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# **Educational/Professional Memberships**

## **EDUCATION**

- Barrister; M.A. Cantab (Law Tripos), 1st Class.
- Bundy Scholar, Norah Hunter Dias Prize in law.
- Magdalene College, Cambridge University (1986-1989).
- Called to the Bar in 1990 (Lincoln's Inn).

### **PROFESSIONAL**

- Practising before the Supreme Court and High Courts of India since 1989.
- Served as the Additional Solicitor General of India at the Supreme Court (2009-2014).
- Vice Chairman, UNCITRAL National Coordination Committee for India (UNCCI).
- Honorary Adjunct Professor of Law, Jindal Global Law School, Sonipat, Haryana, India.

### **Current Position**

- Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India (since 2003).
- Overseas Associate, Essex Court Chambers, London.

# **Professional Experience**

- Over thirty years' experience dealing with high value commercial, contractual, arbitration related, insurance, property, banking, insolvency, blacklisting, share-purchase, joint venture, intellectual property, employment law, energy, construction law, mining and petroleum law, and constitutional law disputes, among others.
- Some judgments from the past year include *UMC Technology v. Food Corporation of India* 2020 SCC Online SC 934, *Interdigital Technology Corporation and Others v. Xiaomi Corporation and Others* 2020 (84) PTC 225 (Del), *Centrotrade Minerals & Metals Inc. v Hindustan Copper Limited* 2020 SCC OnLine SC 479, *Glencore International AG v Hindustan Zinc Limited* [O.M.P. (EFA) (Comm.) 9/2019], *Food Corporation of India and Ors. vs. V.K. Traders and Ors.* [2020] 4 SCC 60.

# **Arbitration Experience**

# **AS ARBITRATOR**

- Appointed as an arbitrator in LCIA, ICC and ICADR arbitrations, as also ad hoc domestic and international commercial arbitrations seated in India, England and Singapore, as a sole arbitrator and co-arbitrator.
- Has been appointed by the Supreme Court of India as an arbitrator in ad hoc international commercial arbitrations.

#### AS EXPERT WITNESS

 Has been an expert witness on Indian law issues such as those relating to contract law, foreign exchange laws, Hindu law etc., before courts in Singapore, England & Wales, Jersey and before international commercial arbitration tribunals.

## As Counsel

- Has represented the Republic of India in its investment treaty arbitrations and regularly advises companies and countries on investment treaty claims / arbitrations.
- Appointed by the Supreme Court of India as amicus curiae in Government of India v. Vedanta Limited (2020) 10 SCC 1 on issues relating to enforcement of foreign awards in India, applicability of laws in an international commercial arbitration and interpretation of the New York Convention, 1958.
- Has acted as lead counsel and co-counsel in over 150 complex arbitrations. Presently representing and has represented both government companies and leading private companies and multinationals, in a large number of arbitrations seated in India, Singapore, England, Bhutan and Malaysia as also in arbitration related litigation (interim and post award enforcement and execution) before the Supreme Court of India as also various high courts.

### **Selected Publications**

- Editor, *International Arbitration and the Rule of Law: Essays in Honour of Fali Nariman*, a Permanent Court of Arbitration publication (2021).
- Author, *Third Party Funding In International Arbitration: An Indian Perspective*, published in *International Arbitration and the Rule of Law: Essays in Honour of Fali Nariman*, a Permanent Court of Arbitration publication (2021).
- India chapter for the *Encyclopaedia of International Commercial Litigation*, a Wolters Kluwer Publication (2020).
- India Investment Treaty Know-How, Global Arbitration Review (2016, 2017).
- Chapter on *Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards in India: Recent Developments*, a Maharashtra National Law University publication (Upcoming).
- Halsbury's Laws of India, Business Associations.

# Languages

English, Bengali, Hindi.