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Educational/Professional Memberships

Education

B.A (Eco. Hons), University of Delhi MMS, Jamnalal Bajaj Institute of Management Studies LL.B., Government Law College, Mumbai

Professional Memberships

Supreme Court Bar Association; Delhi High Court Association; International Bar Association IPBA

Current Position

Senior Partner, Head of Competition Law and Dispute Resolution & Arbitration practices at Amarchand Mangaldas

Professional Experience

Arbitration

- Representing ONGC Videsh in an arbitration arising out of the disputes from Pipeline Contract Agreement and Engineering, Procurement and Construction Contract for the Government of Sudan.
- Representing Intertoll ICS CECons O & M Company Private Limited against NHAI in arbitration proceedings arising from contracts for the operation and maintenance of highways (NH-2&24 and NH-8) against National Highways Authority of India.
- Representing a Consortium comprising of TGE Engineering Pvt. Ltd. and Indian Oil Tanking in relation to an EPC Contract for Petronet LNG project. Venue of the arbitration is New Delhi, India.
- Represented Havells India Ltd. against Flowil International Lighting in an ICC arbitration in Paris.
- Representing Havells India Limited against Electrium Sales Limited in an international commercial arbitration arising out of a sales contract under ICC Rules. The venue of the arbitration is New Delhi,
- Representing Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited against Mass Global Investment Company in an international commercial arbitration arising out a contract in respect of a turnkey execution of the Sulaymaniah Power Plant in Kurdistan.
- Representing CCFB in an international commercial arbitration under ICC Rules against the Government of Mozambique.
- Representing Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited against GEA EGI Contracting/Engineering Co. Ltd. in an international commercial arbitration under the ICC Rules.
- Representing a British promoter shareholder of an Indian company in an arbitration invoked by an Indian shareholder.
- Represented Vale Australia Pty Limited in an international commercial arbitration in relation to a
 contract for sale and purchase of hard coking coal entered into between Vale Australia Pty Limited,
 AMCI Pty Limited and Steel Authority of India Limited. Venue of the arbitration is New Delhi, India.

- Representing ONGC Videsh Ltd. in arbitration proceedings arising out engineering, procurement and construction contract against Dodsal.
- Represented the Aegion Group of companies in international commercial arbitrations under LCIA and ICC Rules, against SPML Infra Limited in relation to disputes arising from the Joint Venture Contract.
- Represented Vodafone Essar Limited in a domestic ad hoc arbitration contractual dispute against BPL Communications Limited.
- Represented Videocon Industries Ltd. in 3 International Arbitrations in relation to a production sharing contract entered into between Videocon Industries Ltd. and the Government of India with respect to an oilfield in India. Venue of the arbitration is London, England.
- Represented Ranbaxy Laboratories Ltd. against United India Assurance Corporation on a dispute related to an insurance contract governed by LCIA rules. Venue of the arbitration was London, England.
- Represented Foreign Shareholders of an Indian Company in a joint venture dispute. Venue of the arbitration was London, England.
- Represented AES Corp before an adhoc arbitral tribunal constituted to decide on its disputes with Grid Corporation of Orissa arising out of the withdrawal of one of the group companies from the electricity distribution business in Orissa.
- Advised Maxis Communications Berhad on Indian law aspects in an international commercial arbitration.
- Advised a lead consortium member in an international EPC Contract against an Iranian oil company in a proposed arbitration.

Oil & Gas Litigation

- Has undertaken litigation in the Delhi High Court between Chambal Fertilizers and Chemicals Limited and others and GAIL in relation to gas pricing and interpretation of several contract terms
- Tata Chemicals vs. Gas Authority of India Ltd. Challenged the action of GAIL in imposing onerous conditions in a Gas Supply Contract to two Fertilizer Projects being set up in the HBJ Pipe Line.
- Represented Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. in various disputes and litigations with its distributors/ dealers.
- Represented Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. in a matter involving Public Law issues and the right of hearing before Terminating Dealership by a Public Authority against Mahabir Auto Stores.
- Represented HOEC in a dispute with DIOC regarding plugging of wells.

Power Related Litigation

- Represented Spectrum Power Generation Co. Ltd. in disputes with IDBI, one of the lead financial institutions and STUSA, one of the shareholders respectively. The case had gone on at various levels including proceedings before the Hon'ble Supreme Court for disputes regarding the Promoters Agreement, Constitution of the Board of Directors proceedings before the Delhi High Court concerning the settlement of SPGL disputes with NTPC, proceedings before Hyderabad High Court in relation to a Public Interest Litigation filed with regard to the functioning of the power project. This is a classic instance of a successful running power project in the State of Andhra Pradesh being embroiled in un-necessary litigation involving huge cost and involving a tussle between two groups of shareholders.
- Involved in presentation on the implementation of the new Electricity Act to a private power generation / distribution company.
- Daewoo Power India Limited Represented Daewoo Power with regard to Escrow issues and Bidding processes.
- STI Power Limited represented STI Power Limited which had proposed to set up a 330 MW Power Project at Guna in the State of Madhya Pradesh. Represented STI Power in the litigation before the M.P. High Court regarding the grant of Escrow and the Competitive Bidding Process. Also represented STI Power in the Supreme Court of India.

- AES Corporation Represented AES Corporation before the Company Law Board in the face-off between the Orissa Power Generation Company and AES Corporation, the minority stakeholder (of 49%) in the generating company. There are issues and disputes with regard to management control and rights of the minority stakeholder (AES) who was given management control through the shareholders agreement and amended articles of association.
- IDBI & Ors. Vs. Dabhol Power Company Ltd. (DPC) & Ors. Representing the Rupee Lenders i.e. Indian Financial Institutions for the protection and preservation of the security concerning the Dabhol Power Project.

General Corporate Litigation

- Led the Firm's team in connection with the "Mardia Chemicals case", wherein the company challenged the vires of the New Securitisation Act. Successfully defended the Financial Institutions and Banks.
- Represented Coca Cola India in the "Pesticides Issue" in various courts in India and in the Supreme Court. Also advised the company with reference to its defence before the Joint Parliamentary Committee set up under the aegis of the Government of India.
- Represented Coca Cola India in Litigation in the Kerala High Court and Supreme Court.
- Represented the management of Polaris Software regarding employees' dispute.
- Representing Ranbaxy Ltd. in the Singapore Supreme Court regarding petition filed by Dragon Investments with regards to Ranbaxy's disposal of partners shares of Speciality Ranbaxy Ltd (A 50:50 JV between Ranbaxy and Specialty Labs Asia Pvt Ltd).
- Represented Residents of Sainik Farms (Delhi) against the UOI, Govt. of Delhi, MCD and Ors
 regarding whether Sainik Farms can be regularized and if there is any statutory power under
 which such regularization can be affected.
- Represented Bharat Coca-Cola in an important litigation having worldwide impact on the Cola Wars, regarding Tort of Procuring breaches of contract and interfering in Business rights.
 Represented the Coca Cola Company Ltd.
- Represented Coca-Cola in various litigations in various High Courts in India and in the Supreme Court.
- Represented the Coca-Cola Company in Gujarat Bottling Co. Vs. The Coca-Cola Company being the first litigation in Supreme Court of India on Franchise Agreements and Franchise Law.
- Represented the promoters of Apollo Tyres in litigation in the Special Court regarding the claims and counter claims of scam tainted shares, and thereafter in the Supreme Court.
- Represented various nationalized banks in recovery suits against debtors.
- Unison Hotels Limited Advised and appears for Unison Hotels Limited, the owners of the Grand Hyatt at New Delhi in connection with various litigations on an ongoing basis against its Vendors, its environmental related litigations etc.
- Represented Synthetics and Chemicals before a seven judge bench of the Supreme Court regarding levy of Vend fee on non-potable alcohol.
- Represented Reliance Petrochemicals ltd., Godrej ltd., McDowell ltd., etc. before the Supreme Court regarding their public issues.
- Represented Balco before the Supreme Court with regard to the challenge to its privatization.
- Represented Life Insurance Corporation before a constitution bench of the Supreme Court regarding rights of government/ government companies as shareholders in public listed companies.

Mergers & Acquisitions Related

 Scheme of the first merger of cellular mobile telephony licensees in India, the merger of Birla AT & T Communications and Tata Communications. The merger consolidated the cellular licenses through the merged entity Birla Tata and AT &T Limited for the states of Gujarat, Maharashtra, Goa, and Andhra Pradesh.

- Advised NIIT Ltd in relation to the demerger of Global Software Solutions business from the Education business. Implementation and completion of the demerger of the global software business of NIIT Limited carried out in India and abroad into NIIT Investments Limited, under a scheme of arrangement under Sections 391-394, Companies Act, 1956.
- Merger of Narang Breweries Limited and of Pals Distilleries Limited with Mysore Breweries Limited under a "Scheme of Arrangement and Amalgmation".
- Merger of M/s Bilt Graphics Papers Limited (BGPL) into Ballarpur Industries Limited under a "Scheme of Arrangement and Amalgamation".
- Merger of HSBC Securities Delhi Private Limited with HSBC Securities & Capital Markets (India) Private Limited under a "Scheme of Amalgamation".
- Demerger Arrangement between HCL Technologies Limited (Resulting Company), HCL Infosystems Limited (Demerged Company) and HCL Infinet Limited (Transferee Company), under a "Scheme of Arrangement".
- Amalgamation of FloatGlass India Limited with and into Asahi India Glass Limited under a "Scheme of Amalgamation".
- Scheme of arrangement and amalgamation for Britco Foods Ltd. with Hindustan Coca-Cola Bottling co. Pvt. Ltd., Delhi High Court.
- Scheme of arrangement between Eicher Tractors Ltd. and Royal Enfield Motors Ltd.
- Scheme of arrangement between JK Industries, Vikrant Tyres and JK Agri Industries.
- Scheme of arrangement between Knorr Bremse (Commercial Vehicles) India and Knorr Bremse India Pvt. Ltd.
- Demerger of the ISP undertaking of Punj Lloyd.
- Amalgamation of TTVHL (Tata Televentures Holding Ltd) with Tata Industries Ltd.

Competition Law

Ms. Shroff regularly advises international and national clients on various aspects of the Competition Act 2002. Mrs. Shroff has successfully handled investigations and argued on matters before the CCI and the Competition Appellate Tribunal in respect of:

- Alleged cartelization in the tyre industry, cement industry, soda ash industry, LPG cylinders, etc.
- Abuse of dominance cases representing national and international companies, such as Coal India Limited, Transitions Opticals Inc, Hiranandani Hospital, HT Media Limited etc.

Previously, Ms. Shroff has been a member of the High Powered SVS Raghavan Committee appointed by Government of India for proposing a new Competition Policy for India as well as the concept Bill. She was invited by the Standing Committee of Parliament reviewing the Competition Act to give expert evidence before the Committee when it was being first reviewed and also whilst considering amendments to the Act. More recently, she was a member of the National Competition Policy Committee in 2012.

Publications

- PLC Guide to Competition & Cartel Leniency 2014-15 India chapter
- 5th Edition of the Arbitration World 2013 India Chapter

Languages

English, Hindi, Gujarati