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### **Educational/Professional Memberships**

Tejas received his Bachelor of Law with first class from ILS Law Collage, University of Pune and first Master of Law in Corporate and Commercial Laws from University of Gujarat and another Master of Law from London School of Economics, University of London with specialisation in International Commercial Arbitration and Information Technology Laws. Tejas is Fellow of Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and Vice-chairman of Society of Construction Law - India. He is an Advocate at Bar Council of Gujarat and Solicitor at Law Society of England and Wales. He is Director of Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, India Branch.

### **Current Position**

Partner, Head – Arbitration at Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Company, India

### **Professional Experience**

Tejas has wide experience over 19 years in fields of Arbitration and Information Technology Law. He has been handling International and Domestic Commercial Arbitrations across sectors. He is perceived as an authority and an expert on arbitration, both in India and globally. He has extensively written and spoken on the subject internationally.

Tejas regularly sits as an Arbitrator for commercial arbitrations governed by various rules including International Chamber of Commerce (ICC). He has been advising clients across industries for several international and domestic arbitrations. He has extensive experience in representing public and private corporations as Counsel in International Commercial Arbitrations having their seat in India and abroad. He has been involved in leading cases that laid down the law relating to arbitration in India before High Courts and the Supreme Court of India.

Tejas has played an active role in policymaking and training in the field of arbitration. He has been part of a committee set up by the Law Commission of India for preparing a Report to recommend amendments to Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996, which culminated in the Arbitration and Conciliation Amendment Act, 2015. He was part of the High-powered Committee set up by Government of India for Institutionalisation of Arbitration in India. He has also appeared before the Select Committee of Indian Parliament in relation to Commercial Courts, Commercial Division and Commercial Appellate Division of High Courts Bill, 2015. He has spoken on arbitration-related issues at various forums in India and abroad at conferences, seminars and workshops.

Tejas is a ranked lawyer for Arbitration by Chambers and Partners. Recognised as “Leading Lawyer in Dispute Resolution” by Asialaw Leading Lawyers consecutively 2012 onwards, recognised by Legal500, and awarded Rising Star Award by Legal Era in 2016. He has been listed for India in Who’s Who Legal: Arbitration.

## Arbitration Experience

Having extensive experience in strategically advising, representing public and private corporations in a wide variety of international arbitrations involving complex commercial and technical disputes in various sectors including Oil & Gas, Shareholders' disputes, Joint Ventures, Construction, Insurance, Real Estate, Hospitality and Private Equity.

Has been representing Indian and multinational corporations in arbitrations conducted under the rules of Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC), London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA), International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), Indian Council of Arbitration (ICA), International Centre of Alternative Disputes Resolution (ICADR), and Refined Sugar Association (RSA), amongst others.

Has represented several prominent clients on landmark matters before a variety of forums, both in arbitration and proceedings before the Indian Courts - a representative list is as under:

- Represented SIAC in a landmark case before the Constitutional Bench of the Supreme Court of India relating to intervention by Indian courts in foreign-seated arbitrations and awards.
- Acted for Mauritius based private equity fund for investment in real estate sector in India under LCIA Rules and having seat in London and also for enforcement action before Indian Courts.
- Represented a French multinational food and beverage company in an international arbitration having its seat in Singapore under SIAC rules;
- Representing Indian Joint Venture Partner of McDonald's Corporation in the dispute involving LCIA Arbitration in London and proceedings before National Company Law Tribunal in India.
- Representing Korean company for enforcement of the GAFTA Arbitration Awards passed in London before the Commercial Court in India. Successfully argued before Supreme Court in landmark decision on the determination of previously unsettled position under amendments to the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 and introduction of the Commercial Court, Commercial Division and Commercial Appellate Division Act, 2015 regarding maintainability of Appeal before Commercial Appellate Division of High Court in view of Section 50 of the Arbitration Act.
- Successfully represented an Indian subsidiary of a well-known Korean construction and engineering company in an arbitration of disputes between the parties relating to a construction contract.
- Successfully represented a leading hotel management company in an arbitration relating to disputes arising between the parties in a hotel management agreement.
- Represented a real estate developer in an ad-hoc arbitration against the architect engaged for constructing a turn-key Software Development Centre.
- Currently advising a Korean company in a SIAC arbitration arising out of a joint venture with the Indian counterparty.
- Acted as an intervener on behalf of an Indian company in a SIAC arbitration between four Marshall Islands based companies and an Indian nationalised bank relating to shipbuilding contracts and bank guarantees.
- Acting for TRAC India in a domestic arbitration seated in Hyderabad for disputes arising out of termination of concession rights in an Eco-Park and Night Safari Project.
- Acting for a Mauritius based company in enforcement of its USD 120 million SIAC arbitration award in India.
- Acting for Malaysian Oil & Gas Company in an international commercial arbitration having seat in Mumbai and for setting aside proceedings before the High Court of Bombay and resisting enforcement before Malaysian Court.
- Representing a multinational hospitality group before SIAC Arbitration in disputes

arising out of Hotel Management Agreements for managing hotels in Hyderabad, Chennai and Ahmedabad.

- Representing a warehousing service provider in disputes with a leading Indian brand for storage, supply and delivery of items in multiple cities across India.

Wide expertise in International and Domestic Commercial Arbitrations. Highly recognised and noted in the field of arbitration.

### **Publications**

He has authored or co-authored a number of publications on the subject including a chapter on India in "Arbitration World", 6th Edition (2018) published by Sweet & Maxwell; "Enforcing Arbitral Awards in India", 1<sup>st</sup> Edition (2017) published by LexisNexis; "Alternate Dispute Resolution", 1<sup>st</sup> Edition (2018) by Oxford University Press; and a chapter on "Cultural Considerations in Advocacy: India" 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition (2018) published by Global Arbitration Review.

### **Languages**

English, Hindi, Gujarati