

Lex Chambers Advocates and Solicitors







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#### About firm

Lex Chambers is a contemporary yet classical law firm, built around people and their strengths. and with qualities of dynamism and diversity. Operating as a multi-sectoral service law firm, we regularly advise our clients on matters relating to corporate commercial, dispute resolution, regulatory & policy, media, entertainment, gaming, sports, intellectual property, real estate, start-up advisory, infrastructure, telecommunication, and maritime disputes, among others. As a firm, we strive to provide practical legal solutions in our practice areas with a strong emphasis on values and professional ethics.

At Lex Chambers, the vision of our firm is not driven by time sheets or billables but rather by relationships, and it is this value commitment. It is the unique combination of foresight, expertise, and innovation, which has allowed us to build on our foundation and earn the trust of our clients.

As a forward-thinking firm, we do not entertain hierarchy and practice a dynamic and collaborative style of working. Our highly experienced team advises a large and diverse set of clients, including domestic and foreign commercial enterprises, financial institutions, private equity funds, venture capital funds, start-ups, government, and regulatory bodies. Our generalists, specialists, and senior advisors expertly guide clients across a spectrum of HNIs, celebrities, athletes, and family offices.

As a fundamental principle, at Lex Chambers, it was always about the right advice. The firm and its partners have consciously steered away from false representation and have a strong work ethic of client value.

With a constantly evolving legal, regulatory, and business ecosystem, we are determined to help our clients embrace change and stay ahead. We prefer not to compare or be compared with others, for everyone is good in their way. To us, success is not defined by ranks or bands, but rather by creating a happy place to work and to visit. We continue to strive to deliver innovative and effective legal services across a broad range of areas and envision being a firm that is recognized by lawyers who have an outstanding reputation for excellence. Our firm had humble beginnings from Noida, and over the past decade, the firm has grown dynamically adding several practice areas and capabilities. It is with these growing needs, we moved into a well-appointed office in Defence Colony to accommodate the growing team. At this point our energies were incubated during the better part of the decade, and our partners invested significantly in adding strengths, took challenges head-on, and grew the practice exponentially – horizontally and vertically. As the firm kept growing beyond conventional practice areas, we serviced diverse and niche clients in respective areas of practice.

What started as a thought, today is a fullservice law firm. The firm is engaged in providing legal services in varied and vast practice areas. The firm was not conceptualized with plans or roadmaps – rather with a goal and the will to serve, and to enjoy the ride. The founding partners faced opposition from several quarters but were also blessed to have support from their gurus, mentors, family, seniors and most importantly the almighty. Over the years, we established offices in multiple cities, which were led by respective partners.

As we kept on growing, there was an identified need towards the end of the second decade to expand the offices, and we moved our Headquarters to our current office in Panchsheel Park. To ensure that our office reflects our values, the partners spent considerable time and effort on the look and feel of the office. The space is designed to incubate ideas and nurturing teams, with clean straight layout holding spacious zones, lounge, playroom, well equipped conference room and library overall a happy place for client, colleagues and family to visit. With this, the firms headquarter is based in New Delhi and has offices in Mumbai, Bengaluru, Gurgaon, and Indore.

To top this our clients, benefit from our expertise and experience as well as enjoy the privilege of personal attention and responsiveness at the level of partners of the firm.

## The journey

# Our Vision

Our ambition is to utilize our deep knowledge of the law beyond the transaction, and to use the opportunities and skills we possess, in efficiently being able to wear two hats, that of a lawyer and a business advisor. We envision ourselves as your partner offering pragmatic and holistic advice for your business by understanding the pulse of the business and marrying that thought to the legal framework.

We take every effort to understand the pulse of business and offer bespoke advice that is solution oriented. On several occasions, we have gone beyond just transactions to stay true to our vision, and this is not restricted to just floor visits, plant visits, or interactions beyond leadership.

To achieve the same, we are always open to partnering with thought leaders, innovative thinkers, students, technologists, and entrepreneurs from all walks of life. We are a people centred organization, and for us, Values are not just phrases, rather Values are what guide our decisions. These are the principles we operate on, the promises we keep, and the way we do business with others.

At Lex Chambers, we take immense pride in the culture and working environment at our firm, which is unlike most law firms at large. We see everyone on our team as a valuable member and believe in granting operational autonomy at all levels, where supervision and guidance are extended when needed. It is our firm belief that the ability to make and take the decision not only helps our team grow as lawyers but also as responsible humans.

# Firm Values

Our values are what guide us in our daily operations and are shared by all members of the firm alike which allows us to maintain a cohesive culture. As an organization we want our values to be inspiring, motivating, and aspirational - but also to be relevant to the day and age. These values are embodied by every member of the firm and are reinforced at every opportunity - influencing our decision-making and guiding us towards being better lawyers and good humans.

#### **Values & Relations**

We are a purpose-driven firm that focuses on adding value through all the work we do and strive to nurture relations with a blend of professionalism.

#### **Teamwork & collaboration**

We genuinely believe in and practice a collaborative working style for better efficacy and hold ourselves accountable for the commitments that we make to our clients.

#### Honesty as commitment

At Lex Chambers, Honesty is not just a Policy it is a Commitment. This has not only helped us build strong foundations but also strengthens our relationships with our team and clients alike.

#### Fairness & integrity

We aim to be our best for our clients – their trusted legal advisors. We are committed to our values of being fair and honest about our work, while still being professional.

#### "It is easy to find good lawyers, but difficult to find lawyers who are good humans"

We as a firm value hard work and sincerity. We are confident that our work is the best in the industry, but what makes us different is our relationships. Our team works together, cohesively to ensure quality service and excellence.

## Our People

Over the years, the leadership has evaluated and worked with several professionals, and it is only those who adopted the firm values as their own and worked for the larger interest, form the team at Lex Chambers.

The firm and its people are tuned to be connectors - to genuinely care about people. We are hardworking, open-minded, and transparent in our relationship with our clients. We are a truly happy team!

While optically the practice pivots around the senior leadership, however in reality all colleagues enjoy independence and autonomy, thereby preparing younger leaders for the future. With a collective practice of over 18 years to date, Rahul, a first-generation lawyer started Lex Chambers with his most trustworthy colleagues, his co-founding partners Vishesh and Shobana, whom he met during his time at college and his former workplace.

As a Pro-active learner, and dynamic do-er; Rahul has done some cutting-edge work in the field of sports & entertainment, media, infrastructure, maritime, and dispute resolution. His clients list boasts of listed companies, start up's, private equity firms, business houses, celebrities, sportsmen & sportswomen, family offices, HNI's and private practice clients etc. He has actively been involved with the education sector especially with regard to the pioneering work in matters related to the Right to Education Act. He has been involved in advocacy regarding the law and has been assisting various schools, including CBSE schools and international baccalaureate schools in this arena.

Prior to starting Lex Chambers, Rahul was working with leading Counsels and Senior Counsels practicing before the Supreme Court, High Court, and lower courts. He then went on to spend almost half a decade with one of the top legal firms in India. It is here that his relentless pursuit of excellence helped him stand out. Where many juniors would call it a day, Rahul would shadow his senior in courts or sit in meetings to gain first-hand exposure. He also was trusted by senior leaders at the firm to manage clients and take decisions, which is was appreciated by several senior colleagues at the firm for being unlike most young lawyers.

Serving as the Managing Partner to the firm, he has successfully navigated the firm, its operations and planned the growth since its inception. He has convincingly led the firm from the front, enhancing the capabilities and expanding the services offered.



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As an individual who is driven by values and has a strong emphasis on relationship building, Rahul finds joy in the success of others. A value that Rahul hold dear to him, is of the client satisfaction - which personally is of utmost importance for his success. As a lawyer, Rahul holds expertise in corporate commercial, as well as regulatory and dispute resolution matters. Rahul is also retained as an exclusive legal advisor for several prominent athletes, celebrities, production houses, sporting leagues, players associations, and individual thought leaders.

Rahul is invested in pro-bono work with the Government on the TOPS scheme to support young athletes on the legal front apart from contributing his time to the Out of School Children Project, supporting and empowering children, especially girls in rural parts who are deprived of education for varied reasons.





# As a Managing Partner

In Rahul's own words, 'Going to law school was a happy accident.' He credits his entrepreneurial run and independent growth mindset to law school where his personality got a boost. He has always been a proactive and networking individual and prefers to pursue and take every matter rather than waiting for a hand down.

Rahul has a strong understanding of various aspects related to business, including finance, law, and economics. It is by leveraging these strengths as a Managing Partner, Rahul has grown Lex Chambers from a boutique setup to a full-fledged firm having offices across India in New Delhi, Gurugram, Mumbai, Indore, and Bengaluru, specializing in Corporate Commercial, Regulatory, General Corporate, Advisory & Strategy, Dispute Resolution, Infrastructure Laws, Real Estate, and Intellectual Property Laws amongst others.

On an everyday basis, you will find him hosting clients, ensuring operational efficiency, overseeing strategies for accomplishing key performance indicators. Apart from going the extra mile to visit our valuable clients, whether it be the shop floor or manufacturing facilities. He represents the firm at internal and external events and serves as a role model for firm culture.

With his ability to play the dual role, Rahul has successfully advised his clients as not just their trusted legal advisor but has also been a proactive business and strategic advisor. He has harnessed the power of the firm by creating, organizing, and energizing powerful teams including the extent to which individuals within teams are encouraged to push the boundaries of their own team roles.

With a deep sense of purpose and direction, he believes in continuous learning and is invested in acquiring new expertise and skills valuable to the firm. Leading from the front, Rahul has proved to be an example of being a self-initiating, self-starting, self-learning, committed and engaged lawyer. Vishesh is a third-generation lawyer, and his family collectively has practiced law for over 70 years. He had an early exposure to the ways of advocacy and entered this world with much wonder, and soon found himself at the forefront of it. At Lex Chambers, Vishesh leads the Litigation and Dispute Resolution and has extensive experience on both the civil as well as criminal side (including the original side). He has appeared in several matters, not limited to writ petitions, constitutional matters, criminal cases (criminal revision and bail matters), contractual and tender cases, real estate matters, intellectual property rights litigations (trademarks and copyrights infringements), company law matters, and public interest litigation. While leading from the front, Vishesh has also had a pivotal role in establishing the real-estate practice for the firm, where from the humble beginnings the firm now boasts of an enviable list of clients and successful mandates delivered.

Vishesh has been successful in individually handling several high-stake matters for clients before several fora, including Hon'ble Delhi High Court and the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India. Before founding the firm with Shobana and Rahul, Vishesh has practiced law as a part of the law chambers of renowned independent lawyers as well as senior counsels. It is through this intensive self-training that he has made himself into a disciplined individual who seeks to grow every day and the firm complements his features perfectly.

As a strong believer in the power of law, he embodies the principle of access to justice. Vishesh is regularly involved in pro bono matters and has also taken lectures on the Right to Education (RTE) for school associations comprising teachers and administrators. For Vishesh, transparent advice is a must; hiding anything from the client is as good as lying. He firmly believes

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that any advice given to a client should be appropriate and proper.

A simple individual on the surface, his genius is hidden within layers of humility. Vishesh thinks of advocacy as an everlearning profession, there is always more to learn when one thinks they have learned it all. Much of his personality is derived from the values of his family. When not working, Vishesh can be seen reading and is an avid cricket lover. He occasionally does like to play as well and can be seen participating in bar tournaments.

Vishesh is enrolled with the Delhi Bar Council and is also a member of the Delhi High Court Bar Association.





Shobana leads the competition, regulatory, and policy practice of the firm. With extensive and in-depth knowledge of the latest developments Shobana successfully handles day to day legal advice to private utilities in the areas of electricity, oil & gas sectors, on diverse legal and regulatory issues with a focus on reforms, review of power purchase agreements, power sale agreements, transmission agreements, gas supply agreements, etc.

Shobana read law at Symbiosis Law College, Pune, and started her career as a judicial clerk attached to Hon'ble Mr. Justice D.K. Jain (retd.) of the Supreme Court of India. Thereon, she went on to work with one of the most prestigious firms of India in their policy and regulatory practice team for three (3) years. Shobana went on to work internationally and her dependability and resilience only increased with the global experience she had been served.

Shobana has been instrumental in the firm's success and fondly recalls the very beginning of the firm when the idea was still rising. With her tranquil characteristics and unmatched patience, she became a stabilizer among the equity partners. Not afraid to smile in the face of nuisance, she is the perfect person to handle any crisis. Her benchmark reliability and extensive steadiness are foundational to the firm. Her contribution is not limited to just case handling but extends forward to smooth management and important decision making.

She is a passionate reader and can be seen unwinding within the brown pages of a published work. She strongly believes that

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literature widens her knowledge pool, and it is through reading that one can think beyond what one immediately has. She has an easyto-approach persona and with her people often find themselves and ease. However, not all her time is spent exploring the literature for she is quite the food enthusiast and loves exploring new cuisines and food any chance she gets.

Shobana is enrolled with the Delhi Bar Council and is also a member of the Delhi High Court Bar Association.





Having practiced law for over 35 years, Sunitha is a prominent Senior Member of the fraternity known for her expertise in corporate and commercial laws. Having expertise in the function of Investment Advisory, Ms. Narhari is regularly participating in important business functions such as that of, structuring investments, negotiations, coordinating submission of disclosures to regulators, recording understandings and agreements, applications, and representations before regulatory agencies of the government to obtain approvals in respect of investments and divestments.

In the past, Ms. Narhari has served as a director in leading Indian Companies and also for several wholly owned subsidiaries of foreign multinationals. She has handheld various start-up business operations and often functioned much like in-house counsel by offering proactive advice, foreseeing legal and practical difficulties, and working alongside her clients regularly to resolve the challenges efficiently. Sunitha has extensively advised major national and multinational clients on the subject of foreign investment in India and has devised as well as implemented entry strategies by establishing wholly owned subsidiaries, liaison and branch offices, arrangements of joint ventures, foreign collaboration, and technology transfer.

Sunitha met Rahul in 2015, and what was meant to be a conversation over a cup of coffee landed up being a detailed one. She started as spending time with the lawyers at Lex Chambers to guide and advise them, and eventually joined the firm as a Partner. As a senior member of the firm, she leads the strategic initiatives and actively advises on corporate and commercial transactions. Before joining Lex Chambers, Ms. Narhari has worked with a prominent lawyer of his time and was a founding member of a multipartner progressive law office, where she Sunita Narhari

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grew in her role from being an Associate going all the way up, to being the managing partner.

Ms. Narhari is actively involved in CSR advisory, has helped serval individuals and organizations connect with the right people to accelerate the good work they do for the benefit of society. It is from her mother who was a prominent social worker, Sunitha learned the art of giving. She continues to engage in low bono matters and serves as an external member on PoSH committees.

Sunitha graduated from the prestigious Government Law College, Mumbai, and is enrolled with the Bar Council of Maharashtra and Goa.





Anant has been practicing and handling cases with a result-oriented approach, both professionally and ethically, and has now acquired over 17 years of professional experience in providing legal consultancy and advisory services. He is actively engaged in matters pertaining to commercial disputes, contractual disputes, legal compliances, intellectual property rights (IPRs), and ensuring protection against infringements, dispute resolutions, cases relating to negotiable instruments, labourlaws, financial fraud, and cheating. Beyond the same, Anant has a strong understanding of family disputes, matrimonial cases, inheritance, succession, guardianship, and custody laws.

For Anant, it is important to offer not just legal assistance to clients, but also assist them to achieve their objective in a judicious manner following the procedure of law. He has always seen law as an agent of social change, and it is with this emotion he chose to earn his credentials to practice the profession. Before joining Lex Chambers, he worked alongside several leading lawyers ably assisting them in their practice. At Lex Chambers, he efficaciously and independently handles litigation (both civil & criminal) and proficiently advising, to both corporate and individual clients, on a wide range of complex legal issues.

With a soft and pleasing personality, Anant has successfully crafted his reputation as a successful lawyer. He has substantial experience representing corporate entities and individuals across various forums such as the Delhi High Court, District Consumer Forum Delhi, District Courts, Family Courts, National Commissions, and Hon'ble Supreme Court of India. Some of his clients include leading logistics corporate, prominent textile and garments manufacturers, retail giants, and real estate moguls.

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In his personal time, Anant prefers to keep a low profile and unwind over some music and casual reads. He is actively engaged in social advocacy for matters important to society at large and continues to work with his father in advancing the good work of over two decades through Bharat Vikas Viklang Nyas, which runs a hospital for Divyang Jan (Handicapped). Anant's father, Shri Bimal Kumar Jain was recently conferred the 'Padma Shri' by the President of India for his exceptional, selfless, enduring, persistent efforts "dedicated to suffering humanity" with vision.





Gaurav is an alum of the University of New Hampshire - Franklin Pierce School of Law, where he earned his master's degree in Intellectual property, Commerce & Technology. He leads the intellectual property (IP) practice at the firm and does so with intense sincerity. Gaurav specializes in entertainment, information technology laws, international licensing, and criminal IP enforcement measures. He has been actively involved at the International Trademark Association (INTA) where in the past, he served as the Vice-Chair of the Enforcement Committee of the INTA; and is a member of the Asian Patent Attorneys Association (APPA) where he holds a committee leadership position.

He graduated as a rank holder and a Gold Medallist from Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University, where he dedicated his time to perfecting the art of advocacy. Soon after, he enrolled with the Delhi Bar Council and has over 15 years of professional practice experience to date. Gaurav has been invited as a resource person at the Kerala Judicial Academy and has been a speaker at INTA conferences and CIPAM (DIPP – Govt. of India) as well.

Gaurav strongly believes that a lawyer cannot provide good advice until they place themselves in the positions of their clients. With the experience of several years working with esteemed firms, he brings to the table ethical and logical solutions. As a lawyer, Gaurav consciously invests his efforts to focus on the solution rather than the problem itself, for 'Peace has no price;' is a sentence he often repeats. He deeply values empathy, and while he bravely suggests corporate firms to not settle when it comes to family disputes his approach takes a more humane turn. He takes into consideration the emotional

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values associated with the parties, an ability that lawyers often lack. He credits this learning to his father who motivated him to learn unconventionality.

A tea lover and a teetotaller, his interests travel far beyond just his academics and work. Gaurav has a deep passion for music and admires most genres. This artistic flair is not a rare sight; in fact, he often uses his extra hours to play the piano or record songs at his home-based studio setup. It is this passionate productivity and a committed approach that makes him someone who is not satisfied by stagnancy.





A former national-level athlete. Ashwani has a rare gift when it comes to the practice of law. A law graduate from the prestigious Bangalore university, his altruistic personality and empathy make him stand out in the crowd. Ashwani has extensive handson experience in criminal matters. He has been successful in individually handling several high-stake matters for clients before several fora. During his professional career, Ashwani has developed a wide understanding of the nuances of criminal law and therefore is uniquely capable of handling all kinds of criminal matters. He has represented top corporate honchos before court and investigation agencies. He is well versed with the nuances of criminal law and his detailed knowledge of the same, makes him stand out from the crowd.

He left the corporate world in 2009, to pursue his true passion, litigation. Before joining Lex Chambers, he had been working with eminent legal firms and top lawyers. Ashwani enjoys the considerable independence that he has been anointed with within the firm, allowing him to explore his aptitude in unique ways. With this independence on hand, he challenges himself every day bearing fruitful results for both himself and the firm. It is the faith that his partners show in him that keeps him deeply attached to the lex chambers. He is an admirer of the professional approach of the firm and makes it his duty to maintain it.

Lately, Ashwani has been associated with big-name cases and has provided his services to ministers, actors, and businesses. He has handled several high-profile cases across the nation and has emerged victorious throughout. Coming from a small town, he is compassionate to the needs of the less fortunate and does not mind charging lesser than his standard fees when it is needed. A man of principles, he believes in using his legal finesse with both sympathy and righteousness. However, he cannot be



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mistaken for a sentimental individual; for he is a logic-driven lawyer who is a genius in handling his cases with grace and reason. The case he fought for the Malwa Mill laborers is fondly etched into his memory and he recalls it with keen affection. A case that had been pending for ages and was brought to a fair closure. Ashwani secured a favourable decision and took a shagun of INR 101/- as his fee. His work history is brimming with cases that were pending until he bought them to a fair closure.

He is a member of the Delhi high court bar association and is also associated with several educational institutions. His thorough understanding of law makes him a proper mentor for the generations to come.





Prashant is the partner - in charge of the firm's Mumbai office, and focuses on media and entertainment laws, banking and commercial laws, insolvency and bankruptcy laws, real estate, corporate and commercial litigation. He has a rich experience of over a decade in advising and representing multinational giants, listed corporates, various leading manufacturing companies, banks, and financial institutions. Being in charge of the Mumbai office, Prashant looks into the core strategy build-up of the firm's practice area apart from contributing time for strengthening client relationships. He is also involved in commercial-legal roles qua advising, structuring, and negotiating various domestic and international transactions.

Prashant finds it easy to engage with others, and clients often comment on how he can break down walls and approach people with both care and intellect. He was incredibly active during his education years and enthusiastic participation was never a second option to him. Despite being a dynamic and vibrant individual, he is far from being compulsive. He approaches everything rationally and tries to locate a solution with patience. He has managed to make his name as someone who is easily approachable and puts forward solutions that are often hard to come up with. It is with this attitude that he drives every case to success.

Prashant is a graduate of Government Law College, Mumbai. He is enrolled with the Bar Council of Maharashtra and Goa and is a member of the prestigious Bombay Bar Association. As a professional, Prashant is someone who quickly adapts and customizes themselves to the need of the minute. He is neither sturdy in his ways nor flexible with his principles; welcomes learning and uses relevant originality as his secret to success.

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It is his dynamic and easy-going nature, which makes him a natural leader. When in a conversation with his long friend. Rahul invited him to join the firm. Prashant quickly realized that it was a perfect opportunity for someone like him who values innovation and professionalism above all. He has a sense of pride in how Lex Chambers is able to provide various solutions under one roof like a single cure for all possible problems.

Prashant loves the idea of travel and has widely explored popular and offbeat destinations. An artist of law, he is an unstoppable force who is driven by a desire to hunt the truth.





Mahalakshmi is a Partner in the Mumbai office of the firm and practices in Corporate, Commercial, and Criminal verticals. She has over 13 years of experience as an Indian attorney and has worked with top corporates and law firms before joining Lex Chambers. In the past, she has briefed several leading and senior counsels practicing at the Bombay High Court.

Mahalakshmi has valuable experience in working extensively on the various proceedings initiated under SEBI Act e.g., debarment, penalty, criminal proceedings, inquiry proceedings, and settlement proceedings, and holds the privilege of having to represent SEBI as a prosecutor. She has represented top Indian and foreign corporations on a range of complex matters before various courts and the appellate forums.

Mahalakshmi generally maintains an approachable personality, and in her own words," gets a kick when appearing in courts." She ensures that she is investing her time in pro bono matters and has occasionally also been appointed as an amicus by the courts.

For Mahalakshmi, law was a natural calling, and she had her eyes set on the profession since she was a teenager. She grew up idolizing several leading counsels and followed their journey closely which further led to her developing a strong passion for litigation. Mahalakshmi has a strong and outspoken personality and is highly skilled in skills related to reasoning, argumentation, and oratory. She understands the necessity of getting things and credits a good part of her working style to Lex Chambers. Mahalakshmi Ganapathy Partner mahalakshmi@lexchambers.co.in

You could say that she is a lawyer in need of a(r)rest warrant, and when not practicing the profession, you can spot her unwinding over spiritual or mythological reads. She is a graduate of the prestigious Government Law College Mumbai, where she pursued the integrated program, as well as a Diploma in Cyber Laws. Mahalakshmi holds additional credentials from National Law School Bengaluru in the form of a Post Graduate Diploma. She is enrolled as an Advocate with the Bar Council of Maharashtra and Goa.





At Lex chambers, we are a people-first community, and strive to make our clients feel comfortable with our wide suite of services that are tailored to the needs of the clients. For us, the only barometer to our success is the relationships that we have established over the years.

From the firm's humble beginnings to where we are today, we have singularly focussed on building relationships and delivering value with sincerity and transparency. We count ourselves lucky to enjoy the support of our clients, elders, and well-wishers at every step of our journey. The focus is organically trained towards delivering long-term impact, and this is reflected in the quality of work we have delivered consistently over the years.

# Our Clients

As a firm, we are strong believers in Proactive outreach and have advised several leading corporates, multinationals, start-ups, individuals, and celebrities on a significant number of matters, and continue to do so irrespective of the deal size or value.

As trusted advisors to our clients, we strive to not only understand their needs but also like to go a step further in anticipating any challenges that the legal landscape may present otherwise. As a value-driven and people focussed organization, we take pride in our work.

To know more about our work, clients, and stand-out deals, please do not hesitate in reaching out to us.













Lex Chambers has grown into being one of the most dynamic and agile firms in a short span of time. Operating as a full-service law firm based in New Delhi with offices in Gurugram, Bengaluru, Mumbai, and Indore; that provides legal and strategic services across all cross-sections of Intellectual Property, Dispute Resolution and Litigation, Media and Entertainment, Technology Media and Telecommunications, Real Estate, Energy, Infrastructure and General Corporate Advisory.

The firm's clientele includes a distinguished line-up of top corporate, multinational companies, celebrities, producers, singers, actors, HNI's, Family offices, Unicorn Startups, and sports personalities. The firm also represents leading educational institutes,

## Practice **Areas**

sports leagues, digital and technology platforms, start-ups, eCommerce majors, and real estate groups, family office, unicorn corporations amongst others.

As a practice, we first speak to our clients about their business models and proposals. We then use this knowledge to craft bespoke solutions for them, find the right processes & identify any potential risks. We offer highly specialized services and regularly engage with our clients on legal and policy developments. Our services extend from litigation to providing strategic advice in corporate in commercial matters.

The firm's consistent successes in highstake mattershave further catapulted the reputation of approaching complex legal issues with a sound strategy. The firm's practice is based on its DNA of being a dynamic and entrepreneurial ability to provide excellent client support.

#### Corporate Commercial



The Firm's corporate and commercial advisory practice is targeted at providing end-to-end solutions to our clients whether it is regulatory and legal compliance, incorporation, or statutory filings. We stand with and support our clients at every stage and help in minimizing legal risks and liability and continue to enjoy repeated patronage from our clients who enjoy our prompt and forward-looking practice style.

Being a key practice area, the service extends across a wide array of business and transactional matters. The Firm's experience and expertise in providing advice on corporate and commercial contracts and joint ventures, inbound and outbound investment, regulatory and compliance, corporate governance, publicprivate partnerships, operational and structuring matters across a broad range of sectors are well recognized. At any given time, the firm remains occupied as a team, as an adviser or otherwise as a counsel in multiple deals. As a practice, we abstain from reporting transactions to ensure a holistic and private environment for our clients and their partners.

Our clients include multinational corporations, well-known Indian business groups, major listed and unlisted companies, private equity groups, investment houses, and financial institutions; we take it as a matter of pride to have had assisted our clients in various domestic as well as cross border investments. We continue to advise our clients on several Public-Private partnership projects, where we work in sync with and regularly advise both sides i.e., government and private parties.

With services such as drafting, vetting, advising on corporate contracts and agreements, the firm also regularly conducts due diligence, hosts negotiations, and advises clients on FDI-related issues and investment-related laws and procedures for both inbound and outbound investments. In the past, our clients have praised us for comprehensive due diligence reports which meet the specific requirements of the industry and the transaction.

As a practice and a firm belief, we stand with our clients at every step of the process and have in the past supported with transaction services which include but are not limited to finalization of structure, preparation, negotiation, and regulatory approvals. This is largely possible owing to the diverse and extensive expertise that our lawyers possess, which compliments such complex and commercial transactions.

Irrespective of the size of the deal, we ensure that our clients benefit from our experience and expertise. In the past, some of our key work includes advising clients operating in the on their vendor agreements, service agreements, and issues relating to e-governance, RFPs, and RFQs. As a firm, we have also worked with clients on private equity transactions and related services. The firm and its lawyers were also involved in advising on setting up of a leading OTT platform and continue to act as the legal advisor to many media/production company in its operations.

#### Sports and Entertainment



Sports Law is an emerging practice in the country, and in an ever-evolving legal scenario it is a vertical that is still trying to establish its business and legal foothold. Given our deep relations, strong understanding, and extensive experience with various governing bodies, leagues, celebrities, sportspersons, sport federations, and others, we are able to discharge quality legal support to our clients in a commercially feasible manner. The firm's expertise extends to sports, gaming, antidoping, contracts, agency, trademark, athlete & celebrity management, and tax issues.

Our expertise lies not just in Sports Law but also in the rapidly upcoming and dynamic gaming laws as well, especially with the ongoing merging of gambling, casino & lotteries, casual & social gaming, media, and sports. The dynamic and proactive nature of the firm is exhibited by the continuous evolution of the team in staying relevant with the times and having had established strong relations while building a robust practice around, licensing rights, equity deals and transactional deals, which is over an above the general endorsements. Sports structures have been advancing in the country there has been an introduction of various sports leagues there has been an increase in disputes in the sports sector. Additionally, the hierarchical structure in a large number of sports bodies, from the sportsperson to the sporting club and the governing association, adds complexity to the control and monetization of brands and merchandise. It is by understanding these challenges that we have undertaken and developed our practice in the sector and have developed a deep and conceptual understanding. We are your One-Stop Solution providing comprehensive legal advice with a multidisciplinary approach. Some of the key services that we have fulfilled have dealt with anti-doping, policy, contractual advisory, media management, gaming and betting, athlete representation, and risk management. Our proficiency is not restricted to mainstream physical sports but extends beyond that to the technological innovations that have developed in the sports vertical. Further, we have advised organizations in fantasy sports, e-sports gambling, online gaming, casino, and lotteries.

Our experts provide legal advice in areas including the exploitation of commercial rights, new media, and marketing rights, drafting of rules and regulations, investigations, disciplinary and antidoping proceedings, anti-corruption, sports broadcasting, sports financing, esports, sports gambling, and comprehensive legal services for clients involved in all aspects of college and amateur athletics as well.

Some of our clients include reputed universities, sports leagues, athletes, coaches, and other individuals and organizations involved in disputes relating to sports law. Our attorneys have assisted some of the top sports celebrities in India. The team at Lex Chambers also continues to advise leading Sports Foundation on their grassroot activation to be inclusive in sports and have supported in establishing several sporting properties for the same. Given the nature of our clientele, our practice is sensitive to all information and on all matters, including broadcasters, governing bodies, right holders, brands and sponsors, agencies, or athletes and we provide services for anti-ambush marketing strategies, sponsorship, brand acquisition merchandising and licensing.

#### Real Estate



The opportunities, investments, and growth seen in recent years have given rise to many complex legal challenges, giving us the opportunity to advise on several matters in the Indian real estate sector. Over the years of practice, our lawyers have gained a wealth of knowledge dealing with the reality laws, and have advised various real estate-related entities, including developers, financial institutions, investors, lessors, lessees, and even buyers. We must take this opportunity to highlight the dynamic nature of the firm, where we have not just advised traditional real estate setups but also leading start-ups of which some are also identified as Unicorns. The firm has not just supported with matters related to compliance but also continues to advise such corporates on their real estate acquisitions.

Our Experience ranges from advising in FDI in the construction sector, legal compliance for real estate development, due diligence on the property, drafting and negotiating conveyance deeds and other documentation, registration of documents, advising on central and local laws including applicable stamp laws, creation of security and drafting and negotiation of associated documentation, registration and advise under RERA for developers and agents, structuring, drafting and negotiating lease deeds and other tenancy arrangements. As a firm, we have helped several real estate investors, developers & suppliers with structuring, investments & financing, and Disputes & regulatory matters.

At Lex Chambers, we aim to present a complete picture of a particular issue or transaction and equip our clients with the intelligence they need to make an informed decision. Real estate investment transactions are much more complex than standard acquisition transactions due to the varied local laws, title issues, and statutory approval requirements. Even from a foreign investment perspective, investment in the construction and development sector is subject to several Investments in real estate are far more complex than purchases of other types. This is because there are local legal parameters you will need to consider, as well as title issues and statutory approval requirements. Even from a foreign perspective, investing in construction would require thorough research on the company's credit record.

We have over 10 years of experience in the core real estate sector, which includes managing the legal aspects (including acquisitions/transfers of property, documents, etc.), conducting investigations, and advising on transactions. As a full-service firm, our team also draws on the expertise of the tax, corporate and funds practices.

## Real Estate



#### Advice is provided, amongst others, in the following areas:

- Financing real estate projects, creation of security, and drafting and negotiation of associated documentation
- Compliances, registration, and advice under RERA for developers and agents
- Dispute resolution
- Due diligence on the property
- Drafting and negotiating conveyance deeds and other documentation
- Structuring, drafting, and negotiating lease deeds and other tenancy arrangements
- Registration of documents
- Foreign direct investment in the construction and development sector
- Structuring of investments and investment documentation
- Options for real estate development
- Central and local laws, including applicable stamp laws
- Construction and engineering contracts and associated guarantees
- Our experience in this area is wide. It is all-encompassing and a testament to our consistency and efficiency.

#### Litigation & Dispute Resolution



At Lex Chambers, we have exhaustive experience in all types of litigation matters including Commercial disputes, Company Litigation, Banking matters, Tax matters, Civil matters, Debt Recovery, Property Construction, Real Estate & Infrastructure matters, Pharmaceutical Disputes & Product Liability, Contractual Disputes, Criminal matters, IP Infringements, Constitutional Matters, Writ Petitions, Service matters, Labour Employment, Consumer Disputes, and Public and Administrative Law.

We have an integrated and seamless approach, wealth of experience, high-level partner involvement, in-depth knowledge and expertise and comprehensive service offerings. We are passionate to providing feasible solutions and are inclined to create client-specific ideas. We at Lex Chambers have successfully represented our clients in several challenging litigation mandates which involved complex issues of law. It has been our policy to adopt a solution-oriented approach and we emphasize on having a practical understanding of our client's business problems to find a legal solution to address them.

Over the recent years, the firm and its lawyers have represented several high-profile public personalities, companies, government bodies, and individual clients with respect to their civil litigation matters. The team comprises of experienced advocates with in-house expertise representing clients at varied forums including the Supreme Court, High Courts, District Courts, Consumer Disputes Forums, Central Administrative Tribunal, Competition Appellate Tribunal, Company Law Board, and Tribunals including Customs and Excise. The diversity within the firm's team of litigation attorneys around the country, allows us to appear and represent ourselves rather than engage local lawyers.

With an objective to help our clients reduce litigation risk, our firm is proactive in dispute resolution and management spheres as well. Our team is sought out for its knowledge and has been appreciated by clients for its solution-oriented mindset. Our approach to disputes has helped in making an effective representation and securing favourable mandates for our clients. This is further supported by our multi-sectoral practice. On several occasions, our team has anticipated, prevented, and minimized the risk and exposure of our clients to potential disputes

As a firm, we offer deep strengths and capabilities focusing on Corporate Commercial Disputes, Contractual Disputes as well as disputes arising under Constitutional Law, Criminal Law (Criminal Revision and Bail Matters), Family Law, Labour Laws, Intellectual Property Rights (Trademarks and Copyrights Infringements), Company Law, Consumer Disputes, Public Interest Litigation, etc.

#### Litigation & Dispute Resolution



Our Litigation and Dispute Resolution practice with its creative and sustainable solution providing ability has created a niche for itself. Our lawyers offer comprehensive qualitative services across both verticals covering the entire scope of transactional, advisory and litigation work. This enables the firm to address and offer solution in any and all disputes that may arise. As a firm, we continue to assist conglomerates on a wide spectrum of matters that go beyond conventional legal challenges and includes strategic advice which has had a far-reaching impact.

We are well positioned amongst firms in India due to our additional aptitude to counsel on trade and customs including estimation to be adapted under customs. Our team holds international qualifications and is able to provide a wide perspective on matters and transactions to mitigate risks in the future. With years of practice, and experience in the field of Dispute Resolution and Litigation, we bring with us a dedicated and experienced team of professionals. Our in-depth understanding of this field has led us to work in partnership with a range of large multi-national and Indian clients across diverse sectors, industry associations and trade bodies.

#### Intellectual Property Rights



At Lex Chambers, we aim to provide a onestop solution for all IP related services and have a flourishing practice in the field of Intellectual Property Laws. Since we are comprehensive service providers, the IPR practice has benefit of entertaining clients from various sectors including Sports, Gaming, Fashion, Consumer Goods, Ecommerce, and Hospitality.

Our lawyers at Lex Chambers handle both contentious as well as non-contentious matters hold expertise in all forms of IP such as trademarks, copyrights, patents. Their understanding is not limited to only the traditional, mainstream areas of IP Law but extends to non-conventional areas of intangible property like geographical indications and industrial designs. When it comes to the litigation and enforcement front, our lawyers have experience in both civil and criminal cases from diverse business sectors such as healthcare, pharmaceutical, software, media & entertainment, and fashion. Our IP prosecution practice is not simply limited to expert trademark attorneys alone but also

extends to patent attorneys with varied scientific backgrounds. Our trademark attorneys and branding experts handle brand portfolios for our clients before the trademark and copyright office and also advise on brand protection strategies in India.

We hold expertise in protecting the innovations, creations and goodwill of the clients and have a history of providing outstanding strategic and litigation support. Our IPR practice sails beyond borders as we provide well incorporated filing and prosecution support in several jurisdictions. Furthermore, our professionals assist clients in issues emerging from franchising, advertising, internet and e-commerce, and outsourcing including managed services by third parties.

We envelop a comprehensive spectrum of intellectual property services in the fields of patents, trademarks, designs, copyrights, domain names, and geographical indications. We offer services like searches, watch service, application, litigation, investigations, interferences, alternative dispute resolution, negotiations, settlements, licensing, assignments, portfolio management and corporate transactions.

We assist our clients in creating IP awareness and initiating aggressive patent portfolio rights. Our team provides solutions to designing internal systems for the most efficient and effective management of the IP and innovation processes and also provides corporate training programs to ensure that the client is capitalizing the maximum IP returns from its R&D investments and efforts. We have a multi-disciplinary expertise that enables us to work across various industries including Aeronautics, Agriculture, Biotechnology, Chemical, Construction, Electronics Food, IT, Software Materials, Nanotechnology, Oil & Gas Optical technologies, Pharmaceutical, Semiconductors and Telecommunications

As a firm belief, we have a client centred practice, and we pride ourselves on the fact that our attorneys are able to offer modified advice to the specific needs of each client.

#### White-Collar Crime



Our team comprises white-collar crime and regulatory defence lawyers as well as dedicated investigative lawyers, who have required experience to deal with all kinds of investigation. Their expertise lay particularly in audit inquiries, fraud, money laundering, market abuse, tax evasion, product liability, labour law issues, sanctions breaches, and anticompetitive behaviour. We are deeply committed to providing services of the highest quality and integrity and have allembracing experience in representation of clients in white collar crime matters both at a preventative and prosecution stages.

White collar crimes are increasing risks associated with running ever-complicated businesses, and usually finds its genesis in anti-bribery and corruption laws; corporate and accounting fraud; insider trading; data privacy, protection and security and money laundering. The ever so complex framework of criminal laws also has a hand in the increased prosecution in white collar crimes. We advise our clients on all aspects of such criminal investigations and proceedings, be it at an institutional or individual level.

Lex Chamber's white-collar practice vertical has successfully managed to keep up with the evolving legal and regulatory regime in India and abroad. Our white-collar practice is strengthened by the skills of our banking and finance, corporate, dispute resolution and tax teams. Our white-collar crimes practice division advises numerous domestic and international clients. Our team of expert practitioners are well versed in the nuances of dealing effectively with cases pertaining to white collar crimes. We maintain the highest amount of integrity and commitment to our clients and our dedicated to providing them legal aid and support.

## White-Collar Crime



At all times, our team work to ensure that our clients are compliant with Indian and foreign law at every step of a transaction, while also being mindful of the posttransaction challenges (if any) that may arise. Our solutions cover fraud or breach of security incidents, including incidents concerning kickbacks, bribery, and intellectual property theft. Our whitecollar crime and fraud investigations practice includes:

- Corporate Finance. With not just strengths but deep experience, our team in the past has supported clients in handling proceedings and notices from Enforcement Directorate, CBI and the likes.
- Collecting, preserving, certifying, and analysing evidence to uncover facts and identify persons involved.
- Examining and establishing compliance policies.
- Assisting Indian companies to customize their anti-corruption and bribery policy to suit Indian and International law.
- Conducting training and awareness programs.
- Detection, incident management and risk mitigation.
- Liaising with internal and external agencies to provide end to end management of breach of security and fraud incidents.
- Liaising with internal and external agencies to strategically mitigate damage to reputation and unwarranted publicity.
- Structuring an organisation's response to an incident.
- Implementing processes to manage future incidents in-house.
- Litigation support in criminal and civil proceedings.

#### Start-up Advisory



At Lex Chambers, we strive to be a start-up friendly enterprise, and provide comprehensive and viable solutions to all range of entrepreneurs in their endeavours. It is from our experience we learnt that at times start-ups do not assess the risks that are associated with the laws of the land. While finding the appropriate partners for the venture it becomes a foundational necessity to have the right advisor and advisors in order to safeguard the rights of all the members involved.

Through our legal services, we have supported our clients in the growth, marketing, and product verticals across domains. We pride ourselves on the comprehensive as well as mutli-disciplinary nature of our services offered to start-ups, and at the ideal time for our clients. Our specific services have supported several unicorns in scaling their business and accomplishing several goals. Our clients include leading start-ups and unicorns such as in the likes of Lenskart, Cars24, CarDekho, Ccult Fit, Elixia, IIT-First, Kraftshala, Niine, Emoha etc.

We continue to spend countless hours analysing, assessing, and advising on issues and concerns regularly, and have extended undivided attention and address the concerns of our clients. As an advisor to start-ups, we have provided business advice, legal advice, ensured compliances, and given recommendations on maintain robust operational health for the organization.

From obtaining appropriate business licenses, to compliance with tax and labour schemes, we provide a comprehensive solution-oriented approach to new and established businesses in order to make sure that their legal matters are taken care of.

Apart from ensuring compliance, it is necessary to appreciate and protect the USP of the business which merges with intellectual property protection. In this tech-driven environment, it is vital that the intellectual property rights of the entity stay protected. The Start-up schemes afforded by the government allow special tax exemptions and other benefits; we also work in this direction to allow our clients to take full advantage of such offerings around them and their business. Another crucial element is keeping up with effective contract negotiation and management, required throughout the business. We believe in extending active guidance to the founders and the businesses that reflect the dedication and the vigour of the individuals nurturing them.

We have been engaged in representing leading unicorns and other enterprises in a diverse range of sectors including information technology, real estate, corporate commercial, litigation, sports, tech, Edu-tech and fin-tech.

#### International Desks



Lex Chambers, true to its DNA collaborates extensively with partners and clients across the globe. We are not limited by demography and, are proud to pose lawyers and practitioners who are well learnt in the matters of international law. While maintaining global services the firm also complies with regular operating principles and standards. Our international legal practice and the specifics of industry are all supported by our diligent global structures, and local resources. To date, we have worked with several organizations in conducting their business endeavours and complying with laws & regulations all around the globe.

As a firm, we have always strived to devise and deliver a personalized program that combines paramount services, educated thinking, behavioural science, and problem-solving techniques. Providing a far different experience, we give our team the intellectual space they need to create strategies and deliver their services effectively. What makes us stand out, is our firm belief in placing support at our clients' doorstep at any time they need it. Our experts at Lex Chambers assist by defining ongoing communication strategy, combining it with refined holistic view of law, technology, and services, enabling our clients to flourish today, tomorrow and in the future.

The firm's International Desk has been servicing many multi-national companies from across the globe in regard to their legal issues in India, where some of the said multi-national companies have been set up and incorporated by our team. Offering holistic and 360 degrees of support, we not only fulfil the legal requirement but also to ensure competent cooperation, governance, and compliance of our clientele. Our diverse and resourceful networks across the globe bring expertise from our several verticals, and they are driven to work for results, while understanding and assisting the needs of clients.

As a young firm, we are proud to flaunt one of the most agile and responsive teams that come with speedy and viable solutions. Through our national and international network, in-depth knowledge of regulation across the globe, expert practitioners, and innovative services we are able to tackle unforeseen challenges and complex issues.

#### International Desks



We have a significant, realistic, and commercial experience in advising major foreign companies on complex Indian transactional, regulatory and litigation matters. To list out some, Lex Chambers has served as a local counsel to foreign investors doing business in India, offering feasible legal advice in Indian law on the issues such as but not limited to:

- Corporate Structuring
- Labour and employment, visas, and work permits
- Intellectual property & IT
- Competition & antitrust
- Forming Joint Ventures with Local Partners
- Comprehensive Legal Advice and Consultancy
- Custom Regulation
- Insolvency and Bankruptcy
- International Trade and Business
- Litigation and Dispute Resolution
- Forming procurement contracts, license and distribution agreements, real estate related deals
- Legal Support for Foreign Direct
  Investment

Due to our competence and reliability, we have had the privilege of serving a wide variety of clients from across the world. We are proud have served with great results the legal matters of such acknowledged organizations. We have supported renowned clients with legal services, some of which include Toshiba, Tectonics E&G, Herbalife, Eran Innovations, GEMS, GoLearn, Economic and Commercial Office of Spain, Lesaffre (France), Schmid Telecom (Germany), KIA Motors India, Samsung, Cheil and Shinsung, Oriflame, Vivo, and Kindda.

## Joint Ventures, Foreign & Technical Collaborations



When expanding and collaborating business structures and relationships, one has to ensure that their interests will be fully preserved in contract negotiations. When issues with a business contract arise, there is the question of resolving the matter without major exposure to significant liability. With expansion and collaboration being one of the most immediate functions of a business, especially multi-national companies it is only natural for complex and new legal problems to arise.

When it comes to the markets of today joint ventures are a key for companies to embark on significant projects, all the more for those involving multiple jurisdictions. While entering into a joint venture can open up a wealth of possibilities for your company to take on larger projects, tap new markets, reap valuable experience, or leverage local insights in unfamiliar jurisdictions it poses its own challenges. Lex Chambers can help in maximizing the strategic advantages of collaborating and minimizing the risks. As a firm, we have successfully in the past helped our clients steer the process from incorporation to operation and dissolution, guided by lawyers with experience in joint ventures across the globe. Our team leverages the comprehensive knowledge of the sectors, and this is further supported by our Partners and Legal Leaders to help you form a structure that perfectly meets your needs, develops control, and processes which best manage your risks, and devise appropriate exit strategies to best achieve your goals.

Lex Chambers advises on implementing, operating, and dissolving joint ventures across the globe. It is through our collaborative approach that we can help to create structures which meet operational, legal and tax requirements while satisfying the client's commercial objectives and protecting their interests. Our experts are known to provide all services for the Joint Venture including negotiating with the opposite party, drafting and execution of the agreements, formation of the new partnership and the incorporation of the new company. Our agreements are adapted, reflecting the specific needs of your arrangement and as viable as they come.

We recognize the legal and operational nuances that can make or break these arrangements, including regulations, tax consequences, industry-specific considerations, and advanced techniques for evaluating and minimizing risks. Our indepth knowledge library has a pool of knowledge in all relevant areas necessary for structuring, drafting, and implementing joint ventures and other strategic alliances. We provide our clients comprehensive services that appropriately meet their legal requirements, including:

## Joint Ventures, Foreign & Technical Collaborations



- Corporate structuring and legal advisory of setting up a wholly owned subsidiary of group Corp or franchise set up
- Trademark and copyrights filing for marks and prosecution
- Human Capital/Employment Docket Offer & Appointment Letters, Employment Agreement, HR Policies etc
- Real Estate Legal Due Diligence of identified retail spaces across India along with paperwork, drafting, vetting and negotiations with Landlords
- Vendor Agreements Drafting, vetting and negotiations with all and any type of agreement. Depending upon mode of operation ensuring global contracts with stringent brand guidelines
- Third Party Contracts Drafting, vetting and negotiations with all and any type of contract.
- Legal Advisory day to day support on legal issues and regulatory complexities including matters pertaining to employment and labour, marketing collaterals, website disclaimers and privacy policy, outstanding and bad debts, engagement with influencers, ASCI etc.
- Litigation legal notices and litigation is inevitable, as such we as an organization have robust processes in place to ensure effective representation before the necessary forums.
- Safeguarding the Management's interest by carrying out some basic hygiene work, we have in the past as well protected the company and its management from unwarranted and unforeseen exposures.
- Miscellaneous Support given our operations of handling multiple such similar mandates from other international and domestic brands, the team is able to view and review situation/issues from a 360 angle, thereby providing a holistic approach to the company.

# Policy and Regulatory



We at Lex Chambers provide an array of assorted regulatory assistance services including but not limited to filing and procuring regulatory approvals, compliance, advice on various regulatory matters, the establishment of new market participants, and others. Our experts have far-reaching experience in managing a broad spectrum of regulators and a variety of regulatory issues. They flaunt a consistent history of procuring regulatory approvals of varying degrees of complexity, for both clients both foreign and domestic. We maintain a thorough track of developments in policy for our clients. At the same time, we are also integrally involved in engaging with regulators to improve policy by commenting on and recommending changes to some key draft regulations which are issued by the regulators to obtain public views.

We have represented and advised Generating Companies, Trading Companies, Transmission Companies Distribution Companies/SEBs, and Electricity Regulatory Commissions before various regulatory authorities and Courts.

Lex Chambers, with its headquarters in New Delhi, has exposure not just to courts at all three levels and appellate tribunals but also to policy and regulatory matters. We are continuously engaging with thought leaders, think tanks, and corporate on policy-related matters.

Our vast experience in Regulatory approvals and compliance including licensing and spectrum allocation, and Trial and Appellate Disputes make us the apex organization that is able to come up with sustainable solutions for the complex legal issues of this area.

## Shipping and Maritime



Maritime Law is distinctive as well as varied with many alcoves and specialisation areas. As a firm, we have both an in-depth knowledge and great passion for the shipping industry. We are well acknowledged for our sound understanding of marine and shipping sectors and the business needs that go hand-in-hand.

Admiralty law also includes several commercial activities, which encompass many lands based or land occurring on activities that are maritime in character. Although each legal jurisdiction usually has its own established legislation governing maritime matters, admiralty law is characterised by a significant amount of international law developed in recent decades, including numerous multilateral treaties.

Our shipping practice includes the entire extent of legal issues including but not limited to shipping, ship arrest or release, ship finance, ship buying and selling, international trade, personal injury, crew wages as well as P&I settlements. Our services also include but are not limited to port projects and development, corporate advice, preparation, and review of all contractual documentation required for any shipping related projects. To highlight some of our work, the firm has represented and advised Priya Blue – a company which has one of the highest tonnage in breaking and also has a green ship breaking/recycling plot in Bhavnagar.

We at Lex Chambers invest time and effort managing relationships with our clients. These well-established relationships have created for us our best people and loyal clients, who have been satisfied and appreciative of our services. In the past, we have been trusted with commercial matters of various private shipping companies, particularly in drafting and reviewing of Charter Agreements, bareboat and time charters, transportation agreements, ship building agreements and Proceedings for Arrest of Ship. We pride ourselves on being able to successfully be handling matters relating to maritime practice including litigation and dispute resolution.

Our team has a strong sense of the market dynamics across shipping, admiralty, crisis management and transactional work. Our network is reflective of a full spectrum of those involved in the global shipping industry. The full spectrum has been represented by us including many involved in the industry like ship owners and charterers, banks, international agencies, shipyards, marine insurance underwriters, governments, and brokers.

The Shipping Group at Lex Cambers handles general shipping related legal matters. Our lawyers who are specialized in this area of shipping and maritime related issues strategize and implement the dispute resolution strategies to the client's best advantage, assisting you in all sphere's relation to both contentious and non-contentious areas viz. acquisition / clearance of vessels, obtaining of necessary Government approvals. As a firm, we are also familiar with nuances of flag change, bunkering, and disputes with financial companies. We can proudly say that our team is well equipped to deal with any and all legal matters in a way that is both effective and sustainable.

#### Education



With the significant increase in the number of organizations focussing on ed-tech, the demands of the industry for business and legal support have increased significantly. At Lex Chambers, we have an active practice area on Education and Allied Laws, which goes back all the way to our pioneering work regarding issues relating to the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009.

We have repeatedly been trusted to handle the challenges of educational institutions and those who have an interest in them. With a team having extensive transaction and advisory credentials, our firm has advised international education groups, top-tier institutions, K-12 providers, and ed-tech companies in the Indian education sector. In the past, we have represented various CBSE Affiliated schools as well as International Schools across the country and have supported clients with the full spectrum of legal services and advice on compliances, litigation, employment issues, Real Estate, and Accreditation.

Having developed deep strengths in the vertical, our firm has secured several mandates from leading organizations and educational institutions in the higher education sector as well. With a leading organization like IDP which administers the IELTS in India, to top private universities like RV University (Bangalore), and educational groups in the likes of United World (Karnavati) continue to trust us and rely on us for their legal needs.

Some of our services include but are not limited to Planning and Establishment of Educational Institutions, drafting all requisite documents, Securing Appropriate accreditation and registration, Compliance of all regulatory laws and rules of concerned authorities, Taxation and Insurance matters, educational project finance, Employment of educational faculties, and Adoption or transfer of teaching technology.

Our experience in regulatory and advisory services in higher education, K-12, ed-tech, and online education combined with our team's vast experience in mergers and acquisitions, enables us to anticipate and respond to sectoral issues. The firm's services have been beneficial not just for institutions but also for students, educators, educational trusts and societies, promoters of education and employment, parents, teachers, and professors.

## Technology, Media and Telecommunications



Lex Chambers has an all-inclusive technology practice. Members of the Firm have had immense experience working with issues related to technology, this includes information technology. Our dedicated practice group is a diverse, well-acknowledged group of lawyers with immense experience and in-depth expertise in the sector. Key areas of expertise include telecom, broadcasting & entertainment, fin-tech, data protection, and privacy, and a host of other emerging technologies such as crypto and virtual currency, OTT platforms, e-commerce, online gaming, artificial intelligence, NFTs, cloud computing, health tech, AR/VR, digital maps, drones, and robotics.

We have advised and served a diverse clientele including software companies, internet start-ups, and investors. Due to our devoted and experienced advisors, we are well versed with issues relating to policy; e-commerce and foreign direct investment, provision of IT-enabled services, registration and compliance, intellectual property protection, data protection, employee handbooks, and other legal issues arising in the field.

Further, we pride ourselves on a strong and vibrant telecommunication practice. Its members have a deep understanding of all legislation, policies, and regulations affecting the telecommunication sector. We have advised to some of the major telecom companies, software players, technology companies, and other value-added services organizations globally and in India, on both regulatory and transactional issues. Our extremely competent lawyers have allowed us to provide industry-specific and personalized advice.

We combine an interdisciplinary team of litigators and transactional attorneys, and work seamlessly with the other core practices of the firm enabling us to provide practical and innovative solutions to our clients.

We currently represent clients across the varied spectrum of the media and entertainment industry. Sports law is a novel sector often crossing paths with the media and telecommunication sectors. Our lawyers have been at the frontier of delivering solutions that are legally sound and commercially feasible with respect to governing bodies like sports federations, league owners, sports management companies, sportspersons, broadcasters, and specialist dispute resolution mechanisms.

#### Competition Law

Lex Chambers has assisted clients on an array of competition law issues including matters in connection with domestic and cross-border joint ventures, collaborations, distribution and supply arrangements, and other commercial transactions. Our firm has expertise in wide array of services such as stand-alone competition law advice, assistance in filings, obtaining required approvals to represent before the Competition Commission of India and in courts on competition law issues. The lawyers of the Firm have been strongly associated with and have witnessed the evolution of competition law in India. They are thoroughly educated on its inception and nuances. This in-depth knowledge and experience have allowed us to deal with complex competition law issues in a more pragmatic fashion.

We have extensive experience in conducting cases in the antitrust and competition law sector and have represented clients before competition authorities. We have provided opinions and advice on compliance with competition laws and regulations. Our team has effectively provided assistance to clients on a whole range of competition and anti-trust issues including Cartels and anti-trust investigations, Abuse of dominant position, Commercial agreements, Competition law compliance strategies, and Competition litigation. Our aim is to provide a holistic and authentic perspective to our clients who are looking for legal advice in this area.

We have been advising clients on issues relating to anti-competition under the new Competition Regime in India, including legal opinions regarding Abuse of Dominance in the market; cartels, etc. The Competition team provides assistance on consulting ranging from general advisory to compliance programs. We also cover matters of litigation and transactions. Our specialists at Lex Chamber have garnered a nuanced and critical understanding of these matters and have proven their expertise in this area of practice. The knowledge of our team combines professional anti-trust lawyers, ex-regulators, transaction lawyers, and dispute resolution lawyers. Our team has regularly advised clients on a variety of matters including antitrust dispute resolution, leniency applications, compliance audits, merger filings and dawn raids. We continue to maintain a holistic perspective on competition law matters based on the diverse backgrounds of our team members and the profundity of our experience.

When it comes to the area of cartels, our team has experience in managing all parts of cartel investigation and litigation. In addition to our expertise in Competition law, given our strong litigation practice, we also handle the fall-out of such investigations, including appeals and jurisdictional remedies before the NCLAT, High Courts and Supreme Court. In the sector of monopolies and dominant positions, our team has assisted our clients in defending as well as initiating investigations before the CCI. The competition team also supports transactions by making competition assessments and combination filings.

Our experts have the knowledge to be involved in assignments across diverse industries including automobiles, container train operations, lotteries, asbestos cement sheets, cable manufacturing, sports federation, pharmaceuticals, chemicals, medical devices, financial services, power generation, glass manufacturing, shipping, broadcasting, drugs, and pharmaceuticals, FMCG and e-commerce.

#### Banking and Finance



The financial sector is one of the most complex sectors in India that is growing at a quick speed. We at Lex Chambers provide a wide range of services including drafting and reviewing various documents pertaining to all kinds of financial arrangements, such as acquisition financing, raising of non-convertible debentures, external commercial borrowings, term loan and working capital financing, factoring arrangements, securitization, and proceedings under banking laws and regulations, etc. We stand for asset managers, funds, real estate investors, arrangers, and corporate borrowers. We appreciate the increasingly complex nature of this field and provide informed solutions to conquer these legal challenges.

Our Banking & Finance practice comprises a team of dynamic professionals, who regularly advise on a on Projects and Infrastructure Financing, Debt Capital Markets, Working Capital, Structured Products, Acquisition Financing, Aviation Financing, Real Estate Loans, and general corporate loans. The team also assists on restructurings, cross-border financings, securitizations, trade products and provides regulatory advice to varied players in the finance market including Banks and Financial Institutions.

Furthermore, we as a firm continue to work with and offer comprehensive bouquet of services to leading Non-banking Financial Companies (NBFCs). Some of our clients also include lenders, borrowers, advisers, and other intermediaries dealing with NBFCs. The strength of the firm lies in understanding complex structures of NBFCs and peculiar issues associated with them. We provide comprehensive services, right from licensing of a newly formed NBFC to maintaining event-based transactions and compliance to closure.

We have noteworthy experience in transaction structuring, transaction advisory and regulatory matters. We have advised and assisted clients on issues including IPOs, rights offerings, follow-on public offers, corporate restructuring. We frequently and effectively advise clients on securities law issues pertaining to insider trading laws, disclosures under the listing agreements to mitigate the possibility of litigation arising out of unfair trade practices in the securities market and on corporate governance issues.

## Banking and Finance



Lex Chambers has a strong and varied Banking & Finance practice with separate verticals in project finance, corporate finance, and structured finance. As a firm, we continue to advise borrowers, lenders, and security providers. Our application of international best practices which when combined with in-depth knowledge, allows us to understand and anticipate potential business risks that may arise. Our multidisciplinary approach is owing to the teams of diverse strengths in litigation, tax, banking, corporate and regulatory backgrounds. This makes us well positioned to support our clients on most complex restructurings. Some of our clients comprise of operating creditors, banks, and other financial investors, and insolvency practitioners.

We have also provided assistance on transaction documents and advice on restructuring transactions, including securitisation structures. This includes a review of existing documents and recommending solutions. As a firm, we extend our services to providing regulatory advice in relation to issues under the Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 and its ancillary regulations. Our lawyers have also advised on a gamut of securitisation, asset reconstruction transactions and represented some of the pioneering asset reconstruction companies in India.

Our team is experienced in providing advice on debt restructuring, recoveries, equity capital raising, and restructuring, open offers, distressed M&A activity, and related advisory work. The comprehensive and agile approach has been trusted by several leading organization to steer through the issues and challenges faced under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC).

## Environmental & Mining Laws



Mining without a doubt is a major economic activity in India contributing 2.2% to 2.5% to the GDP. Even mining done on small scale contributes 6% to the entire cost of mineral production. Naturally, this sector requires specialized and hyper technical expertise to formulate solutions for the clients keeping in mind the webbed complexities of this industry. The team at Lex Chambers regularly supports client requests on contentious and noncontention environmental law issues. We have extended counsel not just on standalone basis but also as a part of large corporate and infrastructure/real estate related transactions. Our environment practice vertical also assists clients in obtaining necessary permits and approvals, both at the state and central level. Our team at Lex Chambers has a long history of experience in guiding clients to structure,

acquire and execute mining projects. We provide the complete range of legal services and advisory across the complete spectrum of mining activities and take pride in catering to big mining houses in the country.

As a firm, we strongly believe in offering tailored, and cost-effective advice at every stage of the life cycle. We have advised prominent Indian and Multi-National Companies on implications of Forest Conservation Laws (including The Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006) with respect to establishment of thermal and hydro power projects as well as wind farms. We have also undertaken due diligence exercises which have covered aspects of Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) as also evaluating the entire gamut of policy, legislative and regulatory compliance obligations with environmental norms. Our specialists have dealt with related issues with regard to mining in forest as well as non-forest areas, rehabilitation and resettlement, acquisition of land in tribal areas and so on. Our expertise extends to advising on all aspects of Mining law including licensing issues that include reconnaissance permits, prospecting license and mining leases, Policy issues including those relating to prescribed & certain reserved minerals, State mining policies, enforceability of Memorandums of Understanding (MoU), and State Support Agreements.

We also work with Regulatory issues regarding grant of Reconnaissance Permits, Prospecting Licenses & Mining Leases, and transfers thereof, Rehabilitation & Resettlement (R&R) policies, Health Safety & Environment (HSE), Contracting and Regulatory issues.

## Oil & Gas, Energy, and Infrastructure



The experience our firm in the infrastructure and energy sector is unparalleled. Our team of lawyers have provided solutions to clients across the value chain such as project developers, contractors, Indian and foreign investors, regulatory authorities, multilateral institutions, international banks, and financial institutions. We can navigate through various legal complexities, opportunities and challenges in India and International markets and offer commercially effective solutions at every stage of the clients' business life cycle.

Our energy practice encompasses advice on thermal and renewable energy projects including solar, wind, hydro, oil & gas, mining, and biomass projects, while our infrastructure practice includes advice on the construction, financing, and operation of roads, railways, airports, ports, logistics, water, and waste management projects. As a firm, we continue to advise on a large number of diverse and complex legal issues and matters in this sector.

We are distinguished from other practices by the fact that we provide comprehensive solutions under one roof. This includes advising clients on project development work including advising on large projectrelated contracts, assisting in legal and regulatory issues in the infrastructure space, advising on tax, aspects of doing business in projects and infrastructure space in India, and representing clients in projects and infrastructure related disputes acting for both lenders and borrowers on project finance transactions and advising clients on corporate transactions. In a sense, we are serving solutions to all legal matters that arise out of the industry. We also possess an all-embracing experience in advising clients on transactions where we have been engaged by several stakeholders such as project developers, investors, and equipment suppliers.

The infrastructure sector has become the key driver of the economy and includes roads, real estate, and highways. We have carved our niche and pride ourselves on assisting many large infrastructure giants in the country and abroad. Our panel of lawyers provide a complete range of services including advisory services. Due to our team's in-depth understanding of the nuances of the Infra Sector, the Firm is able to pay attention to the peculiarities of this industry and provides holistic services for the client for all its legal advisory or representative needs in the projects and infrastructure space. In the past we have regularly advised our clients on Public-Private Partnership (PPP) where one of the projects that is very close to our heart and stands testament to our strengths is when we advised IDOM - worlds largest architectural firm based out of Spain for their flagship projects - the East Delhi Hub and Dwarka Convention Centre. What makes this even more significant is that these projects were directly overseen by the Prime Minister's Office (PMO).

## Oil & Gas, Energy, and Infrastructure



Energy keeps the world running making it one of the most fundamental regions in any economy. Without a doubt, it has produced many legal disputes and controversies since its conception. The sector is an interconnection of systems, infrastructural projects, and large corporations, and it is for this reason that many practice areas seem to merge streams when handling energy legal matters. It bears close political, social, and governmental scrutiny and intrusion which gives rise to giant legal complexities in the sector. Naturally, global, and domestic corporations working in the field of the energy sector need a law firm that deeply understands the sector and is in touch with the rising challenges as well as social & political, consequence, and is able to help in mitigating business risks and to successfully achieve business goals.

We have appeared before Petroleum & Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB), on behalf of a leading player in the Oil Market for laying, building, and operating a Natural Gas Transportation Pipeline (NG Pipeline) as well as its City Gas Distribution Network (CGD Network).

We have been a part of the drafting of petitions including objections on behalf of the Oil Company having a major presence in the International Market before PNGRB as part of the process for grant of authorization for laying, building, and operating a CGD Network in various cities across India.

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