arbitrator too. She is also a Board member of CIArb India.



Mr. Vinod Kumar

Partner, JSA Advocates & Solicitors

Vinod Kumar is a partner with JSA and has been in practice since 1998. Vinod has considerable experience of handling arbitration and commercial disputes. He also handles general civil litigations. Vinod represents clients in domestic as well as international arbitrations arising out of diverse contracts including shareholders agreements, franchise agreements, construction contracts, Power Purchase Agreements, EPC Contracts etc. Vinod also regularly appears before various courts and tribunals on a range of matters. Vinod is one of the co-editors of Pollock & Mulla- The Indian Contract & Specific Relief Acts and Pollock & Mulla - The Indian Contract Act, 1872. Vinod is based in Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India.

EVENT SCHEDULE



Webinar

04:00 p.m to 05:00 p.m

Event hosted by Indian International
Arbitration Centre
Topic - The Arbitration and Insolvency
Rendezvous

Moderator



Mr. Ganesh Chandru

Partner
Dua Associates

Speakers



Mr. Ajinderpal Singh

Senior Partner
Dentons Rodyk



Mr. Anant Merathia

Independent Counsel
and Author



Ms. Hannah Fry

Barrister-at-Law
39 Essex Chambers



Mr. Jan K. Scheafer

Partner
King & Spalding



Mr. Ganesh Chandru (Moderator)

Partner, Dua Associates

Recognised as a 'Significant' name by the Global Arbitration Review; enlisted in the Forbes Legal Power List as a 'Top Individual Lawyer' for Arbitration; recognised in the Asian Legal Business 'India Super 50 Lawyers 2021' and endorsed in 'Lexology Index 2025' and 'Who's Who Legal 2024' as one of the leading commercial arbitration practitioners, Ganesh Chandru is a specialist in International and Domestic Arbitration as well as Commercial Litigation. He is admitted to practice in India, England & Wales and Singapore, and is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, UK and the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators. He has been appointed by the Government of India as a Part-time member of the 'India International Arbitration Centre' at New Delhi, which has been declared as an institution of national importance.



Mr. Ajinderpal Singh

Senior Partner, Dentons Rodyk

Ajinderpal Singh is a Senior Partner in Dentons Rodyk's Arbitration practice group and the Co-Head of the Restructuring and Insolvency practice.

Ajinder is a leading practitioner in the field of restructuring and insolvency. He is well-versed in both contentious and non-contentious insolvency matters.

He is also well versed in international arbitration matters. As counsel, he has been involved in many international arbitrations conducted under most notably in the areas of oil and gas, joint venture, M&A/distressed debt and infrastructure disputes.

He has been named as a leading practitioner in numerous legal guides and directories including the Chambers Asia Pacific, Lexology Index, Benchmark Litigation Asia Pacific and IFLR1000.



Mr. Anant Merathia

Independent Counsel and Author

Mr. Anant Merathia is a practicing corporate litigation and disputes resolution lawyer. He actively practices on corporate, commercial disputes with a focus on corporate restructuring and insolvency apart from shareholder disputes across different firms more specifically NCLT & NCLAT Chennai and New Delhi. After completing his Masters at NUS, he worked on arbitration matters in Singapore and continues to practice both domestic and international arbitration. He is also the author of his first book *Defaulter's Paradise Lost* published by Thomson Reuters.



Ms. Hannah Fry

Barrister-at-Law, 39 Essex Chambers

Hannah has a domestic and international practice specialising in commercial, company and insolvency, civil fraud, construction and international arbitration. Hannah is frequently led in substantial disputes and has appeared led in the Supreme Court and the Privy Council. Hannah regularly appears in the High Court both led and as sole counsel in the Chancery Division, Commercial Court and the Technology and Construction Court (TCC). Hannah also acts as both junior and sole counsel in international arbitrations and domestic adjudications. Prior to coming to the Bar, Hannah obtained a first-class law degree, followed by a distinction in her Master of Laws in Comparative and International Dispute Resolution, at Queen Mary, University of London.



Mr. Jan K. Scheafer

Partner, King & Spalding

Jan K. Schäfer, LL.M. (Singapore), heads King & Spalding's dispute resolution practice in Germany. He is based in Frankfurt. He represents foreign and German clients in domestic and international arbitration matters – commercial, construction and investor-state – under various arbitration rules. In addition, he appears before German courts, including for the taking of evidence for foreign proceedings, interim relief, and enforcement applications. Jan has served as chairman, party-appointed, sole, or emergency arbitrator in more than 80 arbitrations under a variety of rules, including ad hoc proceedings. He is a board member of the German Arbitration Institute (DIS) and the German-Singapore Lawyers' Association.

EVENT SCHEDULE

05:00 p.m to 06:00 p.m

MCIA

Event hosted by MCIA
Topic - The Founder's Dilemma: Should All
Disputes be Fought or Forgotten?

Moderator



Mr. Mohit Abraham

Chief Legal Officer
Peak XV Partners

Speakers



Mr. C K Nandakumar
Senior Advocate
High Court of Karnataka



Mr. Dhyan Chinnappa
Senior Advocate
High Court of Karnataka



Mr. Nishanth Kadur
Leader
Nishith Desai Associates



Ms. Poornima Hatti
Partner
Samvad Partners



Ms. Shilpa Shah
Senior Partner
Singhania & Partners LLP



Mr. Mohit Abraham (Moderator)

Chief Legal Officer, Peak XV Partners

Mohit Abraham is the Chief Legal Officer at Peak XV Partners. He is responsible for the legal function at Peak XV and also supports Peak XV's portfolio companies on strategic matters. Through his career, Mohit has managed legal teams and bet-the-company issues across every major jurisdiction in the world. He has been a part of multiple fund raises and other milestone moments for a company.

In prior in-house roles, Mohit has held legal leadership positions in global companies, CloudKitchens and Uber. He was also a Partner at Khaitan & Co and was an Advocate on Record (AoR) of the Supreme Court of India. He secured the 1st rank in the AoR Examination conducted by the Supreme Court, in 2011.

He is a graduate of the National University of Juridical Sciences and Harvard Law School where he was a Harvard University Myer Dana and Etta Dana Scholar.



Mr. C K Nandakumar

Senior Advocate, High Court of Karnataka

C. K. Nandakumar completed his B. A. LL. B (Hons.) from National Law School of India University, Bangalore, in 2001. He was designated as a senior advocate in 2021 by the High Court of Karnataka.

He heads the Law Chambers of C. K. Nandakumar, which is a chamber of ten lawyers with focus areas of commercial litigation, arbitration – domestic and international, corporate and civil disputes. The practice includes matters relating to civil and commercial suits, writ and regulatory matters, court intervention in arbitration, shareholder disputes, corporate insolvency, and white-collar crime. He appears as counsel in arbitration, before the Supreme Court of India, the High Court of Karnataka, National Company Law Tribunal and other fora. He also accepts appointments as arbitrator.

He is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, U. K. (CI Arb). He is a Certified Arbitrator, Indian Institute for Arbitration and Mediation. He is also a Member of Insol International. He was selected to the ICC Advanced Arbitration Academy for Asia. He is also on the India Advisory Committee for the International Centre for Dispute Resolution. He is a Regional Ambassador for HK 45, an initiative of the H. K. I A. C.

He is a contributing editor of C. R. Dutta commentary on The Company Law, 2017 edition. He has contributed to International Construction Contract Law, 2nd Edition. He is a Visiting Faculty at the National Law School of India University, Bangalore. He is also routinely invited to various speaking engagements.



Mr. Dhyan Chinnappa

Senior Advocate, High Court of Karnataka

Dhyan is a Senior Advocate designated by the High Court of Karnataka. He was designated in the year 2014 at the age of 38. He has been in practice since the year 1998 and practices extensively as lead counsel on the commercial, constitutional, intellectual property, arbitration and civil sides in various courts throughout the country. He was the Additional Advocate General for the State of Karnataka from 2019 to 2022.

He appears extensively before the Company Law Tribunals and has handled matters relating to insolvency, oppression/ mismanagement and mergers and acquisitions. He has wide experience in handling large arbitrations and has acted as lead counsel in arbitrations involving construction, intellectual property, joint ventures, real estate, and other commercial disputes both in India and abroad. He has also acted as arbitrator in commercial disputes.

His work has been acknowledged by international magazines such as Chambers Asia, Asia Legal 500 among others. He writes regularly in various journals.



Mr. Nishanth Kadur

Leader, Nishith Desai Associates

Nishanth Kadur leads the International Dispute Resolution and Investigations Practice at the Bengaluru office of Nishith Desai Associates. His practice covers international arbitration, commercial and regulatory laws, and white-collar crimes. He has acted in domestic and international arbitrations across industries including construction, fintech, energy, and manufacturing.

Nishanth frequently advises on complex cross-border shareholder and insolvency disputes before the National Company Law Tribunals and arbitral tribunals, and regularly appears before the Karnataka High Court and Bengaluru Commercial Courts. In addition to his practice, Nishanth is regularly invited by leading law schools to speak on arbitration related topics. He holds a master's degree in International Arbitration and Dispute Resolution from the National University of Singapore and is an alumnus of National Law University Odisha, India.



Ms. Poornima Hatti

Partner, Samvad Partners

Poornima Hatti heads the dispute resolution practice for Samvad Partners and is based out of Bangalore. She also co-heads the employment law practice from the contentious perspective. Poornima is one of the co-founders of the Firm.

With over twenty two (22) years of experience in the dispute resolution space, Ms Hatti has extensive experience in Indian dispute resolution as well as in cross-border dispute resolution. She has acted on behalf of Indian and foreign clients in the context of litigation before Indian Courts, quasi-judicial authorities and in arbitration proceedings.

Ms. Hatti sits as an arbitrator in ad hoc and institutional arbitration across both domestic and international arbitrations.

Poornima has consistently been ranked as a leading lawyer by Chambers and Partners, Asia-Pacific Legal 500, Asia Legal Business & Benchmark Litigation.



Ms. Shilpa Shah

Senior Partner, Singhanian & Partners LLP

With over three decades of experience, Shilpa leads the Bengaluru practice of Singhanian & Partners, specializing in dispute resolution with a strong emphasis on infrastructure matters.

She has also represented domestic and international corporations, public sector undertakings, ministries, and government authorities in complex disputes including employment law, banking and intellectual property. She has successfully defended high-value disputes, protecting clients' financial and strategic interests. Her expertise also spans joint ventures and acquisitions, particularly in cross border transactions.

Under her leadership, the Bengaluru team has advised prestigious global organizations, contributed to annual reports to World Bank, and provided critical insights into India's evolving Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) framework.

Widely recognized for her legal acumen, Clients value her strategic approach and commercial angle in the assignments, she is engaged in.

EVENT SCHEDULE



06:00 p.m to 07:00 p.m

Event hosted by MCIA
Topic - Debate - This House Believes That the
Adoption of Generative AI by Lawyers Is a Shortcut
That Shortchanges Real Learning

Moderator



Mr. Lomesh Kiran Nidumuri
Partner
Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas

Judge



Hon'ble Mr. Justice R. V. Raveendran
Former Judge
Supreme Court of India

Speakers



For the motion
Ms. Maneesha Kongovi
Partner
CMS INDUSLAW



Against the motion
Mr. Promod Nair
Senior Advocate
High Court of Karnataka



For the motion
Mr. Shraeyas Jayasimha
Founding Partner
Aarna Law



Against the motion
Ms. Tamarra Sequeira
Partner
Khaitan & Co.



Hon'ble Mr. Justice R. V. Raveendran (Judge)

Former Judge, Supreme Court of India

Hon'ble Justice Raju Varadarajulu Raveendran (B.Sc., B.L.) is a former Judge of the Supreme Court of India. Born on October 15, 1946, he enrolled as an Advocate in March 1968. He was elevated as a Judge of the Karnataka High Court on February 22, 1993, and later served as the Chief Justice of the Madhya Pradesh High Court from July 8, 2004. On September 9, 2005, he was appointed as a Judge of the Supreme Court of India, where he served with distinction until his retirement on October 15, 2011.



Mr. Lomesh Kiran Nidumuri (Moderator)

Partner, Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas

Lomesh has two decades of experience in advising clients in broad range of civil and business/commercial disputes, cross border disputes, domestic and international arbitrations. In many disputes, he has acted as a lead counsel conducting trial and arguments before courts and arbitral tribunals. Over the years, he has also acted for clients in a variety of civil and commercial disputes including technology related disputes, shareholder disputes, projects, and construction, employment, intellectual property rights, restructuring and corporate insolvency and white-collar crimes (particularly money laundering).

Lomesh is a registered foreign lawyer with the Singapore International Commercial Court (SICC) and a qualified Specialist Mediator with Singapore International Mediation Centre (SIMC). He is a member of the Reserve Panel of Arbitrators at Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC). He was part of the Committee of the Young Singapore International Arbitration Centre (YSIAC) for the tenure 2019-2021 and for the renewed term 2021-2023. He was also part of the Steering Committee of the International Arbitration and Mediation Centre (IAMC) for the term 2022-2024.

Lomesh has been consistently ranked as a leading lawyer by various publications. He is also part of forums that aim to contribute to the development of ADR in the country. He has contributed to several publications and is frequently invited to speak at ADR and industry events.



Ms. Maneesha Kongovi (For the motion)

Partner, CMS INDUSLAW

In her career spanning over 15 years, Maneesha she has appeared extensively before various Courts handling diverse litigation and arbitration. These matters ran ged from high value commercial disputes, real estate and construction disputes to writ petitions and public interest litigations. Maneesha is an alumni of the National University of Juridical Sciences, Kolkata where she was an avid debater, having represented her University in domestic and international parliamentary style debates including at the Oxford Inter-Varsity Debate and the All-Asians Debating Championship.

Having trained and learnt from some brilliant lawyers in the field who believed there were no shortcuts in litigation, she is here to speak for the motion.



Mr. Promod Nair (Against the motion)

Senior Advocate, High Court of Karnataka

Promod Nair is a Senior Advocate based in Bangalore and regularly appears in a broad range of commercial litigation and public law matters before various courts and tribunals in India.

Promod has acted as counsel or arbitrator in over a hundred domestic and international arbitrations, and has conducted arbitrations in various jurisdictions in Asia, Europe and North America and under various institutional rules such as the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), London Court of Arbitration (LCIA), Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre (HKIAC), Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC) and the International Centre for the Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID). He has been appointed as arbitrator by the ICC, LCIA, SIAC, LCIA India and has also served as emergency arbitrator. He has been instructed as expert witness on Indian law in English and Hong Kong court proceedings. He has served as counsel for the Republic of India in BIT arbitrations and has also represented India at the United Nations.

Promod was a member of the LCIA Court (2013-18) and the HKIAC Council (2018-24). He has degrees in law from the National Law School of India where he graduated at the top of his class and the University of Cambridge where he was awarded the Clive Parry Prize in International Law and the Pegasus Scholarship.



Mr. Shraeyas Jayasimha (For the motion)

Founding Partner, Aarna Law

Shreyas Jayasimha has been counsel and arbitrator in complex and sensitive litigation, arbitration, negotiations, investigations, insolvencies, restructurings, asset tracing, and recovery, and is a strategic advisor in special situations. He is also a trained mediator, independent director, mentor to startups, visiting faculty in India and overseas, and is part of leading international initiatives such as FIAA (Geneva), BIICL ITF (London), SVAMC (San Francisco), and most recently has been appointed to the SCCA Court (Saudi Arabia).

He also serves as Director of NPAC and GC member of IAMC, Global AI Council as the India Director, member of AI + Partners Collab, and is a member of ICC FraudNet (Paris) and Chair of the UNCITRAL Committee for Law Asia. He is the co-founder of Aarna Law (India) and Simha ADR (Singapore), member of Mediation Chambers (Hong Kong), and has a presence at IDRC (London).



Ms. Tamarra Sequeira (Against the motion)

Partner, Khaitan & Co.

Tamarra Sequeira is a Partner in the Dispute Resolution practice of Khaitan & Co LLP and is based out of Bengaluru. Her main areas of practice are Commercial Law, Arbitration, Intellectual Property and Employment Litigation. She appears before the High Court of Karnataka and Civil Courts at Bengaluru daily, and also appears before various statutory authorities and Tribunals in Bengaluru and other jurisdictions.

She has advised multinational and domestic corporations, banks, individuals, proprietary concerns and partnership firms on a variety of complex legal disputes including advising on pre-litigation strategies. She also advises on project finance transactions and transactions involving large-scale corporate leases.

Keynote Address by



Hon'ble Mr. Justice Vibhu Bakhru
Chief Justice
Karnataka High Court

Date	Time	Venue
15 th September 2025	07:00 PM to 07:30 PM	The Oberoi, Bengaluru

MUMBAI
16th September 2025

Venue

The Regal Room, Trident, Nariman Point, Mumbai

**HOST COMMITTEE
MEMBERS**



Mr. Karan Bhosale
 Counsel
 Bombay High Court



Ms. Naira Jejeebhoy
 Counsel
 Bombay High Court



Mr. Sameer Tapia
 Founder and Senior Partner
 ALMT Legal



Mr. Vivek Mittal
 Executive Director
 Legal and Corporate Affairs
 Hindustan Unilever

Opening Remarks



Hon'ble Mr. Justice Somasekhar Sundaresan
Judge, Bombay High Court

Date	Time	Venue
16 th September 2025	08:30 AM	Trident Hotel, Mumbai

EVENT SCHEDULE

08:30 a.m to 10:00 a.m



Event hosted by JSA Advocates & Solicitors
Topic - Mediation in the Realm of ADR

Moderator



Mr. Farid Karachiwala
Partner
JSA Advocates & Solicitors

Speakers



Hon'ble Mr. Justice (Retd.) Akil Kureshi
Rtd. Chief Justice
High Court of Rajasthan
and Tripura



Mr. Janak Dwarkadas
Senior Advocate
Bombay High Court



Mr. Shrivardhan Deshpande
Legal Head
Mumbai International Airport Ltd.



Ms. Shwetha Bidhuri
Director and Head (South Asia)
Singapore International
Arbitration Centre



Mr. Farid Karachiwala (Moderator)

Partner, JSA Advocates & Solicitors

Farid is an Advocate and Solicitor based out of Mumbai practising for over 25 years.

Farid is also the Co-Chair of the Disputes Practise at JSA since 2023 and specializes in corporate and commercial litigation and arbitration. As an Advocate on Record of the Supreme Court of India, Farid regularly appears before the nation's highest court. Apart from Banks and Business Houses Farid has also represented both the State Government and Central Government in international commercial arbitrations.

Farid has been consistently rated as a top lawyer in India. His recent accolades include being enlisted as a Ranked Dispute Resolution Lawyer in the 2023-24 edition of Legal 500 Asia Pacific directory, recognised as a Litigation Star for commercial and transaction disputes by Benchmark Litigation in its 2024 and 2025

Asia-Pacific Editions and as a Leading Lawyer for Dispute Resolution by Legal Era - Legal Media Group for the year 2024-25.



Hon'ble Mr. Justice (Retd.) Akil Kureshi

Rtd. Chief Justice, High Court of Rajasthan and Tripura

Justice Akil Kureshi is the former Chief Justice of the High Courts of Rajasthan and Tripura. He began his judicial career in 2004 when he was appointed as a Judge of the Gujarat High Court, where he served with distinction for over 15 years. In 2019, he was elevated as the Chief Justice of the Tripura High Court and subsequently assumed office as the Chief Justice of the Rajasthan High Court in 2021. Over the course of his judicial tenure, Justice Kureshi delivered several landmark judgments across constitutional, criminal, and commercial matters, earning wide respect for his clarity, independence, and commitment to justice. Following his retirement in March 2022, he has continued to contribute to the legal community through thought leadership and participation in academic and professional forums.



Mr. Janak Dwarkadas

Senior Advocate, Bombay High Court

Born on March 20, 1955 in a family of lawyers, started practicing as an Advocate in the Bombay High Court on its original side from October 1977 to June 1997 and subsequently as a Senior Advocate from July 1997. Specializing in Corporate Law, Intellectual Property Rights and Commercial Litigation. Have represented clients in several High Courts as well as in the Supreme Court of India. Travelled overseas in connection with legal matters including giving expert evidence on Indian law and representing Companies in International Arbitration proceedings. Taking a keen interest in PIL particularly on issues relating to the environment. Mr. Dwarkadas's accolades include

- "Living Legend of the Law" (Bar Association of India, 2019)
- "Senior Counsel of the Year" (Legal Era Magazine, 2018)



Mr. Shrivardhan Deshpande

Legal Head, Mumbai International Airport Ltd.

Shrivardhan is the Head-Legal at Mumbai International Airport Limited. He has worked primarily as a disputes lawyer in multiple law firms and corporate houses in Mumbai. He is a graduate of ILS Law College, Pune (2007) and has also completed LLM in Corporate Law from NUS Singapore (2009). After a substantial tenure in Desai & Diwanji (Mumbai), Shrivardhan moved in-house, joining Diageo India as head of litigation.

Shrivardhan has been involved in several litigations and arbitrations spanning over different sectors and subject areas. While his current profile entails all legal aspects at MIAL, his key area of interest continues to be litigation & ADR.



Ms. Shwetha Bidhuri

Director and Head (South Asia), Singapore International Arbitration Centre

As the Director and Head (South Asia), Shwetha spearheads SIAC's activities across South Asia, working closely with key stakeholders in the business and legal communities to promote and facilitate efficient dispute resolution under the SIAC Rules. With over 16 years of experience, Shwetha brings extensive expertise in international arbitration and dispute resolution. Prior to joining SIAC, she practiced as a disputes lawyer at a leading Delhi-based law firm, where she advised and represented clients in complex commercial litigation and investment treaty arbitration cases.

EVENT SCHEDULE

10:00 a.m to 12:00 p.m

CMS INDUSLAW

Event hosted by CMS IndusLaw
Topic - ESG Considerations in Commercial Arbitration

Moderator



Mr. Murtaza Kachwalla

Partner
CMS INDUSLAW

Speakers



Mr. Abeezer Faizullabhoy

Senior Partner
CMS INDUSLAW



Mr. Fredun DeVitre

Senior Counsel
Bombay High Court



Mr. Saurabh Mohindru

Chief Legal Officer
Godrej Properties Limited



Mr. Vineet Bose

Head-Legal & SVP
Adani Cements



Mr. Murtaza Kachwalla (Moderator)

Partner, CMS INDUSLAW

Murtaza is a Partner in CMS INDUSLAW's Dispute Resolution practice group and is based out of Mumbai office.

He brings over 15 years of extensive litigation experience, having advised and represented prominent corporations and individuals in a wide range of legal matters. He has represented clients in complex commercial disputes before various courts and tribunals across India, including the Supreme Court, several High Courts, and specialised forums such as, the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT), the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT), and the Debt Recovery Tribunal. He has also acted for clients in high-stakes domestic and international arbitration proceedings. Murtaza also holds expertise in real estate matters, including drafting and reviewing property-related documents, with a focus on advising and representing clients in matters relating to the transfer of property and conveyancing.



Ms. Abeezar Faizullahoy

Senior Partner, CMS INDUSLAW

Abeezar Faizullahoy is a Senior Partner in CMS INDUSLAW's Dispute Resolution practice group and is based out of Mumbai office.

He brings over 35 years of experience spanning dispute resolution, arbitration, and corporate commercial transaction and advisory. His disputes practice includes representing both domestic and international clients across sectors such as manufacturing, technology, services, and retail before the Supreme Court of India, various High Courts, tribunals, and in both domestic and international arbitrations. He has also handled numerous matters under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016, and regularly advises on the enforcement of foreign decrees and arbitral awards in India.

In his corporate commercial practice, Abeezar has advised on joint ventures, angel and private equity investments, shareholders' and share purchase agreements, technology transfers, and issues under FDI regulations, the Companies Act, FEMA, and other commercial laws.



Mr. Fredun DeVitre

Senior Counsel, Bombay High Court

Fredun E. Devitre, Senior Counsel, Bombay High Court
 (pronounced Frey-doon E. Div-it-ree)

1. Commenced his legal practice in about 1977, was designated Senior Advocate by the Bombay High Court in 1997.
2. Has about 48 years of experience essentially in civil litigations in the Mumbai High Court and other High Courts and the Supreme Court of India, having appeared as Counsel in innumerable cases relating to constitutional, corporate, security regulations, construction, arbitration and other branches of civil law.
3. Has regularly appeared in matters before various Tribunals, including the erstwhile Company Law Board, the Security Appellate Tribunal, the Debts Recovery Tribunal, National Company Law Tribunal and other such bodies.
4. Has appeared as Counsel in numerous arbitrations, domestic and international, and has been appointed as Arbitrator and Mediator in matters of commercial importance by the High Court.
5. Is a product of St. Stanislaus' High School, St. Xavier's College, Mumbai and the Government Law College, Mumbai.
6. Was deputed by the International Commission of Jurists, Geneva as an Observer at the trial of Xanana [pronounced Zanana] Gusmao, at Dili, East Timor (then a rebel leader and later the President of an independent East Timor)
7. Was a radio and Television cricket commentator for Test matches, One day Internationals and national-level championships, and conducted a popular programme called "Sports Round Up" on TV for several years. Has also presented programmes on the Himalayan Motor Rallies and the Asian Games in 1982 at New Delhi and has been a regular contributor to various periodicals on cricketing matters.
8. Has edited a book called "Willow Tales – the Lighter Side of Indian Cricket", a collection of interesting anecdotes relating to the game.



Mr. Saurabh Mohindru

Chief Legal Officer, Godrej Properties Limited

Mr. Saurabh Mohindru is the Chief Legal Officer at Godrej Properties Limited, where he oversees the company's legal, regulatory, and compliance functions. With extensive experience in corporate and commercial law, he advises on complex transactions, dispute resolution, governance, and strategic risk management. Over the course of his career, Mr. Mohindru has worked across diverse sectors, providing counsel on real estate, infrastructure, and financial services matters. At Godrej Properties, he plays a pivotal role in structuring high-value projects, managing regulatory interfaces, and guiding the organization through an evolving legal and business landscape. Known for his strategic acumen and leadership, he contributes to shaping the company's legal framework while aligning business goals with sound governance practices. His expertise and insights are widely recognized within the legal and corporate community.



Mr. Vineet Bose

Head-Legal & SVP, Adani Cements

Mr. Vineet Bose is the Head-Legal and Senior Vice President at Adani Cements, where he leads the company's legal strategy, regulatory compliance, and risk management functions. With over two decades of experience in corporate and commercial law, he has advised on high-value transactions, mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures, and complex dispute resolution matters. At Adani Cements, Mr. Bose plays a central role in structuring and negotiating strategic projects, managing regulatory interfaces, and ensuring robust governance practices across operations. His expertise spans the infrastructure, energy, and manufacturing sectors, with a particular focus on the cement and construction industries. Renowned for his pragmatic approach and business-oriented legal counsel, Mr. Bose contributes significantly to strengthening the organization's legal framework while supporting its long-term growth objectives.

EVENT SCHEDULE

12:00 p.m to 01:30 p.m



Event hosted by Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas
Topic - India's Evolving BIT Regime: Overhaul
and Stakeholder Management

Moderator



Mr. Abhileen Chaturvedi
Partner
Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas

Speakers



Mr. Gautam Bhattacharyya
Partner, ReedSmith



Ms. Genevieve Poirier
Partner
Lalive



Mr. Karan Rukhana
Counsel
Chambers of Darius Khambata



Mr. Manish Aggarwal
Partner
Three Crowns



Ms. Sapna Jhangiani KC
Advocate, Arbitrator
Mediator Blackstone Chambers

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Mr. Abhileen Chaturvedi (Moderator)

Partner, Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas

Abhileen represents and advises clients on both domestic and cross border disputes. He has acted for clients in both ad hoc as well as institutional arbitration under the ICC, LCIA, LMAA, MCIA, SIAC and UNCITRAL Rules. He has represented companies in the banking and finance, construction, energy, infrastructure, mining, technology and telecom sector, before judicial forums in India and institutional and ad hoc arbitral tribunals.

Besides arbitrations, Abhileen has acted for clients in commercial and white-collar crime litigation, and bankruptcy matters. Abhileen has also represented corporations in litigation proceedings for enforcement of foreign awards/judgments.



Mr. Gautam Bhattacharyya

Partner, ReedSmith

Gautam qualified as a solicitor in England & Wales in 1993 and became a partner in Reed Smith in 2000. He served as the founding managing partner of the firm's Singapore office from 2012-2015 and was a member of the Reed Smith global board, its Executive Committee, from 2017-2023.



Ms. Genevieve Poirier

Partner, Lalive

Genevieve Poirier of LALIVE London is looking forward to contributing her insight and expertise on the panel and reconnecting with colleagues at ADR Week.

Genevieve Poirier specialises in international arbitration and litigation, acting both as counsel and as arbitrator. As an advocate she brings deep expertise in resolving high-value cross-border disputes across sectors including telecommunications, energy, infrastructure, and financial services. Admitted to practice in New Zealand and England and Wales she has been fortunate to gain significant experience with India-seated and India-related arbitrations, and draws upon on her work with all of the major institutions and arbitral seats including London, Paris, Geneva, New York, and Delhi. She is praised across directories for her collaborative style and for navigating complex matters with strategic finesse.



Mr. Karan Rukhana

Counsel Chambers of Darius Khambata

Karan Rukhana is an independent advocate and a counsel associated with the Chambers of Darius Khambata, SA. He participates in commercial and constitutional matters before the Bombay High Court and the Supreme Court of India. In addition, his experience also includes participating in domestic and foreign-seated commercial arbitrations relating to joint venture and mergers & acquisition disputes. He is licensed to practice law in New York (USA). Karan holds an LLM (with Hons) from Georgetown University Law Centre and is pursuing his PhD under the supervision of Dr Michael Waibel from the University of Vienna. His research focuses on the convergence of investment arbitration, climate law, and quantification of damages. Karan is also a Regional Representative for Young ICCA.



Mr. Manish Aggarwal

Partner, Three Crowns

Manish is a partner at Three Crowns and head of its India practice. He has extensive experience of representing clients in commercial and investment treaty arbitrations across a broad range of sectors and in arbitration-related court litigation.

Manish is consistently ranked as a leading practitioner in arbitration and public international law by major legal directories and is among a few selected arbitration practitioners recognised in WWL Thought Leaders: Global Elite and Global Arbitration Review 45 under 45 lists. He has also been recognised in the India Business Law Journal's list of top international lawyers for India-related matters.



Ms. Sapna Jhangiani KC

Advocate, Arbitrator Mediator Blackstone Chambers

Sapna Jhangiani KC is a barrister at Blackstone Chambers, based in Singapore, with over twenty-five years' experience in appearing before courts and tribunals, and sitting as an arbitrator or mediator, in complex commercial disputes seated all over the world. Sapna has practised in London, New York, Dubai and Singapore, and is called to the Bar in England & Wales, Singapore and the British Virgin Islands. She appears as an advocate in international arbitration, as well as in the Singapore Courts (through her sole proprietorship, Sapna Jhangiani). Sapna holds an undergraduate degree from Oxford University, and a diploma in international commercial arbitration from Queen Mary University, London, in which she graduated with Distinction.

EVENT SCHEDULE

02:30 p.m to 04:00 p.m

MRP
ADVISORY

Event hosted by MRP Advisory
Topic - Multi-Party, Multi-Contract Disputes in
Construction Projects: An Indian Perspective

Moderator



Mr. Abhileen Chaturvedi

Partner
MRP Advisory

Speakers



Mr. Daniel Cai
Director-Dispute Resolution
Drew & Napier



**Mr. Lakshmanan
Ramalah**
General Manager & Head
(Contracts) L&T HCIC



Ms. Pallavi S. Chavan
Director Contracts & Claims
at Masin



Mr. Rishabh Jogani
Partner
MRP Advisory



Ms. Sadaff Habib
Independent Arbitrator
& Founder of Equanimity
Arbitration



Ms. Gunjan Chhabra (Moderator)

Partner, MRP Advisory

Gunjan Chhabra is a dual-qualified legal professional, admitted as an Advocate in India and as a Solicitor of England & Wales and is a Partner at MRP Advisory. She specializes in international construction arbitration, infrastructure disputes, and commercial litigation, with extensive experience representing clients before courts and arbitral tribunals under ad-hoc and institutional rules including ICC, SIAC, and DIAC. Gunjan is empanelled as an arbitrator with several prestigious institutions such as the Court of Arbitration for Art (CAFA) and ODR Platforms, and also serves as an external member on POSH Committees. Recognized as a Future Star in Construction by Benchmark Litigation (2025) and recipient of the Pioneering Women Leadership Award, she is a frequent speaker at national and international forums and a widely published author in leading arbitration journals.



Mr. Daniel Cai

Director - Dispute Resolution, Drew & Napier

Daniel practises civil litigation and international arbitration, with particular expertise in complex disputes involving construction, shareholder matters, and a wide range of commercial issues. He is a contributing author to Singapore Civil Procedure. Since beginning his career at Drew & Napier as a trainee in 2009, Daniel has been recognised by leading publications—including The Legal 500, Benchmark Litigation, and Asian Legal Business (as one of the "Asia Super 50 Disputes Lawyers")—and is commended for his methodical and incisive approach to dispute resolution.



Mr. Lakshmanan Ramaiah

General Manager & Head (Contracts) L&T HCIC

Graduating as a rank-holding Civil Engineer from Madras University in 1994, Mr. Lakshmanan Ramaiah has had an illustrious career in project management and dispute resolution domains. Right after his engineering, he moved to Malaysia and Mr. Lakshmanan has delivered many types of projects, ranging from power stations to ADB-funded irrigation projects, water and sewage treatment plant construction and offshore works and was the project director of technically challenging road projects in Malaysia including the 2nd East-West Highway.

He specialised in survey, has PMP, RMP, Six Sigma Green Belt certifications and also completed MBA from the University of Strathclyde, Scotland. With Disputes & Law being his new love, he completed the Business Law from the West Bengal National University and LLB from Andhra Yogi Vemana Government College and completed his LLM from the OP Jindal University.

Professionally, Mr. Lakshmanan is a Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (MCIArb) and has also has ICC Arbitration certification and FIDIC certification. Mr. Lakshmanan is also a Board Member of SCL India and Governing Council Member of IIT-Arb, Chennai. Mr. Lakshmanan is associated with L&T Heavy Civil Infrastructure IC since 2015 and since 2020, he is heading Contracts department and presently he is developing and nurturing new age Contracts Management as General Manager & Head-Contracts Administration and Claims Management, Heavy Civil IC, L&T, Chennai. This department developed by Mr. Lakshmanan has expertise on Contracts Management, Dispute Resolution, Risk Management & Delay analysis. Presently he is leading from front in industry to amalgamate Artificial Intelligence into Contracts Management and Dispute Resolution process.



Ms. Pallavi S. Chavan

Director - Contracts & Claims at Masin

Pallavi S. Chavan is the Director – Contracts and Claims at MASIN. She holds a B.E. in Mechanical Engineering from Mumbai University, a Post Graduate Diploma in Project Management from National Institute of Construction Management And research ("NICMAR"), Pune, and an LL.B. from Mumbai University. With over 11 years of experience, she specializes in Quantum Analysis, Disruption Analysis, Delay Analysis, and Technical Claims. Pallavi has extensive experience in dispute resolution, arbitration support and appears as an independent expert in both domestic and international arbitrations. Her work spans the construction, infrastructure, and energy sectors. She has consistently supported stakeholders in resolving complex project challenges and advancing successful outcomes in high value disputes.



Mr. Rishabh Jogani

Partner, MRP Advisory

Rishabh is a Partner at MRP Advisory, a leading law firm handling construction

arbitration disputes in the MENA region and the Indian subcontinent. He has over a decade of experience in domestic and international arbitration, litigation, and dispute resolution, specialising in construction disputes.

He has also handled shareholder, intellectual property, debt recovery, and real estate matters. He has successfully represented clients in various arbitration forums, such as ICC, DIAC, LCIA, and SIAC, and in complex litigation before the Indian Courts. He is passionate about delivering high- quality and cost- effective legal solutions to his clients and strives to uphold the highest standards of professional excellence.

His work is recognised by Lexology (formerly Who's Who Legal) in its Construction & Arbitration Listings. He has also been recommended by Legal500 in their listings.



Ms. Sadaff Habib

Independent Arbitrator & Founder of Equanimity Arbitration

Sadaff Habib is an independent arbitrator based in Dubai, UAE. Born and raised in Kenya with Indian roots, she is a qualified attorney in New York. Sadaff has extensive experience in international arbitration, including disputes involving construction, infrastructure, property, and commercial issues. Prior to going independent, Sadaff worked with international law firms such as Beale & Co and Fenwick Elliott. Sadaff is recognized as a Future Leader by Who's Who Legal and is also ranked in Who's Who Legal as a Global Elite Thought Leader. She also holds a ranking in the Legal 500 Middle East Construction, where she is acknowledged for building a reputable presence in international arbitration as an arbitrator.

EVENT SCHEDULE

04:00 p.m to 05:00 p.m



Webinar

Event hosted by International Arbitration & Mediation Centre, Hyderabad
Topic - Closing the Enforcement Gap: Lessons from Global Arbitration Reforms

Moderator



Ms. Shruti Khanijow
Partner
Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co.

Speakers



Ms. Alessa Pang
Partner
WongPartnership LLP



Ms. Emi Rowse (Igusa)
Partner and Head of Japan
Practice Kudun & Partners



Mr. Pallav Mongia
AOR and Solicitor
(England & Wales)



Mr. Sudhanshu Roy
Associate
Foley Hoag LLP



Ms. Shruti Khanijow (Moderator)

Partner, Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co.

Shruti Khanijow is a Partner in the Dispute Resolution practice at Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co. She advises corporates, lenders, project sponsors and state entities on complex domestic and cross-border commercial disputes, arbitration, mediation, and related court proceedings.

Shruti regularly leads high-value arbitrations under institutional (ICC, LCIA, SIAC, UNCITRAL) and ad-hoc rules, with matters seated across India, the MENA region, London, Paris, Singapore and Geneva. Her practice encompasses engineering, construction and infrastructure, energy and natural resources, shareholder and corporate governance disputes, insolvency-related financing and cross-border enforcement.

Shruti is an empaneled Specialist Mediator with the Singapore International Mediation Centre and an active member of the Young IAMC steering committee and a frequent speaker at institutional forums; she is also a regular contributor to industry platforms and legal journals on arbitration, litigation funding, environmental and ESG-related dispute issues.

Shruti is a member of the CII Southern India Regional Task Force and the CII National Council on MSME and Ease of Doing Business, and is regularly retained by corporates, fund houses, and governments to manage multi-party & high-stakes complex commercial disputes



Ms. Alessa Pang

Partner, WongPartnership LLP

Alessa Pang is a partner in the commercial and corporate disputes and the international arbitration practices at WongPartnership LLP in Singapore. She handles a wide range of cross-border commercial disputes before international arbitral tribunals, as well as before the Singapore courts. Alessa also has extensive experience in arbitration-related court proceedings, having acted for clients in setting-aside proceedings, enforcement proceedings and other court applications. In addition to counsel work, Alessa also sits as an arbitrator. She is admitted to the Singapore Bar and to the Roll of Solicitors of England and Wales.

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Ms. Emi Rowse (Igusa)

Partner and Head of Japan, Practice Kudun & Partners

Ms. Emi Rowse (Igusa), Partner and Head of Japan Practice, Kudun & Partners. Emi is a partner and head of the firm's Japan Practice, with over 20 years of experience specializing in international arbitration. She advises and represents clients throughout Asia in complex commercial litigation and arbitration proceedings. Her expertise spans a wide range of industries, including financial institutions, energy corporations, and global manufacturers. Emi has successfully represented clients in arbitrations governed by the ICC, LCIA, SIAC, and TAI rules.

Her practice encompasses various dispute matters, including commercial contracts, shareholder and joint venture disputes, employment issues, investigations related to corruption and fraud, corporate governance, and competition law. Emi's deep understanding of these areas makes her a trusted advisor in navigating complex legal challenges.

Recognized as one of Thailand's Top 100 Lawyers, Emi brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to her clients. As half Japanese, she is fluent in both reading and writing Japanese, enhancing her ability to effectively serve clients with cross-border needs.



Mr. Pallav Mongia

AOR and Solicitor (England & Wales)

Pallav Mongia is a Solicitor (England & Wales) and Advocate-on-Record at the Supreme Court of India, specializing in commercial disputes, insolvency, arbitration, and regulatory matters in mining and energy. He began his career with Laxmikumaran & Sridharan, and trained under Justice L. Nageswara Rao (as Senior Advocate), Mr. Jayant Bhushan, and Karanjawala & Co., gaining experience representing clients such as Tata, Vodafone, DLF, Hiranandani, Raheja, Wadia, and Reliance groups. A recipient of the 2012 Supreme Court Lawyers Welfare Trust Scholarship, he holds a B.A. LL.B (Hons.) from HNLU, Raipur. His notable matters include defending Yes Bank against SBI in the Vijay Mallya dispute and representing celebrities like Raveena Tandon, Bharti Singh, and Kapil Sharma. In arbitration, he advises one of India's largest insurers on highway claims in Rajasthan and has appeared before SIAC and LCIA. He is empanelled as arbitrator with DIAC, GIMAC, and MCIA.



Mr. Sudhanshu Roy

Associate, Foley Hoag LLP

Sudhanshu Roy is a member of the International Litigation & Arbitration practice, focusing on investor-state and international commercial arbitration, as well as arbitration-related litigation before U.S. courts. He represents sovereigns and private clients in proceedings under ICSID, UNCITRAL, ICC and SIAC Arbitration Rules. Recognized by Legal 500 – USA as a “Rising Star” in Dispute Resolution: International Arbitration (2022) and a “Key Lawyer” in International Arbitration and Litigation (2021), he is also a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (FCIArb). Before joining Foley Hoag, Sudhanshu served as Legal Advisor with the International Investment Division, Department of Economic Affairs, Government of India, where he contributed to drafting India’s revised Model Bilateral Investment Treaty and negotiating several international investment agreements. He also advised on investor-state arbitrations and matters involving India’s FDI Policy. Earlier, as Associate with Amarchand & Mangaldas & Suresh A. Shroff & Co., he worked on investment policy and WTO disputes for the Government of India.

EVENT SCHEDULE

05:00 p.m to 06:30 p.m

MCIA

Event hosted by MCIA
Topic - Debate - This House Believes Foreign
Lawyers In India Will Colonize Not Collaborate

Moderator



Mr. Andrew Mackenzie

Partner
DLA Piper

Judge



Ms. Bindi Dave

Co-Managing Partner
Wadia Ghandy & Co. (Judge)

Speakers



For the motion
Mr. John Rhie
Managing Partner
Quinn Emanuel



Against the motion
Mr. Karthik Balisagar
Senior Managing Director
FTI Consulting



Against the motion
Mr. Karthik Somasundaram
Partner
Spice Route Legal



For the motion
Ms. Shreya Aren
Counsel, Debevoise
& Plimpton LLP



Ms. Bindi Dave (Judge)

Co-Managing Partner, Wadia Ghandy & Co.

Bindi Dave is a Co-Managing Partner at Wadia Ghandy & Co., where she leads the firm's Disputes practice. With extensive experience in handling complex litigation matter as well as arbitrations, both domestic and international, she represents clients in various courts and tribunals throughout India, including the NCLT, NCLAT, High Courts, and the Supreme Court of India.

She is a Solicitor, an Advocate-on-Record, and a member of the MCIA Council. She also acts as an arbitrator in commercial disputes. Bindi's expertise is widely recognized; she is featured among the Top 100 Women in Litigation by Benchmark Litigation and holds a Band 2 ranking for Dispute Resolution from market-leading legal agencies.



Mr. Andrew Mackenzie (Moderator)

Partner, DLA Piper

Andrew Mackenzie is Regional Head of Litigation, Arbitration & Regulatory for the Middle East at DLA Piper. Based in the UAE for over 16 years, he advises governments, sovereign entities, and leading corporates on complex disputes across the GCC and Africa, with particular expertise in international arbitration and cross-border enforcement. Andrew frequently represents Indian companies in disputes and investments across the Middle East and Africa, offering a unique bridge for Indian Counsel and companies navigating these markets. His practice spans energy, construction, infrastructure, and financial services, and he regularly acts before ADGM, DIFC, DIAC, SCCA, and other leading regional institutions. Combining deep regional insight with the global platform of DLA Piper, Andrew is recognised for delivering commercially focused strategies in high-value, multi-jurisdictional disputes.



Mr. John Rhie (For the motion)

Managing Partner, Quinn Emanuel

John Rhie is Quinn Emanuel's Managing Partner of Asia and the Head of the International Arbitration Practice in Asia. John specializes in international arbitration, both commercial and investment treaty, and has acted as counsel and arbitrator in arbitrations under most arbitral institutions.

John is recognized as a leading expert in the field of international arbitration and is ranked by all major legal publications. Chambers and Partners 2025 noted that John is "a pioneer in the arbitration sector in Asia" and "counsel of choice in many cases" and Legal 500 2025 states John is a "persuasive advocate" who "gets straight to the heart of the matter" and is "simply excellent".

John regularly sits as an arbitrator and teaches international arbitration in various institutions around the world.



Mr. Karthik Balisagar (Against the motion)

Senior Managing Director, FTI Consulting

Karthik is a Senior Managing Director in the Economic and Financial Consulting practice of FTI Consulting and is based in London. He brings more than 19 years of experience in valuation, assessment of damages and transaction consulting. At FTI, Karthik specialises in valuation and damages issues in the context of international arbitration and litigation.



Mr. Karthik Somasundaram (Against the motion)

Partner, Spice Route Legal

Karthik Somasundaram heads the Litigation, Arbitration and Dispute Resolution on Practice at Spice Route Legal. With over 20 years of experience, Karthik has extensive expertise in handling complex commercial, regulatory, and insolvency disputes across sectors, including global industry giants.

With his industry knowledge, forged with vast experience in dispute resolution on, Karthik routinely represents clients before various judicial and dispute resolution forums, including the prestigious bodies of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), the London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA), the Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC), the Supreme Court of India, and the Bombay High Court. He is also a member of the ICDR India Committee.

His prowess pertaining to handling Disputes has been commended by prestigious legal directories including Chambers and Partners, Legal500, and Benchmark Litigation.

MUMBAI
17th September 2025

Special Address



Hon'ble Mr. Justice Kamal Rashmi Khata
 Judge, Bombay High Court

Date	Time	Venue
17 th September 2025	08:30 AM	Trident Hotel, Mumbai

EVENT SCHEDULE

08:30 a.m to 10:00 a.m

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India Branch

Event hosted by Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, India
Topic - Are You Interviewing Your Arbitrator?
Changing Mindset in the Indian Landscape.

Moderator



Mr. Nusrat Hassan
Managing Partner
Dentons Link Legal

Speakers



Mr. Kunal Vajani
Joint Managing Partner
Fox & Mandal (Estd. 1896)



Mr. Samir Hossain
General Counsel
Aditya Birla Capital



Ms. Sushmita Gandhi
Partner
Trilegal



Mr. Gregory A. Litt (Moderator)

Partner, Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP and Affiliates

Gregory A. Litt is a partner in the New York office of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom. For nearly 25 years, he has represented companies and individuals in high-stakes international arbitration and litigation in a wide range of industries around the globe, including some of the most well-known and high stakes international disputes involving Indian companies. Serving as lead counsel in U.S. litigation and international arbitration matters and coordinating counsel in multijurisdictional disputes, Mr. Litt combines excellence in advocacy, careful attention to strategy and skillful coordination across jurisdictions.



Dr. Akhil Prasad

Board Member, Group General Counsel, Company Secretary Boeing

Dr. Akhil Prasad is the group general counsel and company secretary for Boeing India and serves as a Board of Directors member for all Boeing India entities. He is also responsible for legal advice and counsel to other Boeing subsidiaries and joint venture in India. Before joining Boeing in 2013, Dr. Prasad has worked with Fidelity Worldwide Investment, The Walt Disney Company India, General Motors India, Electrolux Kelvinator, Modicorp Group including Modi Xerox and Graphtech India. He has more than 30 years of experience as an in-house counsel in India and has worked with legal teams spread across different countries. Dr. Prasad has been nominated in list of Top General Counsels in India by Forbes India and Top 100 India In-house Counsel by Business World for 2024, 2023, 2022, 2020; Team Power List 2019 India by Legal 500; GC Power List 2024, 2023, 2022, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016; 100 Legal Luminaries of India by Lexis Nexis; and among the Finest India In-house Counsels by Indian Corporate Counsel Association. He was also nominated as a Jury Member for 30 under 30 by BW Legal World 2021 and ALB India Law Awards 2021. Dr. Prasad is a visiting faculty with some of the leading institutions in India, in the field of business, leadership development and law. Dr. Prasad is also a Founder of General Counsels Association of India

Dr. Prasad has two bachelor's degrees in commerce, and law. He has two masters' degrees in law – one from India and another from Northwestern University, U.S.A, and has completed an Advanced Management Program from Wharton Business School, University of Pennsylvania. He holds a Certificate in Business Administration program from Instituto de Empresa, Madrid, Spain (IE). He also has Doctor of Philosophy (Investor Protection - India) and Doctor of Laws (Media Piracy - India) degrees. Dr. Prasad is also a Fellow Company Secretary (India), Fellow Chartered Secretary (England & Wales), Solicitor (England & Wales, Non-Practicing).



Ms. Sushmita Gandhi

Partner, Trilegal

Sushmita has extensive experience in advising clients on a variety of corporate and commercial disputes across sectors, including Banking & Finance, Insolvency & Restructuring, asset recovery, civil fraud and in arbitrations, particularly in the areas of construction, projects and infrastructure, and investments. She has successfully handled several domestic and international arbitrations, representing clients in ad-hoc and institutional arbitrations in India and abroad with seats in India, Singapore, Dubai and London. Sushmita is empaneled as an arbitrator with several institutional arbitration centers and often acts as an arbitrator. Sushmita is also a member of the YSIAC Council, APAC-India and a fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators

Besides, she has advised lenders, borrowers, advisors, and other intermediaries in disputes arising out of complex local and cross-border financing transactions and has handled some cutting-edge domestic and cross-border insolvency litigation and advisory work; cross border asset recovery and civil fraud matters.

EVENT SCHEDULE

10:00 a.m to 12:00 p.m

Skadden

Event hosted by SKADDEN
Topic - Focus on the Client: In-House Counsel's
Role and Expectations from the Arbitral Process

Moderator



Mr. Gregory A. Litt

Partner Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher
& Flom LLP and Affiliates

Speakers



Dr. Akhil Prasad

Board Member, Group General
Counsel Company Secretary
Boeing



Ms. Tapasi Sil

General Counsel, Onshore Wind
South Asia, GE Vernova



Mr. Ravi Mahto

Assistant Vice President
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Mr. Ravi Mahto

Assistant Vice President, Tata Son

Ravi currently serves in the Group Legal team of Tata Group, overseeing key strategic and transactional initiatives of Tata Group. He works with Tatas' leadership and senior management teams to address a variety of legal issues and risks. Ravi obtained his LLB (Honors) degree in 2007 from The W.B. NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF JURIDICAL SCIENCES ('NUJS'), Kolkata. He also pursued his LL.M at Columbia Law School, New York, where he was a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar. He is qualified to practice in New York as well. Prior to Tata Group, Ravi was a senior counsel in Uber India, and before that he worked in leading law firms like Trilegal and Khaitan in their M&A and transactional teams. Overall, he has now been a lawyer for over 17 years. In between, he also worked fulltime with a couple of non-government organisations in Uttarakhand helping them in modernising their operations.

In the course of his career, Ravi has worked on some of the biggest and complex transactions, novel at times; and provided wide ranging legal strategic advice on key operational and regulatory aspects.

EVENT SCHEDULE

12:00 p.m to 01:30 p.m

TRILEGAL

Event hosted by Trilegal
Topic - Dispute Resolution in the Indian Mining Sector: Balancing Environmental Concerns and Contractual Obligations

Moderator



Mr. Samit Shukla
Partner
Trilegal

Speakers



Mr. Bhalchandra Patil
Vice President
Enviro Analyst & Engineers
Pvt Ltd.



Ms. Gayatri Singh
Senior Advocate
Bombay High Court



Mr. Sat Prakash
General Counsel and Head of
Corporate Affairs
Lloyds Metals & Energy Ltd



Mr. Sidharth Reddy
Indukuri
Managing Director
Indukuri Group



Mr. Tarpit Patni
Head Legal
Mumbai Zone Godrej Properties



Mr. Samit Shukla (Moderator)

Partner, Trilegal

Samit Shukla, advocate and solicitor, is a Partner at Trilegal, Mumbai, with a robust practice spanning across environmental litigation and advisory, real estate transactions, dispute resolution, and arbitration. With over a decade of experience, he specializes in complex issues involving land laws, environmental laws and regulations, corporate land acquisitions, insolvency, and commercial litigation. He has been recognized as a "Recommended Lawyer" by Legal 500 Asia-Pacific (2022–24), featured in ALB India Super 50 Lawyers (2023), and named among Legal Era's 40 under 40 Rising Stars (2022).



Mr. Bhalchandra Patil

Vice President, Enviro Analyst & Engineers Pvt Ltd.

Mr. Bhalchandra Patil is the Vice President at Enviro Analyst & Engineers Pvt. Ltd. (since 2015), an NABET-accredited consultancy across 14 sectors including mining. As an EIA Coordinator for three sectors, including solid waste management, he has successfully handled more than 400 projects across diverse industries.

He is currently a member of the Expert Committee on Solid Waste Management Authorization at the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board (2014–present) and previously served on the State Expert Appraisal Committee for Environmental Clearances in the Mumbai Metropolitan Region (2012–2014), where he examined around 600 projects.

With 35 years of service at the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation, rising from Sub-Engineer to Deputy Municipal Commissioner, Mr. Patil has led key departments such as sewerage, storm water, and solid waste management, and spearheaded major projects in waste processing and disposal.



Ms. Gayatri Singh

Senior Advocate, Bombay High Court

Ms. Singh is a Senior Advocate practicing in the Bombay High Court. She is renowned for her work in environmental law, human rights law, constitutional law, labour law, and public interest litigation. She studied B.Sc. under a scholarship at Wharton School, Philadelphia and then went on to pursue her LL.B. from Government Law College at Mumbai. She has been enrolled in the Bar since 1984 and practices at the Bombay High Court and other courts such as the National Green Tribunal, labour courts and family courts. She is part of a national network of lawyers and legal activists providing legal aid, legal education to the poor and marginalized and works with various organisations across the country to frame policies and improve laws.



Mr. Sat Prakash

General Counsel and Head of Corporate Affairs, Lloyds Metals & Energy Ltd.

Group General Counsel and Head of Corporate Affairs, Lloyds Metals & Energy Ltd. With over 28 years of diverse industry experience (manufacturing, mining, telecom, insurance, NPA resolution, and industrial debt), Mr. Prakash has been instrumental in leading high-stakes legal and corporate affairs matters. He has worked with Thriveni Earthmovers, Lloyds Metals, JSW Steel, Indus Towers, and ICICI Lombard, and has successfully driven major land acquisition and R&R efforts for key projects.



Mr. Sidharth Reddy Indukuri

Managing Director, Indukuri Group

Mr. Indukuri leads large-scale projects in real estate and mining. Through Indukuri Lifespaces, he has delivered over 1 million sq. ft. and is developing 7 million sq. ft., including the flagship Elements of Nature (EON) initiative integrating sustainability with modern living. In mining, he pioneered India's first longwall technology project and is developing a 2.5 MTPA greenfield mining project. An alumnus of The Ohio State University and Kellogg School of Management, he has worked with PwC (New York) and Peabody Energy (USA).



Mr. Tarpit Patni

Head Legal, Mumbai Zone Godrej Properties

Mr. Tarpit Patni is a distinguished legal professional and the current Senior General Manager (Head Legal- Mumbai Zone) at Godrej Properties Limited. He earned his B.A. LL.B. (Hons.) in Business Law from the Institute of Law, Nirma University in 2013, where he showcased exceptional leadership as Chairperson of the Debating Society and the Center for Social Justice, and as Secretary of the Literary Committee. Mr. Patni has been awarded the Gold Medal for Excellence in Mooting by INLU and was a semifinalist in the 6th Pro Bono Enviro Moot Court Competition and has been a consistent quarterfinalist in several other reputed national and international moots, including the Bar Council of India International Moot Court Competition. His career reflects a strong foundation in business law, real estate legal strategy, and a passion for advancing legal excellence through advocacy and leadership.

EVENT SCHEDULE

02:30 p.m to 04:00 p.m



Event hosted by KHAITAN
Topic - Navigating Supply Chain Disputes in
Post-Pandemic Markets: Causes and Best
Practices

Moderator



Mr. Raj R Panchmatia
Partner
Khaitan & Co.

Speakers



Mr. Amit Bhasin
Chief Legal Officer
Marico Industries Limited



Mr. Chakrapani Misra
Partner
Khaitan & Co.



Ms. Lucy Reed
President
SIAC Court



Mr. Sandeep Chowdhury
Group General Counsel
Suzlon Energy Ltd.



Ms. Seema Manku
Division Counsel TE
& Head of Legal
Corporate Legal Services



Mr. Raj R Panchmatia (Moderator)

Partner, Khaitan & Co.

Raj Panchmatia, Partner, Dispute Resolution practice group at Khaitan & Co, Mumbai. Executive Committee Member on the Arbitration Bar of India. With extensive experience in dispute resolution, commercial litigation, and enforcement matters, handles cases in both domestic and international forums. Regularly advises on global enforcement issues related to arbitration awards and court decrees from various jurisdictions.

A member of the SIAC Panel of Arbitrators, LCIA Panel of Arbitrators, HKIAC List of Arbitrators, and AIAC Panel of Arbitrators. Additionally, also on the Panel of the Singapore International Mediation Centre (SIMC) as an India Specialist Mediator and is an Accredited Mediator with the Singapore International Mediation Institute (SIMI). Is a co-convenor of the Indian Arbitration Forum Western Region.

Has been recognized by Who's Who Legal and Lexology Index as Thought Leader Arbitration in India, Chambers & Partners, Legal 500, IBLJ, and Benchmark Litigation.



Mr. Amit Bhasin

Chief Legal Officer, Marico Industries Limited

Amit Bhasin is the Chief Legal Officer and Group General Counsel of Marico Limited, where he also serves on the Executive Committee. He leads the Legal and Corporate Affairs function for Marico across India and international markets, is a member of the Governance Committee, and oversees the company's Corporate Social Responsibility initiatives.

With over 19 years of experience in corporate legal, governance, compliance, and business partnering, Amit has built extensive expertise in the consumer sector. Before joining Marico, he spent more than 13 years with Hindustan Unilever Limited as General Manager – Legal and Corporate Secretarial, where he managed multiple roles and worked on significant M&A transactions, including the acquisition of GSK's business. He was also part of Unilever's global networks on competition law, governance, and compliance.

Amit plays an active role in FMCG industry advocacy and is associated with several bodies, including FICCI's FMCG Committee, where he chairs the Legal Metrology and CCPA vertical, and IBHA's Legal Committee. He also serves as Chair of the Chief Legal Officer Network India (Winmark) and is part of MCIA's FMCG User Council. Recognized in GC Powerlist India 2022, Amit has also received the Best Leading Lawyers award (WIPF, 2022) and Legal Era's "40 under 40 Legal Rising Stars" (2019).

A law graduate and certified Company Secretary (ICSI), he also holds a postgraduate certification in Sustainable Business from the University of Cambridge, UK (2011).



Mr. Chakrapani Misra

Partner, Khaitan & Co.

Chakrapani Misra is a senior partner in the Disputes Resolution Practice Group in the Mumbai office. With over three decades of experience in the field, he specialises in commercial disputes resolution. Chakrapani regularly acts for and advises clients on domestic and international arbitrations including maritime arbitration. He also acts as an arbitrator in complex disputes.

He is a certified Mediator and regularly presides as Mediator over various corporate commercial disputes.

Besides the above, he routinely advises the Firm's clients on commercial litigations - summary suits, commercial causes suits, company petitions and complex, succession and probate matters.

Chambers & Partners, AsiaLaw & Legal 500 have regularly ranked him for his expertise as a leading lawyer in the field of disputes resolution.



Ms. Lucy Reed

President, SIAC Court

Lucy Reed, the President of the Singapore International Arbitration Centre Court and the immediate past President of ICCA, is an independent arbitrator with Arbitration Chambers in New York. Lucy specializes in investor-State and complex international commercial disputes, recognized in Tier One of Chambers & Partners Most In Demand Arbitrators – Global Wide 2025. Before retiring in 2016, Lucy led the Freshfields global international arbitration group and then took on the role of Director of the Centre for International Law at the National University of Singapore. Among other positions, Lucy has served as Co-Director of the Claims Resolution Tribunal for Dormant Accounts in Switzerland; General Counsel of the Korean Peninsula Energy Development Organization, in which capacity she led negotiations with North Korea; and the U.S. Government's Agent to the Iran-United States Claims Tribunal.



Mr. Sandeep Chowdhury

Group General Counsel, Suzlon Energy Ltd.

As a Group General Counsel at Suzlon Group, I leverage my extensive legal expertise to provide strategic guidance and support to the organization. With over 20 years of experience in the legal field, I have a proven track record of handling complex legal matters, negotiating contracts, and managing litigation. My background in corporate law has equipped me with the skills to navigate the ever-changing legal landscape and ensure compliance with regulatory requirements. I am passionate about fostering a culture of integrity and excellence within the legal team and contributing to the growth and success of the organization.

In past, have played leadership level roles in legal & compliance in companies like Walmart, Coca Cola, Baxter, UPL, Lafarge Cement, OLA Cabs and have worked in India, Dubai and Singapore.

Started my career with Khaitan & Co., an eminent law firm of the country.



Ms. Seema Manku

Division Counsel TE & Head of Legal, Corporate Legal Services

Seema Manku, admitted to practice in 3 jurisdictions - England & Wales, India, and New York and a qualified company secretary, is a globally experienced legal leader with a proven track record in corporate commercial law, dispute resolution, and intellectual property. With a career spanning multiple jurisdictions and industries, she brings a strategic, business-aligned approach to legal advisory, enabling her to serve as the sounding voice of legal for senior leadership teams. Currently she serves as a Division Counsel Textile Effects & Head of Legal – Asia for Archroma, which is specialty chemicals and dyes company.

EVENT SCHEDULE

04:30 p.m to 05:30 p.m



Event hosted by Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas
Topic - Too much, Too Little or Just right?:
Rethinking Scrutiny of Awards Across Jurisdictions

Moderator



Ms. Shreya Jain
Partner
Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas

Speakers



Mr. Abraham Vergis SC
Founder & Managing Director
Providence Law Asia LLC



Ms. Kanika Goenka
Partner
Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas



Mr. Justice L Nageshwara Rao
Former Judge
Supreme Court of India



Mr. Sudhanshu Swaroop KC
King's Counsel
Twenty Essex



Ms. Shreya Jain (Moderator)

Partner, Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas

Shreya Jain is a Partner in the Arbitration practice at Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas (SAM) in Mumbai, India. Shreya's practice focuses on domestic and international commercial arbitrations, investor-state arbitrations and litigations arising from arbitrations. She is qualified to practice in India and New York and has worked in both jurisdictions. She is a member of the SIAC Reserve Panel of Arbitrators and the LCIA's List of Arbitrators. She is also currently serving as the Asia Pacific Representative at YIAG (LCIA's under-40 arm), the Assistant Editor of the Kluwer Arbitration Blog, and a member of the IBA's Task Force on Res Judicata.



Mr. Abraham Vergis SC

Founder & Managing Director, Providence Law Asia LLC

Abraham is a Senior Counsel and the Managing Director of Providence Law Asia. He regularly appears before the Supreme Court of Singapore (appellate and original jurisdiction) and the Singapore International Commercial Court. He is also an arbitration counsel and accredited arbitrator in international arbitrations.

Abraham has been managing contentious work over the past 25 years. He works closely with global law firms and leading lawyers from other jurisdictions.

Abraham is recognised as one of the top litigators in Singapore by Chambers and Partners. He has been ranked in Chambers Asia Pacific 2025 and named a "Litigation Star" by Benchmark Litigation Asia Pacific Guide 2025. Abraham has been described as "a brilliant advocate with a strategy that pierces the most difficult of disputes" – with peers saying "in cases where the client asks me to work with a Senior Counsel, Abe Vergis is my first, second and third choice".



Ms. Kanika Goenka

Partner, Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas

Kanika Goenka is a Partner at Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co, based out of Mumbai, and focuses on domestic and international arbitration and complex commercial litigation.

Kanika regularly represents clients in arbitrations, seated in India and outside, conducted under different arbitration rules, and governed by different laws across a wide range of industries. In addition to arbitrations, Kanika also represents clients before Indian courts in arbitration-related litigation, such as challenge to arbitral awards, enforcement and execution of awards, as well interim relief applications. Additionally, she assists Indian clients in strategizing their litigations before foreign courts. Kanika extensively advises clients on the drafting and structuring of transactions from a disputes and enforcement perspective.

Kanika completed her LL.M. from Columbia Law School and is also admitted to practice in New York.



Mr. Justice L Nageshwara Rao

Former Judge, Supreme Court of India

Justice L. Nageswara Rao is a former Judge of the Supreme Court of India, directly elevated from the Bar in 2016, only the seventh person to be so honoured. In his six-year tenure, he delivered over 220 authored judgments and contributed to more than 700 decisions, shaping Indian law across constitutional, commercial, insolvency, arbitration, administrative, and criminal law.

Before his elevation, he had over three decades of practice as a Senior Advocate, twice serving as Additional Solicitor General of India.

Post-retirement, Justice Rao serves as an arbitrator and mediator in domestic and international disputes with over 75 arbitrations in sectors including oil & gas, shareholder, sports, and commercial disputes. He is empanelled with leading global institutions such as ICDR, LCIA, SIAC, DIAC, AIAC, APIAC, KIAC, and trained as an international mediator at Pepperdine University.

He has been entrusted with key assignments in sports governance, including drafting the Indian Olympic Association's Constitution (with IOC and OCA), finalizing the All India Football Federation Constitution (with stakeholders like FIFA and AFC), and currently serves as Ombudsman of the Bihar Cricket Association.



Mr. Sudhanshu Swaroop KC

King's Counsel, Twenty Essex

Sudhanshu practices arbitration, commercial and public international law from Twenty Essex Chambers in London.

Sudhanshu's commercial practice encompasses shipping; international trade; banking and finance; and energy and natural resources. His work often involves challenges to jurisdiction, enforcement and applications for freezing orders and other urgent relief. He has wide experience of international arbitration, including under the UNCITRAL, ICC and LCIA Rules. He is also co-chair of the Commercial Bar Association's India Committee.

His public international practice has included some of the leading cases of recent times, both in the English courts and in international courts and tribunals. His practice includes investment arbitration, related court proceedings and immunities.

Sudhanshu is currently acting for the Republic of India in *CC/Devas and Others v India*, which concerns enforcement of an investment treaty award in the UK, including the issue of whether ratification of the New York Convention is a waiver of state immunity. Saurabh Mohindru - Chief Legal Officer, Godrej Properties Limited.

Mr. Saurabh Mohindru is the Chief Legal Officer at Godrej Properties Limited, where he oversees the company's legal, regulatory, and compliance functions. With extensive experience in corporate and commercial law, he advises on complex transactions, dispute resolution, governance, and strategic risk management. Over the course of his career, Mr. Mohindru has worked across diverse sectors, providing counsel on real estate, infrastructure, and financial services matters. At Godrej Properties, he plays a pivotal role in structuring high-value projects, managing regulatory interfaces, and guiding the organization through an evolving legal and business landscape. Known for his strategic acumen and leadership, he contributes to shaping the company's legal framework while aligning business goals with sound governance practices. His expertise and insights are widely recognized within the legal and corporate community.

Keynote Address



Hon'ble Smt. Justice Revati Mohite Dere
 Judge, Bombay High Court

Date	Time	Venue
17 th September 2025	07:00 PM to 07:30 PM	Trident Hotel, Mumbai

EVENT SCHEDULE

07:30 PM onwards



Dinner & Drinks hosted by
DLA Piper and FTI Consulting

DELHI
18th September 2025

Venue
Ballroom, The Oberoi, Delhi

HOST COMMITTEE MEMBERS



Mr. Bhaskar Chandran
Group General Counsel
GMR Group



Mr. Mahesh Agarwal
Managing Partner
Agarwal Law Associates



Mr. Mohit Saraf
Founder
Saraf & Partners



Mr. Sanjeev Gemawat
General Counsel
Essar Group



Mr. Sanjeev Kapoor
Senior Partner
Khaitan & Co.



Ms. Shweta Bharti
Managing Partner
Hammurabi & Solomon Partners

EVENT SCHEDULE

08:00 a.m to 10:00 a.m

Osborne Partners
 Investigate | Evaluate | Communicate

Event hosted by Osborne Partners
 Topic - Disputes involving State and State-Owned
 Entities: key legal and damages issues

Moderator



Mr. Montek Mayal
 Partner
 Osborne Partners

Speakers



Mr. Aditya Jalan
 Partner
 AZB & Partners



Ms. Anisha Sud
 Partner
 King & Spalding



Mr. Arun Visweswaran
 Partner
 Addleshaw Goddard



Mr. Dietmar Prager
 Partner
 Debevoise & Plimpton



Mr. Paul Tan
 Independent Counsel
 One Essex Court

EVENT SCHEDULE

10:00 a.m to 12:00 p.m



DSK Legal
True Value. True Values

Event hosted by SOCIETY OF CONSTRUCTION
LAW & DSK LEGAL
Topic - Witness Preparation and Cross Examination
in Construction Arbitration

Moderator



Mr Dinesh Pardasani

Partner
DSK Legal

Speakers



Mr. Arpinder Singh

India & Emerging
Markets Leader, EY
Forensic & Integrity Services



Ms. Avni Malik

Manager (Contracts & Risks)
Mitsui & Co. Ltd.



Mr. Hamish Lal

Founder Partner
Hamish Lal Partners



Mr. Ratan K Singh SA

Founder and Chairman
Society of Construction
Law India

EVENT SCHEDULE

12:00 p.m to 01:30 p.m



Event hosted by LEXSTER LAW
Topic - Non-signatories in Contracts and the Group of Companies Doctrine

Moderator



Mr. Saurabh Seth
Counsel

Speakers



**Hon'ble Ms. Justice (Retd.)
Indu Malhotra**
Former Judge
Supreme Court of India



Mr. Ooi Huey Miin
Partner
Raja, Darryl & Loh



Mr. Rajiv Nayar
Senior
Advocate



Dr. Sanjeev Gemawat
Managing Director & Group
General Counsel Essar Group



Mr. Saurav Agrawal
Counsel

EVENT SCHEDULE

02:30 p.m to 04:00 p.m



Event hosted by Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas
Topic - Understanding Sports Arbitration

Moderator



Mr. Manmeet Singh
Partner
Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas

Speakers



Mr. Harish Salve KC
Barrister
Blackstone Chambers



Mr. Karan Bhardwaj
Chief Strategy Officer
and Head Legal
JSW Sports



Ms. Kirtan Prasad
Counsel
RPC Legal



Mr. Nakul Dewan KC
Senior Advocate & King's Counsel
Twenty Essex



Ms. Vandana Gupte
General Counsel
Reliance Sports and
Entertainment

EVENT SCHEDULE

04:00 p.m to 05:00 p.m



Webinar

Event hosted by Nani Palkhivala Arbitration Centre

DELHI
19th September 2025

Opening Remarks



Hon'ble Mr. Justice Tejas Karia
Judge, High Court of Delhi

Date	Time	Venue
19 th September 2025	08:30 AM	The Oberoi, Delhi

EVENT SCHEDULE

08:30 a.m to 10:00 a.m

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India Branch

Event hosted by Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, India
Topic - Misuse of AI in Arbitration: Can it be a ground for challenge to an arbitral award?
With focus on CIArb Guideline on the Use of AI in Arbitration, 2025

Moderator



Mr. Vyapak Desai
Counsel
Vyapak Desai Law Chambers

Speakers



Mr. Ajit Kumar Mishra
Director
Irkon International Ltd.



Dr. Ashok Sharma
Founder and CEO
Federation of Indian Corporate
Lawyers (FICL)



Ms. Katie Chung
Partner
Norton Rose Fulbright

EVENT SCHEDULE

10:00 a.m to 12:00 p.m



Event hosted by AZB & PARTNERS
Topic - SIAC Rules 2025: Redefining 'I' - India, Inclusion and Innovation

Moderator



Mr. Vijayendra Pratap Singh

Senior Partner & Head
Litigation AZB & Partners

Speakers



Hon'ble Dr. Justice (Retd.) Dhananjaya Yeshwant Chandrachud
Former Chief Justice of India



Mr. Gaurav Khanna
Associate General Counsel
Nestle India Ltd.



Mr. Professor Lawrence Boo
Former CEO and Registrar
of SIAC and Professor
at National University of
Singapore



Ms. Urvashi S. Pathak
Senior Vice President &
Head Legal, Axis Max Life
Insurance Limited



Mr. Vivekananda Neelakantan
Registrar
SIAC

EVENT SCHEDULE

12:30 p.m to 01:30 p.m

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 GANDHI LAW ASSOCIATES
ADVOCATES AND ARBITRATORS

Event hosted by GANDHI LAW ASSOCIATES
 Topic - Section 29A Time Limits: Strategic
 Considerations and Judicial Interpretations

Moderator



Mr. Kunal J Vyas
 Partner
 Gandhi Law Associates

Speakers



Mr. Jatin Jalundhwala
 General Counsel
 Adani Group



Mr. Mihir Thakore
 Senior Advocate
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**Hon'ble Mr. Justice
 (Retd.) S. Ravindra Bhat**
 Former Judge
 Supreme Court of India

EVENT SCHEDULE

02:30 p.m to 04:00 p.m

Skadden

Event hosted by SKADDEN
Topic - Focus on the Client: In-House Counsel's
Role and Expectations from the Arbitral Process

Moderator



Ms. Sharmistha Chakrabarti

Partner, Skadden, Arps, Slate
Meagher & Flom LLP and Affiliates

Speakers



Mr. Kanishk K

Director Legal- India &
South Asia Uber



Ms. Medha Srivastava

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Mr. Vikash Jain

Global General Counsel
ReNew Power



Mr. Vardaan Ahluwalia

General Counsel
Premji Invest

EVENT SCHEDULE

04:00 p.m to 05:00 p.m



Webinar

Event hosted by Indian Council of Arbitration
Topic - Future-Proofing Arbitration: AI, Blockchain
& Beyond

Moderator



Ms. Karishma Vora
Barrister & International
Arbitrator

Speakers



Mr. Arun Chawla
Director General Indian
Council of Arbitration



Mr. Raj Panchmatia
Partner – Dispute Resolution
Khaitan & Co



Mr. Rohit Singhal
CEO
Masin Group



Dr. Sumedh Kumar Sethi
Registrar, Delhi International
Arbitration Centre & Senior
Judicial Officer, Delhi

EVENT SCHEDULE



05:00 p.m to 06:30 p.m

Event hosted by MCIA
Topic - Debate - This House Believes That
Institutional Arbitration Can Effectively Curb
Corruption In Arbitration

Moderator



Mr. Nicholas Peacock
Independent Advocate &
Arbitrator
Peacock Arbitration



**Hon'ble Mr. Justice
(Retd.) A.K. Sikri**
Former Judge Supreme
Court of India (Judge)



Mr. Mahesh Agarwal
Managing Partner
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(Retd.) Vipin Sanghi**
Former Chief Justice
Uttarakhand High Court
(Judge)

Speakers



Mr. Alipak Banerjee
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Law Chambers



Mr Kamran Mohammad
Leader
Nishith Desai Associates



Ms. Richa Kaushal
Counsel
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Keynote Address



Hon'ble Mr. Justice K. V. Viswanathan
Judge, Supreme Court of India

Date	Time	Venue
19 th September 2025	07:00 PM to 07:30 PM	The Oberoi, Delhi

EVENT SCHEDULE

07:30 PM onwards



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Dinner & Drinks hosted by
Lexster Law and Quinn Emmanuel

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