



## Diya Kapur

### **Counsel, Law Chambers of Diya Kapur, New Delhi**

Alumna of the National Law School of India University, Bengaluru and Harvard Law School, Diya Kapur is a Law Practitioner at Delhi High Court, Supreme Court and other tribunals in New Delhi, India.

She provides legal advice on a range of issues and has worked in M&A, Debt, Derivatives Capital Markets and Cross-border Transactions.

She is currently a counsel at the Law Chambers of Diya Kapur. She has been an associate with Pathak & Associates, and Davis Polk & Wardwell. Diya has also been a partner at the Law Chambers of Kapur & Trehan.



## Dinesh Pardasani

### Partner, DSK Legal, India

Dinesh Pardasani is a Partner at DSK Legal's dispute resolution practice group. He has over two decades of experience in corporate and commercial disputes and international and domestic arbitrations. He practices across diverse forums, including the Supreme Court, High Courts, arbitral tribunals, and regulatory commissions.

He is an experienced dispute lawyer with a strong track record in strategising and implementing dispute strategies. A significant part of his practice involves conducting institutional (ICC, SIAC, LMAA, DIAC, etc.) and ad hoc arbitrations for disputes arising under construction contracts, supply contracts, and other commercial contracts in India and overseas. He has handled disputes in multiple sectors, including Railways (metro, heavy rail, Vande Bharat),

Airports, Power (thermal, coal, hydro, solar, wind), Water, Waste Management, Roads, Steel Plants, Oil and Gas.

Dinesh also acts as an arbitrator and is a member of the Delhi International Arbitration Centre (DIAC) committee that scrutinises awards.

Dinesh has extensively advised on contractual and regulatory issues in Energy, Metro Rail, Airports, Smart Cities, Industrial Corridors etc. He was actively involved in forming Solar and Wind Guidelines for power procurement in India and amending the PPA to make them more bankable. In addition, he has advised five metro projects implemented on a PPP basis in India, including handling disputes with the employer, sub-contractors, and operators.

## Deepankar Sanwalka

### Senior Partner, Grant Thornton Bharat LLP, India



Deepankar is the Senior Partner at Grant Thornton Bharat and drives all the consulting businesses at the firm. Prior to this, he was with Paytm to help the enterprise set itself up for the future. Earlier, he was the Advisory Leader for PwC India and a member of the PwC India Leadership Team, Global and Asia Pacific Americas (APA) Advisory leadership teams. He is a Chartered Accountant by profession with over 30 years of experience as a business leader. As the India Advisory leader of a 180 partner/ Executive Director and a 7,500 strong Advisory practice, the role carried a responsibility for markets, people, clients, profitable growth, risk management and innovation.

Deepankar's passion has been to transform businesses on the back of innovation, encouraging collaboration and a value creation mindset for clients. This is driven by a human centric approach to creating unique experiences and leveraging enabling technologies. He advises clients across sectors such as Digital Natives, Information Technology, FMCG, Automobile, Telecom, Media and Entertainment, Government, Oil and Gas, Infrastructure, Financial services and Industrial markets.

Deepankar pioneered Forensic services in India in 1998 and it was covered as a Top 10 Business Innovation by Businessworld in 2010. Other than Forensic, he has built successful businesses in the digital transformation and risk and regulatory domain, which include business consulting, cyber, privacy, financial risk and regulation and economics consulting. He has developed deep and meaningful relationships within the business community, promoters and business houses as well as with law firms and the legal community.

Deepankar reinvented himself three times to remain relevant to the market and now is part of a cutting edge digitally enabled platform organisation. Having started his career in Audit and remaining in that sphere for more than a decade; he moved to Forensic and learnt to blend business builder and business development skills with technical skills. Thereafter, in addition to Forensic, he led Risk Consulting which helped him understand the wider Risk space and lead multi-disciplinary teams under one umbrella. As the Advisory leader, the focus was building a profitable business, digital, sales enablement and relationships. His passion is to work with clients, identify needs and deliver a compelling value proposition.



## Claudia Salomon

### **President, ICC International Court of Arbitration, Paris**

Claudia Salomon is the President of the ICC International Court of Arbitration. She is the first woman to lead the world's most preferred arbitral institution in its almost 100-year history.

Ms. Salomon is also an independent arbitrator, specialising in international, investor-state and complex commercial disputes. She is widely recognised as one of the leading arbitration practitioners of her generation.

Ms. Salomon has experience as arbitrator and counsel in some of the most complex, high value and

significant disputes. Her cases span a broad range of industry sectors, including construction, energy and natural resources (oil and gas, hydroelectric, solar, wind farm), financial services, hospitality, life sciences, technology, and telecommunications. She is particularly adept at multi-party, multi-contract claims involving complex financial agreements, post-M&A disputes and intellectual property rights.

Additionally, Ms. Salomon is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators. She is a sought-after speaker and writer on international arbitration and the co-editor of *Choice of Venue in International Arbitration*, published by Oxford University Press.

Ms. Salomon is a member of the New York Bar and a solicitor in England and Wales. She graduated from Harvard Law School, cum laude, and Brandeis University, summa cum laude with honours. She also studied at Somerville College, Oxford University.



## Andrew Battison

### **Litigation, Arbitration & Investigations Partner, Linklaters, Singapore**

Andrew Battison leads Linklaters' international arbitration practice across the Asia-Pacific, India and the Middle East. He maintains a global practice specializing in international commercial and investment treaty arbitration and related litigation including enforcement of investor-state and commercial arbitration awards. Andrew acts as counsel to a range of clients in arbitrations under all the major arbitral rules. Andrew frequently sits as arbitrator.

Andrew has particular experience of disputes in the construction and infrastructure, energy and natural resources, digital assets and financial services and telecommunications sectors as well as undertaking general commercial disputes. He is experienced in acting for and against States in investment treaty matters and advises clients on dispute resolution structuring in commercial contracts.

Andrew has acted in disputes under both national laws and international law worldwide.

Andrew is highly ranked in the major legal directories including as a Global Leader by Who's Who Legal Arbitration (2022-2024); a National leader in Southeast Asia (2023 and 2024) and in Australia (2021 and 2022). Andrew is also ranked by Chambers & Partners as Band 1 for international arbitration (Australia) (2021 and 2022) and Band 3 (Singapore) (2023). Andrew is ranked in the Legal 500 Arbitration Power list for South East Asia (2022 and 2023) and Australasia (2022). Andrew is also ranked as a leading individual in Singapore by Legal 500 (2022-2024).

Andrew is an active member of the international arbitration community. He is a member of the ICC Australia Appointments Commission and serves on the SIAC Users Council. He is an ACICA Fellow and a member of the International Law Association (ILA) (Singapore branch).

Andrew is an immediate past delegate to the ICC Commission on Arbitration and ADR. He previously served on the ICC YAF (Young Arbitrator Forum) Regional Coordinating Committee, Asia Chapter and on the YSIAC Committee.

## Amita Katragadda



### **Partner, Deputy Head of Disputes, Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas, India**

Amita has a varied skill set and a strong track record in Shareholder Disputes, Commercial Litigation and Corporate Governance Conflicts.

Amita is Partner (Head – Disputes) in the dispute resolution practice of Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas firm and has advised domestic and international clients on a broad range of contractual, regulatory and constitutional disputes. She focusses on shareholders’ disputes, conflicts between founders and private equity investors, business model defense in emerging sectors, securities litigation and family succession disputes. She appears before courts, tribunals, regulators and arbitral tribunals. She has deep

expertise in corporate governance matters and has advised on the most high-profile governance conflicts in India.

Amita graduated as university Rank 1 from NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad (2005) and was the recipient of 6 gold medals including the Best Student for Overall Excellence. She also has a Masters in Business Administration (MBA) from Stanford University. She was seconded with the Securities Group of Cravath, Swaine & Moore, New York, in 2008-2009.

She was recently appointed on the Board of Studies of the Munjal School of Law as an external member.



## Amar Gupta

### Joint Managing Partner, JSA Advocates & Solicitors, India

Amar Gupta is a founding member of JSA's Disputes Practice and the Firm's Joint Managing Partner.

He has extensive experience in commercial litigation and arbitration, regularly appearing before the Supreme Court of India, High Courts, NCLTs, and other tribunals. Several of his matters have resulted in reported landmark judgments, and he has provided expert opinions on Indian law in foreign court proceedings.

Amar has led high-stakes disputes across sectors such as Oil & Gas, Real Estate, Commodities, and IT. He specialises in both domestic and international arbitration—ad hoc and institutional—and also sits as an arbitrator.

He holds prominent roles in leading arbitration bodies, including serving as a Court Member of the ICC International Court of Arbitration, a member of the ICC Commission on Arbitration and ADR, and a member of the Executive Committee of ICC India.

Beyond disputes, Amar advises on internal investigations, white-collar crime, anti-corruption and economic offenses, and represents clients in regulatory and enforcement actions. His practice also spans Insolvency Law and Environmental Law.

His work has earned consistent recognition:

- Chambers and Partners (Global & Asia-Pacific): Ranked 2021–2025
- Benchmark Litigation Asia-Pacific: Litigation Star (2022–2024)
- Legal 500: Leading Individual (2022–2025)
- Asia Law: Distinguished Practitioner (2023–2025)
- Forbes: Top Individual Lawyer (2021)

Amar is also a frequent speaker at industry forums and has testified as an expert on Indian law in international proceedings.



## Tejus Chauhan

**Director, Arbitration and ADR, South Asia, ICC  
Dispute Resolution Services, Singapore**

Tejus Chauhan is the Director of Arbitration and ADR for South Asia and Pacific at ICC Dispute Resolution Services. As such, Tejus is responsible for structuring and implementing ICC's strategy, overseeing operations and promotion of ICC Dispute Resolution Services in over 20 countries covering South, Southeast Asia and Pacific. Tejus is also an avid promoter of opportunities for young practitioners and leads ICC's Young Arbitration and ADR Forum (YAAF) for South Asia. Working alongside the case management team in Singapore and overseeing a team of deputy directors in the region, Tejus focuses on assisting companies, counsels, and investors in the region understand how they can resolve commercial disputes by raising their awareness about ICC dispute resolution services and advising on ICC arbitration proceeding protocol. Tejus earned his law degree in India. Upon graduation, Tejus started as an associate with a law firm. Prior to joining ICC in Singapore as Director, Tejus also worked with the ICC in India and with the forensic and dispute advisory services at a Big Four audit firm.



## **Hon'ble Mr Justice Tejas Karia,** **Judge, High Court of Delhi, India**

Hon'ble Mr Justice Tejas Karia holds an LLB from ILS Law College, Pune, an LLM in Corporate Laws from the University of Gujarat, and an LLM from the London School of Economics in International Arbitration and IT Law.

He began practicing in 2000 at the Ahmedabad City Civil Court and soon after at the High Court of Gujarat, handling a wide range of civil, criminal, and writ matters, as well as appearing before various tribunals. He also served as special defence counsel in a court martial appointed by the Indian Army.

In 2004, he moved to Delhi and joined Amarchand Mangaldas & Co., appearing in significant matters before High Courts across India, several national tribunals, and the Supreme Court of India. He later specialised in international and domestic commercial arbitration, acting in complex, high-value disputes seated in India, London, and Singapore. As a Partner at Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co., he led the arbitration practice and also served as an arbitrator in institutional proceedings.

His work also spans information technology law, privacy and data protection, intermediary liability, e-commerce, cybersecurity, and online regulation.

He has held several notable positions, including with SIAC, the ICC Commission on Arbitration and ADR, the Indian Law Society, CIArb (India), the Indian Arbitration Forum, and the Society of Construction Law (India). He has contributed to major legal reforms, including the 2015 amendments to the Arbitration Act, and served on high-level committees on arbitration reform and institutionalisation.

He has been consistently recognised by Chambers & Partners, Legal 500, Who's Who Legal, Benchmark Litigation, Asialaw Profiles, Forbes India, and ALB Asia for excellence in arbitration and dispute resolution.

Dual-qualified as an Advocate in India and Solicitor in England & Wales, he is also a Fellow of CIArb, London, and a Specialist Mediator with SIMC, Singapore. He has been invited to speak at leading national and international forums and has co-authored chapters on arbitration and IT law.

He was elevated as a Judge of the High Court of Delhi on 14 February 2025, becoming one of the first appointees from an arbitration-focused and law firm background.



## Shubhangi Garg

**Partner, Debt Capital Markets and Banking & Finance Practice Group, Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co, New Delhi, India**

Shubhangi Garg is a Partner at the Firm and specialises in Banking and Finance, Capital Markets and FinTech.

She has extensive experience in advising issuers and banks on Reg S/144A bonds, GMTNs / MTN programmes, syndicated loans, foreign currency financing and convertible loans, sponsor backed finance, acquisition finance and corporate finance for both listed and unlisted Indian companies, debt investments by foreign portfolio investors via listed and unlisted NCDs, and debt finance by InvITs and REITs. She also has extensive experience in advising on private equity and foreign direct investment in the FinTech and payments space and routinely advises Indian and international corporates on the regulatory framework governing digital payment products and lending products in India.

Shubhangi was recognised as one of India's top 40 lawyers by Business World's BW Legal World 40 Under 40 Awards in 2020, as India's Rising Star in the Banking and Finance Space by Asian Legal Business, 2019. She has been recognised as a 'Notable Practitioner' in Banking & Finance and Debt Capital Markets by IFLR1000 in 2022 and 2024-25. She has been ranked as a 'Leading Partner' for Banking & Finance by Legal 500, 2025-26. She has also been recently recognised as 'Notable Practitioner' by asialaw in 2025.

Shubhangi serves as an officer on the Banking and Financial Law Committee of the International Bar Association.

She has advised various Fortune 500 companies, banks, international financial institutions and global investment banks on a wide variety of matters, including:

- Advised CA Magnum Holdings in connection with its issuance of US\$ 1 billion notes pertaining to the acquisition of up to 100% stake in Hexaware Technologies Limited in 2021.
- Advised Mindspace Business Parks REIT on every single debt issuance by the group including the first market linked principle protected NCD offering by a REIT in India
- Advised Continuum Energy Levanter Pte Ltd in connection with the issuance of US\$ 561 million green bonds in 2021
- Advised ACME Solar in connection with issuance of US\$ 340 million bonds in 2021
- Advised Farallon Group in connection with structured debt investments in India including ₹ 1,875 cr issuance to the Emami Group in 2020
- Advised on the issuance of NCDs by India Infrastructure Trust, sponsored by Brookfield, for ₹ 6,370 cr to part finance its acquisition of the East West Pipeline, from the Reliance group

- Advised Bank of America, Merrill Lynch & Farallon Capital, in connection with the issuance of listed NCDs worth ₹ 850 cr issued by Hindustan Power Projects Limited
- Advised International Finance Corporation (IFC) in connection with issuance of listed and unlisted NCDs by Mahindra & Mahindra Finance Group, Axis Bank, Janalakshmi Group & Cube Highways, on a private placement basis
- Acting as arranger's counsel on listed non-convertible debenture issuances by Bharti Airtel Limited and Bharti Telecom Limited worth ₹ 5,600 cr.

Shubhangi holds a Bachelor's degree in Law from ILS Law College, Pune and has been with the firm since 2008.



## Sanjeev Kapoor

### **Senior Partner, Khaitan & Co.; Vice President, ICC International Court of Arbitration, Delhi**

Sanjeev Kapoor is a Partner in the Dispute Resolution team of Khaitan & Co. Sanjeev, through a rich and diverse practice of over 26 years, has gained invaluable experience in diverse areas of law including constitutional law, general trade and commercial laws, laws relating to environment, mining, energy and infrastructure, foreign exchange laws etc. Sanjeev is also a registered Advocate on Record with the Supreme Court of India. He is the Vice President of ICC International Court of Arbitration.

Alternative dispute resolution is Sanjeev's forte. He has represented clients before various arbitral tribunals (both institutional and ad hoc) including tribunals constituted under the aegis of ICC, LCIA, SIAC, LMAA as well as under bilateral investment treaties. He has in-depth knowledge and understanding of international arbitrations, covering a vast array of issues. He has also been a Speaker and a Panelist at various conferences and seminars organized by ICC, IBA, GAR, LCIA etc. He has consistently garnered accolades from clients and the legal fraternity for his expertise and has consistently been recognized by Chambers & Partners, Legal 500, Benchmark Litigation, IBLJ, ACQ 5 and others as one of the leading dispute resolution lawyers in India



## Sameer Jain

### **Founder & Managing Partner, PSL Advocates and Solicitors, India**

Sameer Jain is the Founder and Managing Partner of PSL Advocates & Solicitors, and a distinguished disputes lawyer with extensive experience in Domestic and International Commercial Arbitration as well as corporate-commercial litigation. Over the years, he has acted as lead counsel in numerous complex, high-value and cross-border matters spanning arbitration, commercial disputes, infrastructure and construction contracts, taxation, foreign contribution regulation, and public procurement. His clientele includes multinational corporations, foreign governments, public-sector undertakings, high-profile individuals, and royal

families.

With a strong international practice, Sameer has also served as an arbitrator in several ICC arbitrations and regularly advises clients from Europe, Russia, Israel and Japan. He is registered as a Foreign Lawyer before the Singapore International Commercial Court (SICC) and frequently acts as counsel or co-counsel in foreign-seated arbitrations and cross-border enforcement matters.

Sameer serves as Joint Secretary (North) of the Arbitration Bar of India (ABI) and is a Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (MCI Arb). He has been appointed as a delegate to the ICC Commission on Arbitration and ADR for the 2024–27 term and is part of the core committee of ICC's India Arbitration Group. He earlier represented India on the ICC Young Arbitrators Forum (YAF) (2019–2021) and continues to contribute to regional arbitration institutions through training and speaking engagements. He also serves on the Board of Advisors of the Centre for Financial and Insolvency Law at Maharashtra National Law University, and frequently contributes to thought leadership through published papers, lectures, and panel discussions on arbitration, institutionalization of ADR, and the future of India-seated disputes.

He has received numerous professional recognitions, including being named an Asialaw Elite Practitioner (2025); ranked by Chambers & Partners Asia-Pacific (2025) for Dispute Resolution: Arbitration; recognised as a Future Leader in Commercial Litigation by Lexology Index (formerly Who's Who Legal); ranked Tier 1 for Dispute Resolution: Arbitration by Legal 500 Asia Pacific (2025); awarded Litigation Star by Benchmark Litigation (2025); recognised as Highly Regarded in Insolvency & Restructuring by IFLR 1000 (2025); named Leading Lawyer in Dispute Resolution (Arbitration & Litigation) by Legal Era (2024–25); listed in Benchmark Litigation's Asia Pacific 40 Under 40; and recognized by Asian Legal Business (2023) as one of the Top Disputes Lawyers in India and the Asia-Pacific region.



## Promod Nair

### Senior Advocate, Arista Chambers, India

Promod is admitted as both an Senior Advocate in India and as a Solicitor Advocate with Higher Rights of Audience in England and Wales (currently non-practising). He is a dispute resolution specialist, with extensive experience in public international law, international trade law, commercial litigation and arbitration. He has appeared as Counsel and Senior Advocate in a broad range of commercial litigation and public law matters before the Supreme Court and various High Courts in India. Promod has been appointed as arbitrator in ICC, LCIA, SIAC and LCIA India arbitrations and in ad hoc proceedings.

As counsel, he has conducted arbitrations in various jurisdictions in Asia, Europe and North America and under various institutional rules. He has represented investors and States in investor-State and

State-State arbitrations and is currently representing the Republic of India in arbitrations commenced under Bilateral Investment Treaties.

Promod has also represented India at the United Nations. Prior to establishing Arista Chambers in 2014, Promod was a partner in the dispute resolution practice at JSA (2011-2014), a senior associate in the international arbitration group at Herbert Smith (now Herbert Smith Freehills) in London (2007-2011) and a counsel at Dua Associates (2002-2006). He was also a visiting fellow at the Lauterpacht Research Centre for International Law at the University of Cambridge (2006). Promod served as a member of the LCIA Court between 2013 and 2018 and is a member of the Advisory Council of the Mumbai Centre for International Arbitration.

He is named as a leading arbitration practitioner by Global Arbitration Review (2012-2018), ranked in the list of the top 45 global practitioners of arbitration under the age of 45 (Who's Who Legal 2016, 2017 and 2018) and as one of India's top 100 lawyers (India Business Law Journal 2016 and 2017). Promod holds degrees in law from the National Law School of India (2001) and the University of Cambridge where he was awarded the Clive Parry (Overseas) Prize in International Law and the Pegasus Scholarship. He was also a visiting fellow at the Lauterpacht Research Centre for International Law at the University of Cambridge (2006).

## Nitesh Jain



### **Partner in Dispute Resolution, Trilegal, India**

Nitesh Jain is a Partner in the Dispute Resolution practice at Trilegal. His practice focuses on court litigation, international and domestic commercial arbitrations, cross-border disputes, white-collar crimes practice and insolvency matters. He has extensive experience of litigating before Indian courts, including the Supreme Court, High Courts, trial courts, tribunals, and regulatory and quasi-judicial commissions. He regularly represents clients before ad-hoc and major arbitration institutions. He is registered as a foreign lawyer with the Singapore International Commercial Court.

He has significant experience working on complex commercial and transactional disputes, building and executing an overall disputes resolution strategy. He has represented large conglomerates, banking and financial institutions, private equity funds, foreign investors, Indian and multinational corporations, including listed companies and other clients, on a wide range of domestic and cross-border disputes. His expertise includes representing clients and advising on shareholder disputes, commercial enforcement proceedings, international commercial arbitrations, contractual disputes, construction and EPC disputes, government policies and administrative law, disputes involving media law, insurance disputes, class actions, banking and finance disputes, banking fraud, insolvency, anti-money laundering law, white-collar crimes, investigations by authorities, and defamation.

Nitesh has won the FT Innovative lawyers Asia-Pacific 2025 award for 'Innovative Lawyers in Disputes & Crises Management'. He has been featured in The Economic Times '40 Under Forty' listing of India Inc.'s top young business leaders 2024 and recognized as the 'Top 10 Influential Dispute Resolution Lawyers in Mumbai', India 2023 by Business Today.

He is recognised as one of the 'Future Leaders' in the Lexology Index, Arbitration 2026 in association with Global Arbitration Review. He is a ranked lawyer by Chambers & Partners Global and Asia-Pacific, for Dispute Resolution. He has been appointed as a Delegate to the ICC Commission on Arbitration and ADR for the 2024-27 Mandate by ICC India.



## Khushboo Deshmukh

### Deputy Director, India, ICC Dispute Resolution Services, New Delhi

Khushboo is a disputes lawyer with over eight years of experience in commercial litigation, international dispute settlement, and mediation. She has advised clients on complex international disputes involving commercial, investment, and public international law issues.

In her current role as Deputy Director, Arbitration & ADR at the ICC, she leads business development efforts for ICC Arbitration in India, enhancing its presence and engagement across the region.

Previously, Khushboo served as Assistant Legal Counsel at the Permanent Court of Arbitration (The Hague and Singapore), where she supported arbitral tribunals and assisted the Secretary-General in appointment and designation matters under the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules. Her earlier experience includes working with the international arbitration team at WilmerHale, London, assisting independent arbitrators, advising as counsel in international commercial arbitration, and working as a Senior Associate at a leading dispute resolution firm in Mumbai.

She is also an accredited Civil and Commercial Mediator.

## Kabir Singh



### Partner, Clifford Chance, Singapore

Kabir Singh is a Partner in the International Arbitration and Dispute Resolution practice of Clifford Chance. He specialises in complex, cross border disputes with a focus on India, Indonesia, and South East Asia. His client roster includes large multinational corporations, international banks and financial institutions with presence across APAC.

Kabir focuses on international arbitration, regulatory investigations and contentious employment disputes. He has acted as counsel on numerous international arbitrations under the rules of ICC, SIAC, LCIA, HKIAC and AAA.

Kabir has been appointed as an alternate member of the International Court of Arbitration of the International Chamber of Commerce (the "ICC Court"), for a three-year term. He is a market leader and is regularly ranked by leading international legal directories such as Legal 500, Chambers & Partners and Who's Who Legal. He has also been involved in various teaching initiatives including with the ICC, SIAC, NUS Centre for International Law, Foundation for International Arbitration Advocacy (FIAA) and Chulalongkorn University (Thailand).



## Judith Prakash

### **Senior Judge, Supreme Court of Singapore; Independent Arbitrator**

Justice Judith Prakash was appointed Justice of the Court of Appeal on 1 August 2016, the first woman to be appointed a permanent judge of the Singapore Court of Appeal. She retired on 18 December 2023 and returned to the Singapore bench as Senior Judge on 2 January 2024

Justice Prakash graduated from the University of Singapore in 1974 and was admitted as an advocate and solicitor in Singapore the following year. Thereafter she was in private practice until 1992.

Starting as a shipping lawyer, she subsequently practiced commercial law in the areas of banking and finance and company law. She joined the Supreme Court as Judicial Commissioner in 1992 and became a High Court Judge in 1995.

Until 2022, Justice Prakash was the Lead Judge for arbitration matters. She sat on many cases involving arbitration issues, both at first instance and on appeal, and until her retirement was one of the Supreme Court's specialist arbitration judges. Other areas in which she had a special interest include family law and trusts, and in the commercial area, banking, finance, shipping and insurance law. She served more than three decades in the Supreme Court and many of her judgments, particularly on arbitration and commercial law, have been influential both domestically and internationally.

## Gaurav Pachnanda



### **Senior Advocate; Barrister, Fountain Court, United Kingdom**

Gaurav Pachnanda is a distinguished Senior Advocate (India) and Barrister (England and Wales) with extensive experience in commercial litigation, arbitration, and advisory work. His practice spans complex, high-value disputes, many involving significant multi-jurisdictional elements, and he also serves as a Registered Foreign Lawyer at the Singapore International Commercial Court (SICC).

Gaurav's professional accomplishments are complemented by notable academic and institutional contributions. He is a recipient of the prestigious Felix Scholarship from the University of Oxford, awarded in recognition of exceptional academic promise. He holds multiple honorary academic appointments, including Honorary Professor of Law at National Law University, Delhi (NLUD), and Honorary Adjunct Professor of Law and Distinguished Professor of Legal Practice at Jindal Global Law School, O.P. Jindal Global University.

He also contributes to the development of arbitration in India as a Member of the Governing Council of the Nani Palkhivala Arbitration Centre. He is the author of the publication "Damages, Expert Evidence and Valuation in Commercial Disputes in India" (2023), reflecting his expertise in complex commercial disputes.