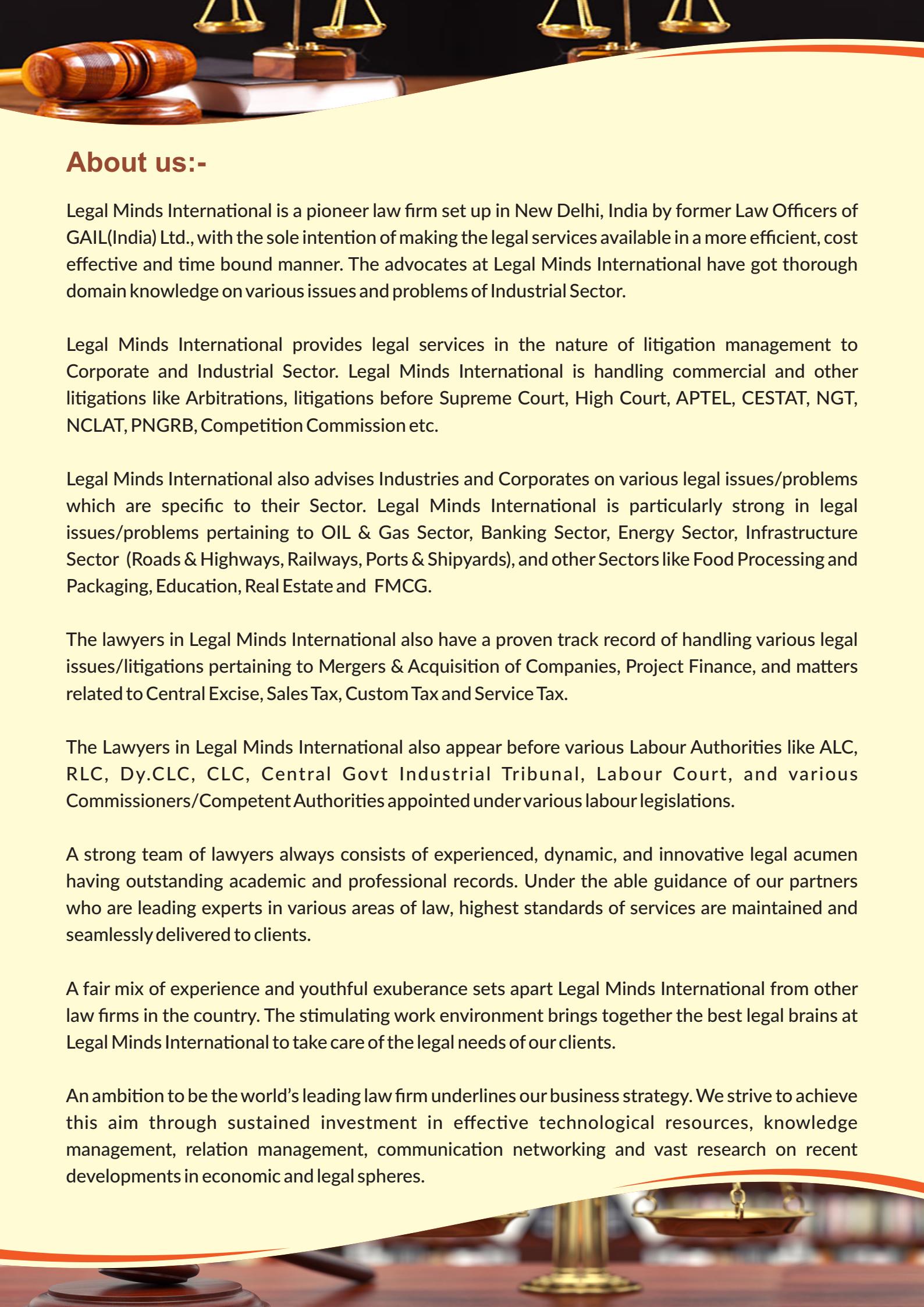


LEGAL MINDS INTERNATIONAL





About us:-

Legal Minds International is a pioneer law firm set up in New Delhi, India by former Law Officers of GAIL(India) Ltd., with the sole intention of making the legal services available in a more efficient, cost effective and time bound manner. The advocates at Legal Minds International have got thorough domain knowledge on various issues and problems of Industrial Sector.

Legal Minds International provides legal services in the nature of litigation management to Corporate and Industrial Sector. Legal Minds International is handling commercial and other litigations like Arbitrations, litigations before Supreme Court, High Court, APTEL, CESTAT, NGT, NCLAT, PNGRB, Competition Commission etc.

Legal Minds International also advises Industries and Corporates on various legal issues/problems which are specific to their Sector. Legal Minds International is particularly strong in legal issues/problems pertaining to OIL & Gas Sector, Banking Sector, Energy Sector, Infrastructure Sector (Roads & Highways, Railways, Ports & Shipyards), and other Sectors like Food Processing and Packaging, Education, Real Estate and FMCG.

The lawyers in Legal Minds International also have a proven track record of handling various legal issues/litigations pertaining to Mergers & Acquisition of Companies, Project Finance, and matters related to Central Excise, Sales Tax, Custom Tax and Service Tax.

The Lawyers in Legal Minds International also appear before various Labour Authorities like ALC, RLC, Dy.CLC, CLC, Central Govt Industrial Tribunal, Labour Court, and various Commissioners/Competent Authorities appointed under various labour legislations.

A strong team of lawyers always consists of experienced, dynamic, and innovative legal acumen having outstanding academic and professional records. Under the able guidance of our partners who are leading experts in various areas of law, highest standards of services are maintained and seamlessly delivered to clients.

A fair mix of experience and youthful exuberance sets apart Legal Minds International from other law firms in the country. The stimulating work environment brings together the best legal brains at Legal Minds International to take care of the legal needs of our clients.

An ambition to be the world's leading law firm underlines our business strategy. We strive to achieve this aim through sustained investment in effective technological resources, knowledge management, relation management, communication networking and vast research on recent developments in economic and legal spheres.



We strongly believe that a trusted relationship is built on the foundation of shared values and deep understanding of our clients' needs. Thus, we blend professional expertise with the business objectives of our clients and develop a strong grasp of their businesses before coming up with bespoke solutions.

Legal Minds International was set up by Mr. A.V.S.Subramanyam and Mr.Niraj Kumar, Advocates & founder partners. Both the partners have vast experience in the field of Oil & Gas, Banking, Finance & Insurance Litigations (Supreme court, High Courts, NGT, DRT, DRAT, CCI, APTEL, PNGRB, NCDRC etc).

AREAS OF PRACTICE

-  **Oil & Natural Gas**
-  **Energy Sector and other Natural Resource Laws**
-  **Central Excise and Sales Tax**
-  **Customs, Service Tax and Entry Tax matters**
-  **Litigation and Arbitration**
-  **Banking, Finance& Insurance**
-  **Real Estate**
-  **Infrastructure Projects, Contract Drafting and Negotiation.**
-  **Labour, Industrial and Service Law**
-  **Legal Research& Training.**

Oil & Natural Gas Practice

The following are the key regulators in OIL & Natural Gas Sector;

- ii) MoPNG:- Responsible for framing of policy and guidelines for the Oil & Natural Gas sector and also exercises administrative control over all the Public Sector Oil & Natural Gas Companies apart from performing various functions like granting of licences, leases, Pricing of Natural Gas etc;
- ii) DGH:- Principle Authority for regulating the exploitation of hydrocarbons; and
- ii) PNGRB:- Established under the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board Act 2006 (PNGRB Act) is responsible for fixation of Oil and Natural Gas Transportation Tariff, apart from exercising their supervision and control over the common carrier pipelines. It also resolves disputes enumerated in the PNGRB Act.

Legal Minds International has expertise in drafting and vetting of Gas Sale Agreement(down-stream), Sale and Purchase Agreement(up-stream), Gas Transmission Agreement, Re-Gasification agreements, Capacity Booking Agreement, Agreements for Swapping of LNG, Charter Party Agreement etc.

Legal Minds International has expertise in dispute resolution mechanism related to the Sector viz., Arbitrations, litigations before High Court, Supreme Court, APTEL & PNGRB etc.

Energy Sector matters:-

Ministry of Power formulates the general policy in the Electricity Sector. Electricity is a concurrent subject at Entry 38 in List III of the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution of India, 1950. The Ministry of Power is primarily responsible for the development of electrical energy in the country. The Ministry is concerned with perspective planning, policy formulation, processing of projects for investment decision, monitoring of the implementation of power projects, training and manpower development and the administration and enactment of legislation in regard to thermal, hydro power generation, transmission and distribution. The Ministry of Power is responsible for the Administration of the Electricity Act, 2003, the Energy Conservation Act, 2001 and to undertake such amendments to these Acts, as may be necessary from time to time, in conformity with the Government's policy objectives.

Legal Minds International advises various Electricity Generating Companies, DISCOMS on various issues/problems on Electricity Laws and also provides assistance in drafting and vetting of Power Purchase Agreements. Legal Minds International also conducts litigations before SERC, CERC and APTEL.

In-direct Tax Matters

In-direct taxes in the nature of Central Excise Tax, Custom Tax, Sales Tax and Service Tax are source of revenue for Central and/or State Governments. All these taxes have separate and distinguishable taxation laws which provide for levy and collection of tax in a systematic manner.

It is a common phenomenon, that disputes with regard to in-direct taxation matters arise quite often on the ground that either a particular product/item is not taxable or on the ground of excessive taxation / double taxation or an inter-State taxation issue. The GST regime has certainly reduced the disputes with regard to Sale Tax to a large extent, however the disputes with regard to Central Excise Tax, Custom Tax and Service Tax is still a growing concern.

The taxation law experts at Legal Minds International assist to resolve the taxation disputes before Custom, Excise and Service Tax Appellate Tribunal(CESTAT) and also before various Competent Authorities and Commissioners under the taxation laws.

Litigation and Arbitration

Legal Minds International has expertise in conducting various litigations in the nature of Civil Suits, Appeals, Criminal Matters, N.I.Act matters, Writs, Writ Appeals, Litigations under Arbitration Law U/s. 9, 11, 34, 37; SLPs, NCLT, NCLAT, National and other Consumer Forums, National Green Tribunal etc.

Legal Minds International has got rich experience in conducting Arbitrations involving huge financial stakes before different arbitrators consisting of former Judges of High Court and Supreme Court.

Banking and Finance

The Banking and Finance practice of Legal Minds International covers the full range of international and domestic finance activities with particular emphasis on securitization, due-diligence, derivatives, banking, restructuring & insolvency, asset finance, project finance, insurance and other financial services.

Our firm represents clients before various legal forums and conduct matters before DRT, DRAT, Consumer Forums, IRDAI, MACT, Banking Ombudsman etc., apart from handling matters relating to dishonor of cheques under NI Act.

Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code:-

The Partners at LMI have rich experience in dealing with cases before NCLT and NCLAT arising out of Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code,2017.



Real Estate

The Partners at LMI advise their clients in the matter pertaining to Real Estate Sector. Legal Minds International prepares legal documentation for the purchase, leasing, sale, mortgage of real estate properties including commercial, industrial, agricultural and residential properties. The firm also advises clients on the applicable local laws, such as stamp duties and requirements of registration. As an integral part of this area of practice, we also advise on licensing and regulatory approvals required from government and statutory agencies. Legal Minds International also handles litigations under The Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013 and PMP Act, 1962.

Infrastructure Projects, Contract Drafting and Negotiation:

Legal Minds International has got a skilled team of lawyers for advisory and various litigations pertaining to the Infrastructure Projects. Further, LMI also undertakes Comprehensive Contract Management Support for multi-crore contracts of big Corporates wherein a 'Beginning to End' legal support would be provided for the contract. The lawyers in Legal Minds International are experts in drafting various types of Contracts and Contract Negotiation.

Labour, Industrial and Service Law:

Labour Laws with regard to unorganised Sector is always a matter of concern for big Industries and Corporates. The multifarious Labour and Industrial Law Compliances, the complexities in labour management, the Contract labour issues etc., are the key areas wherein the Industries and Corporates need legal and specialised support. Legal Minds International specialises in all the Labour and Industrial Legislations in India viz., Industrial Dispute Act 1947, Trade Union Act 1926, Minimum Wages Act 1948, Payment of Wages Act 1936, Factories Act 1948, Payment of Bonus Act 1965, Equal Remuneration Act 1976, Payment of Gratuity Act 1972, Employee's Compensation Act 1923 etc. LMI advises the industries and Corporates on the above laws and also conducts relevant litigations before various Courts/Tribunals on the subject.

Legal Research and Training:

Legal Minds International is a pioneer law firm in conducting Training Programmes, Symposiums and Workshops on legal subjects relevant to various industries. The training programmes designed by Legal Minds International are mainly meant for Non-Law Executives at all levels, though the executives and assistants in law departments would also be benefited. Legal Minds International has got a dedicated research team who constantly update the Lawyers and Clients in various developments of law on day to day basis.



About our partners:-



A.V.S.Subramanyam
LL.M (Constitutional Law)
& LL.M (Labour Laws)
Advocate &
Managing Partner

Shri A.V.S. Subramanyam has got an experience of more than 19 years in the legal field particularly in the sectors of Oil & Gas and Banking. Shri Subramanyam handled multifarious litigations including arbitrations. Shri Subramanyam advised GAIL(India) Ltd; SBH and SBBJ as their in-house legal counsel. He is well versed with all the legal issues and litigations with regard to the OIL and Natural Gas Sector. Shri Subramanyam has got special expertise in drafting and settling of various agreements relating to Oil & Gas sector such as Gas Sale and Purchase Agreements, Gas Transmission Agreements, agreements with Consignee stockists, Share Holders Agreements, Bank Guarantees, Confidentiality Agreements, Non-Disclosure Agreements, Tolling Term Sheets, Definitive Agreements, Side letter of various existing contracts, Secondment agreements, Commodity Swapping agreements etc. Further, Shri Subramanyam has got proven track record in conducting arbitrations pertaining to OIL & Gas Sector.



Niraj Kumar
LLB
Advocate &
Managing Partner

Shri Niraj Kumar has got an experience of more than 17 years in the legal field particularly in the sectors of Oil & Gas, Banking, multifarious litigations including arbitrations. Shri Niraj Kumar worked as an in-house legal counsel in various Corporates such as STFC, Kotak Bank, ICICI Bank, Cholamadalam DBS and GAIL(India) Ltd. He is well versed with all the legal issues and litigations with regard to the OIL and Natural Gas Sector and Banking Sector. Shri Niraj Kumar has got special expertise in drafting and settling of various agreements relating to OIL & Gas sector such as Gas Sale and Purchase Agreements, Gas Transmission Agreements, agreements with Consignee stockists, Share Holders Agreements, Bank Guarantees, Confidentiality Agreements, Non-Disclosure Agreements, Tolling Term Sheets, Definitive Agreements, Side letter of various existing contracts, Secondment agreements, Commodity Swapping agreements etc. Further, Shri Niraj has got proven track record in conducting arbitrations pertaining to Oil & Gas Sector.



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