

# TMT LAW PRACTICE

WHERE LAW MEETS INNOVATION

# ABOUT OUR FIRM

TMT Law Practice (“Firm”) is a full-service law firm offering a wide array of services and cross-sectoral expertise in the Technology, Media, and Telecommunications sectors. The Firm’s services include practice area offerings such as Intellectual Property, Product Advisory, Corporate/Commercial and Transactional support in Mergers & Acquisitions, Dispute Resolution & Arbitration (including White Collar Crimes), Regulatory Litigation & Advisory, Private Equity and Venture Capital transactions, Competition Law, Insolvency & Bankruptcy, Employment Law. We also provide Policy and Legislative Drafting support across industry verticals. The Firm represents a broad range of clients including Fortune 500 companies, Small & Medium Enterprises (SMEs), high-growth enterprises/companies, and Start-ups.

While the Firm also engages in the practice of the conventional domains of law, it is heavily invested in the niche, emerging areas of law: Technology - Online Gaming, Cybersecurity, Internet of Things, Artificial Intelligence, FinTech, HealthTech, and AgriTech; Commercial Space; Defense and Aerospace; Life Sciences and Healthcare; Privacy and Data Protection; Sports.

Abhishek Malhotra, the Founding Partner of the Firm, graduated from National Law School India University, Bangalore. He also holds an LLM degree from the Franklin Pierce School of Law, USA and is admitted to the Bar in the State of California, in addition to India. He has 25 years of experience, with expertise in Intellectual Property, TMT, Regulatory Litigation & Advisory as well as Commercial Disputes. His primary areas of expertise include technology, media, telecommunications, and commercial space.

**Rajeev Parashar** heads the Corporate/Commercial and Transactional vertical. **Aahna Mehrotra** leads the Sports & Gaming verticals; **Anushree Yewale**, a partner at the Firm, leads the Media & Entertainment Practice, along with **Urjita Srikant**, a principal associate at the Firm.

**Sonal Chhablani**, associate partner, leads the litigation and co-leads the IP practice at the Firm with **Sanya Sehgal**. **Pritish Sahoo** and **Nishtha Chaturvedi**, associate partners at the Firm, lead the Technology and Data Protection verticals of the Firm with **Alaqshendra Singh**, Senior Associate at the Firm.

We also rely upon our network of counsels, including **Deepak Biswas** for the Banking & Finance, Insolvency, and Employment Laws; **Ricab Chand**, for Disputes, and **Sai Mallik** for Financial Analysis, Due-Diligence, Taxation matters and regulatory compliances.

The Firm believes in developing well-rounded, solution-oriented professionals, who specialize in cross-sectoral expertise and client-focused service delivery. In addition to the individuals leading these practices, the Firm boasts of sharp and like-minded teams of associates as well.

# OUR SPECIALIST SECTORS

The Firm's practice combines an interdisciplinary team of litigators and transactional attorneys that advise prominent Technology, Media, & Telecommunications businesses.

Within the TMT space, we represent clients across the following specialist sectors:

## MEDIA & ENTERTAINMENT

The entire spectrum of the Media and Entertainment industry, including OTT, Television, Films, Radio, Audio-only, Music, Print, Events, Fashion, AR-VR platforms/services, and Art. The Firm works with domestic as well as international clients in rendering advisory, support, and litigation services which are peculiar to the media and entertainment sector. The Firm's lawyers have worked as in-house counsels at production houses, music labels, media companies and OTT platforms, and hence offer strong sector-centric expertise. The Firm represents industry associations across the film, television, events, and radio domains. Lawyers at TMT Law Practice have advised on end-to-end production deals, agreements and negotiations; marquee licensing and distribution deals, artist representation, broadcasting regulatory issues at the Supreme Court of India and the TDSAT; Liability of OTT platforms and news channels arising from Intermediary Guidelines, 2021; cross-border mergers and acquisitions; precedent-setting litigation, especially in the music licensing domain; and the like.

## SPORTS & GAMING

The Sports & Gaming sector, where our lawyers have been at the forefront of delivering solutions to National Sports Federations, league owners of professional leagues, sports management companies, sportspersons, and broadcasters. Sports is an emerging area of practice in the country, both from the business as well as the legal standpoint. Our lawyers, however, have been at the forefront of discharging quality legal advice to this nascent practice area. In addition to the advisory services, our lawyers have created a large body of work in terms of developing the legal structure, including through policy / regulatory intervention. The Firm has also been at the forefront of advising on the legality and operational aspects of fantasy sports, e-sports, and Real Money Gaming. In the gaming industry, we provide comprehensive legal support on various aspects, including the classification of games as games of skill or chance and the legal implications of different game formats. Our lawyers have helped clients steer through the complex regulatory landscape governing real-money gaming, fantasy sports, and eSports.

## **TECHNOLOGY**

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The Firm supports its clients in protecting their innovations, growing and expanding, complying with emerging digital regulations, and collaborating with tech companies and other partners. We routinely work across a wide variety of Technology industries, with deep expertise in transactional and product advisory for the IT and ITeS sectors, and sectoral expertise in Fintech, E-commerce, Intermediaries, OTT Platforms, Digital Healthcare & Pharmaceuticals, Unmanned Aerial Vehicles, Artificial Intelligence, Data Protection & Cybersecurity, Commercial Space/Satellite Communications, AgriTech.. The Firm's lawyers owing to their cross-sectoral expertise are able to dissect issues related to technology law in its intersection with general principles of law, contract, tort, consumer rights, product liability, privacy, commercial IP, and competition law. In the context of AI-driven products, the Firm helps developers navigate the rising regulatory scrutiny around data privacy laws, ensuring compliance with privacy norms when handling personal data. Our advisory focuses on identifying the source and category of data, securing user consent, and providing transparent opt-out mechanisms. We assist clients in assessing whether they are processing personal data or if anonymized or synthetic data can be used, ensuring privacy policies are clear and accessible, particularly for AI products. For companies handling sensitive data, we advise on age-gating mechanisms to protect children's data, conducting data protection impact assessments (DPIAs), and integrating opt-in or opt-out mechanisms for user data control. Additionally, we help our clients with third-party audits to verify compliance and ensure that their operations meet the highest data protection standards.

## **DATA PRIVACY**

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With a volatile regulatory environment around information technology and Data Privacy in the country, the industry-wide feeling of vulnerability vis-à-vis alignment of their operations with the regulatory frameworks of several jurisdictions is real. Our team of lawyers are efficiently bridging the gap, by constantly interacting with government representatives through think tanks on policy and regulatory issues, including engaging in active advocacy efforts towards the burgeoning legal framework for data protection in India. Our lawyers have experience in assisting in-house teams to implement the extant data protection laws across various territories with our network of competent foreign counterparts. We have rendered opinions on the domestic data privacy and protection requirements and have also represented clients in landmark cases on privacy, which in turn sparked the debate around the need for data privacy and data protection laws in the country. We have advised multiple businesses on compliance with the applicable data privacy and protection laws, along with a focus on the delivery of handholding solutions for implementation of the privacy measures at an enterprise level.

## FINTECH

The Firm has worked with several start-ups as well as larger companies in navigating through the regulatory landscape of the FinTech sector in the country. As the sector is one of the most heavily regulated, and is a high-risk sector, the lawyers at the Firm have always believed in providing a hand-holding exercise to the clients, enabling them to implement the legal compliance requirements without any internal or external resistance.

## HEALTHCARE, PHARMACEUTICALS, AND LIFE SCIENCES

Our healthcare, pharmaceuticals, and life sciences (HPLS) team advise across the practice areas like product development and brand protection, product liability and complex disputes, drug price control, advertising and marketing, clinical trials, competition and trade, commercial agreements, data privacy, employment issues, and market entry. In addition to our substantive experience, our lawyers have diverse backgrounds – with employment histories ranging from government services to in-house industry positions. We provide our services, keeping reputational risk in mind.

We advise clients throughout a product's life cycle to facilitate efficient research and development, successful launch, and commercialization, as well as to maximise the product's franchise; this approach integrates regulatory and marketing strategies and patent and trademark protection. The Firm provides a full range of transactional and advisory services to pharmaceutical, biotechnology, medical device, and agricultural companies in India and abroad. Our clients include many of the major national and multinational pharmaceutical companies as well as a wide array of biotechnology, diagnostic, and medical device companies, ranging from start-up ventures to industry leaders.

Along with our litigation, regulatory, and general advisory work, we assist pharmaceutical/medical device companies in their corporate transactional work ranging from taking them public; mergers & acquisitions; and creation of licensing agreements; to employment related issues and to real estate matters. Having worked with the NITI Aayog on the Telemedicine Practice Guidelines, 2020, and also leading the regulatory and policy conversations in relation to the Digital Healthcare and pharmaceutical sector, we are recognized as the go-to firm for issues that have arisen with the digital healthcare push by Government and industry alike. The attorneys at TMT Law Practice not only have extensive litigation experience in these areas but also have a keen understanding of the key requirements and concerns around clinical trials, liability, and insurance.

Our attorneys constantly engage with industry associations like the Telemedicine Society of India, the Indian Society for Clinical Research, NASSCOM - LHIF, CII, and FICCI in terms of realizing the industry goals and assisting these associations in thought leadership and making formal representations to governmental and intergovernmental bodies, alike. Apart from this, our attorneys also assist not-for-profit organizations, in matters related to end-of-life care, and organ transplantation.

## **TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

The dynamic Telecommunications sector and service providers therein, especially telecom, satellite, commercial space, in-flight and maritime connectivity, VNO, and the like have made this sector one of the most challenging and demanding ones. Our Telecom team endeavours to provide the most comprehensive coverage of the full range of issues in the sector. The team with its unique approach and understanding of the issues that lie at the intersection of technology, business, and the law, advises clients on a range of issues covering regulatory and commercial advice, legal and policy advice, negotiating transactions, contract compliance, and approvals, dispute resolution, etc. The team has deep domain expertise and has advised the entire spectrum of players in these fields including telecom service providers (voice, data, VPN, and value-added services), telecom and broadcast infrastructure entities (including satellites, cable, DTH, MSO, TV, etc.); digital media companies, app-based communication services, online and video game developers. The team has significant experience in representing clients, in legal proceedings involving the Indian telecommunications regulator (TRAI) and appellate body, MEITY as well as the various state high courts and the Supreme Court of India on various telecom policy matters.

The lawyers at the Firm are regularly consulted on regulatory issues surrounding the edge of the telecom and technology industry, including 5G, Orbital permissions, cloud infrastructure, etc.

## **COMMERCIAL SPACE**

Our Firm has worked with both domestic as well as overseas players in rendering advisory, support, and handholding services specific to the nascent commercial space sector. The Firm has worked with international satellite operators and service providers, in advising them on their new service offerings, their negotiations with DTH service providers and other "consumers" of satellite services; and on making representations to the Directorate General of Civil Aviation, Ministry of Civil Aviation, Department of Telecommunications and Telecom Regulatory Authority of India with respect to permissions around in-flight and maritime connectivity, Spacecom Policy, Space Transportation Policy, Remote Sensing Policy, Geospatial Policy, Indian Space Policy, Norms, Guidelines and Procedures for Authorization of Space Activities and the like. The Firm regularly engages with the commercial space industry and actively participates in advocacy efforts towards a robust ecosystem for commercial space. We have worked with international satellite operators, offering regulatory, legal, and policy guidance on new service offerings. Our team also handles authorisations related to satellite connectivity, assisting companies with compliance, contract negotiations, and advocacy efforts to build a strong ecosystem in the commercial space and geospatial sectors.

## **ENERGY AND POWER**

We advise our clients on issues relating to renewable energy including solar energy and wind energy. We advise our clients on joint ventures, joint operation and maintenance agreements, opportunity exploration memorandum of understanding, and related agreements. We also advise on regulatory and environmental compliance related to power and energy projects.

- (i) Advising project developers, investors, and suppliers & contractors in the energy sector on diverse commercial/transactional issues and all aspects of licensing, market structures, competition, performance standards & tariffs;
- (ii) Providing policy advice to governmental & regulatory authorities on issues like the development of legal, regulatory & policy frameworks and promotion of Public - Private Partnership;
- (iii) Advising on sustainable development issues like clean development mechanisms & environmental compliances;
- (iv) Handling resolution of disputes in various fora, including appellate tribunals, electricity regulatory commissions and courts, and alternate dispute resolution processes.

## **CORPORATE, COMMERCIAL, SECRETARIAL AND M&A**

The Firm's corporate and commercial team is unique in leveraging the experience of the Firm's dispute resolution practice to offer practical advice and solutions. We have carved a niche in customizing our offering to suit the needs of different types of clients, including Family Offices, High Net Worth Individuals (HNIs), Medium and Small Enterprises (MSMEs), Start-ups, Limited Liability Partnerships (LLPs), and the like. Our M&A and PE practice has a proven track record of representing clients in investments (financial and strategic) and debt structuring, share and asset acquisition, and disposal transactions. We have also effectively represented and assisted investees based out of India (including registered companies, NBFCs, and corporate groups), receiving private equity investments in domestic or cross-border deals, with commercial solutions across a variety of industries including gaming, media, software, pharmaceuticals, e-commerce, fintech, education, insurance (including re-insurance companies) and infrastructure. Many of these transactions involve complex and novel structures and are multi-jurisdictional. We have also advised our clients (listed or unlisted, as applicable), with respect to setting up and structuring business in India, legal and regulatory implications of the various applicable laws such as companies' law, trust laws, foreign contributions, partnerships, and limited partnership matters and compliance under the SEBI takeover regulations and insider trading regulations. Working closely with specialists in the areas of finance, taxation, and accounting enables us to add value to any transaction and effectively handle sophisticated transactions of different levels. Within a short span of time, the team has managed to successfully assist clients with negotiations, strategizing exit mechanisms, resolving issues relating to winding up and repatriation of proceeds, drafting other commercial and corporate documents, and conducting due diligence exercises. We are consciously sensitive to the expectations and requirements of our diverse clientele, be it in a cross-border or a domestic deal.

## **INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY**

The intellectual property law practice at the Firm encompasses all facets of IP, i.e., patents, trademarks, copyrights, designs, trade secrets, and right of publicity; and the service offerings include litigation, prosecution, advisory, enforcement, and management of intellectual property rights. Notable matters/representations include the first and only case of fixation of music royalty under a compulsory and statutory licensing regime; the first case on Standard Essential Patents; the first John Doe order granted by the Courts in India with respect to piracy by cable operators and websites; the first case of enforcement of the right of publicity by a celebrity; Represent clients in the prosecution and management of IP portfolios in India and overseas, assist companies in strategizing around the transfer of IP from one entity to another, while ensuring the tax structure and benefits inuring in favor of the company remains intact, assist multinational corporations in structuring, negotiating, and effecting their cross-border IP transmission agreements, with focus on services related to technical know-how, consultancy services, and related.

## **DISPUTE RESOLUTION / ARBITRATION**

The Firm's USP is its dispute resolution practice and specifically, the experience of the lawyers in presenting cases themselves with minimum reliance on Senior Advocates. Our lawyers have experience in a diverse array of subject matter and have been recognized as leading practitioners in areas of commercial contract and corporate litigation, regulatory litigation, intellectual property, energy, media and entertainment, broadcasting, and insolvency. The Firm has represented clients in different fora, including the Supreme Court of India and the High Courts across the country, and various Tribunals, such as the Competition Commission of India, the National Company Law Tribunal, and the Appellate Tribunal (which now holds additional charge of the Competition Appellate Tribunal), the Telecom Disputes Settlement and Appellate Tribunal, the Appellate Tribunal for Electricity, the National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission, etc. The Firm has extensive experience in appearing for litigations of complex nature and its lawyers have handled various high-profile litigations before different fora across the country. The Firm is also known for its services in the Alternate Dispute Resolution arena across a wide variety of subject-agnostic commercial disputes. During this past year, the Firm has: (i) Successfully represented one of India's leading hotel aggregators in an arbitral award whose value is USD 630 Million. (ii) Successfully represented a leading broadcaster in international commercial arbitration at LCIA for the non-payment of a license fee under a cross-border Channel License and Distribution Agreement. (iii) Represented a leading bulk messaging aggregation service provider on a dispute pertaining to the recovery of dues. (iv) Represented a leading sports franchise owner on a determination of the admissibility of an arbitration clause in an inadequately stamped agreement in a dispute with a sponsor.

## **INSOLVENCY, BANKRUPTCY, AND INSURANCE**

Our expertise in the banking sector ranges from recovery actions for banks and financial institutions to legal management, restructuring, and reorganization of banking assets and NPAs under the ambit and purview of all extant laws of the country including policies pertaining to the restructuring of non-performing assets including constitution and formation of JLFs. In the process, we have acquired an in-depth knowledge and understanding of the banking sector, the markets, and their legal and regulatory frameworks. The Firm's proficiency in the insurance sector extends to regular coordination with the sector regulator, IRDA, in matters of licenses and major legal compliances for and on behalf of leading insurance companies.

- (i) Representing and assisting major foreign as well as Indian banks in the corporate lending sector, SMEs as well as the large enterprise sector in recovery proceedings before all applicable and necessary forums, including the High Courts and the Supreme Court of India as well as in other criminal/civil matters pertaining to and arising out of such recovery proceedings.
- (ii) Advised and rendered legal opinions on regulatory issues.
- (iii) Represented clients in proceedings under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 simultaneous with or in alternate to (i) recovery proceedings, and (ii) constitution of JLF as well as other restructuring mechanisms under extant RBI guidelines.
- (iv) Rendered advisory opinions pertaining to restructuring/reorganizing NPAs for the banks/financial institutions and their onward sale to ARCs or other financial institutions.

## **WHITE COLLAR CRIME**

The White-Collar Crime Practice of the Firm includes not only representation and advice in relation to matters that are initiated or pending before courts of law or tribunals but also representation before investigation authorities such as the Enforcement Directorate, Serious Frauds Investigation Office, Economic Offences Wings of the various States, etc. Our lawyers have experience in advising on matters related to the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002, Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881, Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, 1954, the Official Secrets Act, 1923, penal provisions of economic legislations such as the Companies Act, 2013, Customs Act, 1962, Central Goods and Service Tax Act along with various state legislations on state goods and service tax, Public Gambling Act, 1867, Prize Competition Act, 1955, Information Technology Act, 2000, and the like.

## **PUBLIC POLICY & REGULATORY AFFAIRS**

The political, regulatory, and legal landscape across the globe is posing several challenges to businesses. We engage with clients closely to understand their business and the specific compliance requirements. It is no longer a 'free' world in the true sense of the word. Whether it is protectionism, terrorist threat, commerce, or plain vanilla demonstration of authority, we are now living in an increasingly regulated world. Inherent in the decision to regulate is also the decision to forbear. In such an environment, we have, over the last 4-5 years, witnessed a sudden spurt in the exercise of regulatory powers by the different departments of the Government. The TRAI, DOT, SEBI, DIPP, RBI, MIB, MeITY – have all been busy and have kept the businesses and the citizens equally engaged, both in a participative manner during the consultation process, as also as the beneficiary of the direct consequences of such regulation forbearance. TMT Law Practice is strategically positioned – both geographically (headquartered in the Capital – New Delhi, the nerve centre of all policy-regulatory activity), as well as by virtue of having handled advisory as well as litigation work in the regulatory space, across sectors-ministries. Our lawyers are principal advisors to leading think tanks and are often called upon to offer expert advice on matters of current importance by periodicals and the electronic media and have been on committees and working groups that have advised/offered assistance to government departments on critical and cutting-edge issues.

## **COMPETITION & ANTITRUST**

The Firm has engaged in various matters in the domain of Competition Law since the Competition Act, 2002 came into effect in 2009. We have advised clients on a variety of matters and provided services that have included filing Information/Complaints before the Competition Commission of India ("CCI") and contesting information/complaints at the *prima facie* stage and final stages. We have also assisted clients during the process of investigation before the Director-General, CCI ("DG"). The Firm has also been engaged by clients in the appellate process where we have either appealed against orders passed by the Competition Appellate Tribunal or have defended CCI orders before the Competition Appellate Tribunal or the High Court and the Supreme Court of India. Our lawyers have also advised the CCI and the office of the DG, on issues of ongoing and current importance to assist with the investigation and/or determination of market dominance. We regularly advise clients on opinions to review agreements/actions from the perspective of compliance with the terms of the Competition Act, 2002, including issues such as abuse of dominance in the electronics business, broadcasting industry, digital gaming, digital health, sports business, etc.

# Our Partners

## ABHISHEK MALHOTRA

Mr. Abhishek Malhotra is a member of the Bar Councils of Delhi and California, USA. He has twenty-five years of experience in the primary areas of expertise, including intellectual property, commercial dispute resolution, technology, media and telecommunications and commercial space. He has advised clients in minimizing legal risks and devising strategies for safeguarding against civil and criminal liability. Mr Malhotra is a principal advisor on various policy think tanks and is regularly invited to speak on emerging issues and regulatory changes in the TMT space, including the recent Telecommunications Bill, Information Technology Rules, 2022, Data Protection Bill, Web 3.0 policy concerns, Telemedicine Guidelines, 2020. Abhishek's expertise in the media sector has resulted in a close alliance with production houses, broadcasters, and artists across the industry, and he is recognized as the go to professional on industry issues in broadcasting, music and sports. He offers a rare combination of IPR, corporate advisory and dispute resolution services to the sector, throughout the country. His contributions to the policy realm are in providing inputs to the Government of India on copyright issues and proposed amendments to the Copyright Act, 1957 and as a Principal Advisor to the Broadband India Forum on issues relating to Telecommunications industry, Satellite Communications, Data Privacy, Broadcasting, etc.

Mr. Malhotra has provided inputs to the Government of India on issues of copyright, data privacy, satellite communications, etc. He was also the Chairperson at the INTA Annual Conference on the topic of strategies for brand owners in the BRIC countries (Seattle, 2009). He advises several think-tanks, and, associations in the field of Technology, Media & Telecommunications. He has spoken at the: National Judicial Academy, Bhopal on Enforcement of Trademark Rights – Civil and Criminal Remedies (May, 2008); Indo-America Chambers of Commerce conference on Doing Business in India from an IP perspective (Dallas, April 2008); Indo-America Chambers of Commerce conference on Leveraging Intellectual Property Rights for Business (Mumbai, June 2007); Music industry conferences at MIDEM, France where he has contributed to the annual legal publication of the International Association of Entertainment Lawyers (January 2005, January 2007, January 2008); International Trademark Association conference on protection of shapes of goods (Rome, December 2006). An updated version of this paper was published in the INTA Bulletin in July 2008; World Intellectual Property Office – FICCI conference on protection of rights of broadcasting organizations (October 2004).

## AAHNA MEHROTRA

Ms. Aahna Mehrotra is a Partner at TMT Law Practice. She was called to the Bar in May 2011 and has gained considerable exposure through her experiences at different institutions worldwide, including during her stint at UCLA School of Law, from where she has a Master's degree in Entertainment & Sports Law; and a second Master's degree in Sports Law from ISDE, Madrid. Aahna is actively involved in the day-to-day affairs of the business of sports. She regularly advises clients on matters relating to league formulation, transfer of players, selection disputes, arbitration, intellectual property rights, media and broadcasting rights, sponsorship and merchandising agreements, gaming and betting laws, fantasy sports, and contract law. She has been instrumental in setting up some of the major franchise-based leagues both, in India and abroad and has also worked with several sports start-ups across industries like tech, education, grassroots, media, etc. She serves as a visiting faculty at several sports law and management programmes of repute and is regularly invited to speak at sports conferences. Aahna serves as the Vice Chairperson on the National Anti-Doping Disciplinary Panel and is a member of the Arbitrational Tribunal constituted by Football Delhi. Amongst her most notable publications is co-authoring the second edition of the book 'Law and Sports in India' published by LexisNexis.

## **ANUSHREE YEWALE**

Anushree Yewale is a Partner at TMT Law Practice. She has over 10 years of work experience in the media and entertainment sector. Prior to joining TMT Law Practice, Anushree has worked with a boutique intellectual property rights law firm. She has provided end-to-end support to numerous production houses, broadcasting companies, talent management agencies, and independent artists, provided transactional and advisory-related services for content creation and content exploitation across various modes, media, and formats, structured, negotiated, and implemented complex transactions involving S&P compliance for scripts development and production of audio-visual content, distribution, and acquisition of audio-visual content, merchandising deals, film licensing and assignment deals and other ancillary transactions, negotiated sponsorship and endorsement contracts including celebrity licensing, cleared advertising for use in online and off-line media, and handled product placement and media productions.

## **SONAL CHABBLANI**

Sonal comes with 10 years of post-qualification experience in practicing Litigation and Transactional Law, having expertise in media and entertainment law, copyright law, trademark law, and design law. She did her Bachelor of Law from Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University, Delhi in the year 2013 and completed her Master of Law in Intellectual Property and Technology law from the National University of Singapore in the year 2016. She started her career at Anand and Anand and then worked at Singh & Singh and thereafter, at Saikrishna & Associates. Sonal has worked with a wide range of clients, from start-ups to Fortune 500 companies, and represented them before all levels of the Indian courts including the Supreme Court, High Courts, and other tribunals. She routinely represents clients in intellectual property and commercial disputes, such as copyright infringement, licensing disputes, trademark infringement, and design infringement. She has been recognized as a Rising Star in India by Managing IP, for her contribution to the field of Intellectual Property Law. She has also been an active speaker on various webinars organized by Cell for IPR Promotion and Management (CIPAM) and other organizations in association with various universities across the country on IPR awareness, copyright, and related rights for students, professors, and district court judges. She is also a trained Mediator by Accords International accredited and certified by ADR Register, Global Network Group, Amsterdam..

## **PRITISH SAHOO**

Pritish has 9 years of work experience and is a motivated legal counsel with a track record of successfully handling legal and business matters in the field of media and technology. He started his career at Wadia Ghandy & co. and has gone on to work with Shemaroo Entertainment, BBC Studios, and Viacom18 Media Private Limited. He has strong expertise in drafting and negotiating various agreements related to intellectual property, digital media, online gaming & privacy, and is adept at providing legal advice to clients on complex matters and delivering excellent results in a fast-paced and dynamic environment.

He is also a certified privacy professional (CIPP/E), accredited by the International Association of Privacy Professionals.

## **NISHTHA CHATURVEDI**

Nishtha has over 8 years of work experience in Disputes Resolution, with specific areas of expertise in Commercial Arbitrations and Corporate Insolvency issues. She started her career at Bharucha & Partners and went on to join the disputes team at Luthra & Luthra Law Offices. Prior to joining TMT Law Practice, Nishtha was a part of the Saraf and Partners Disputes Team. During her tenure at Saraf and Partners, Nishtha has represented clients on several high value arbitrations, involving disputes in the infrastructure, banking, shipping, and trade sectors. She has also represented clients in arbitration-related court proceedings. Apart from arbitrations, she has acted for clients in insolvency proceedings concerning some of the largest NPA accounts.

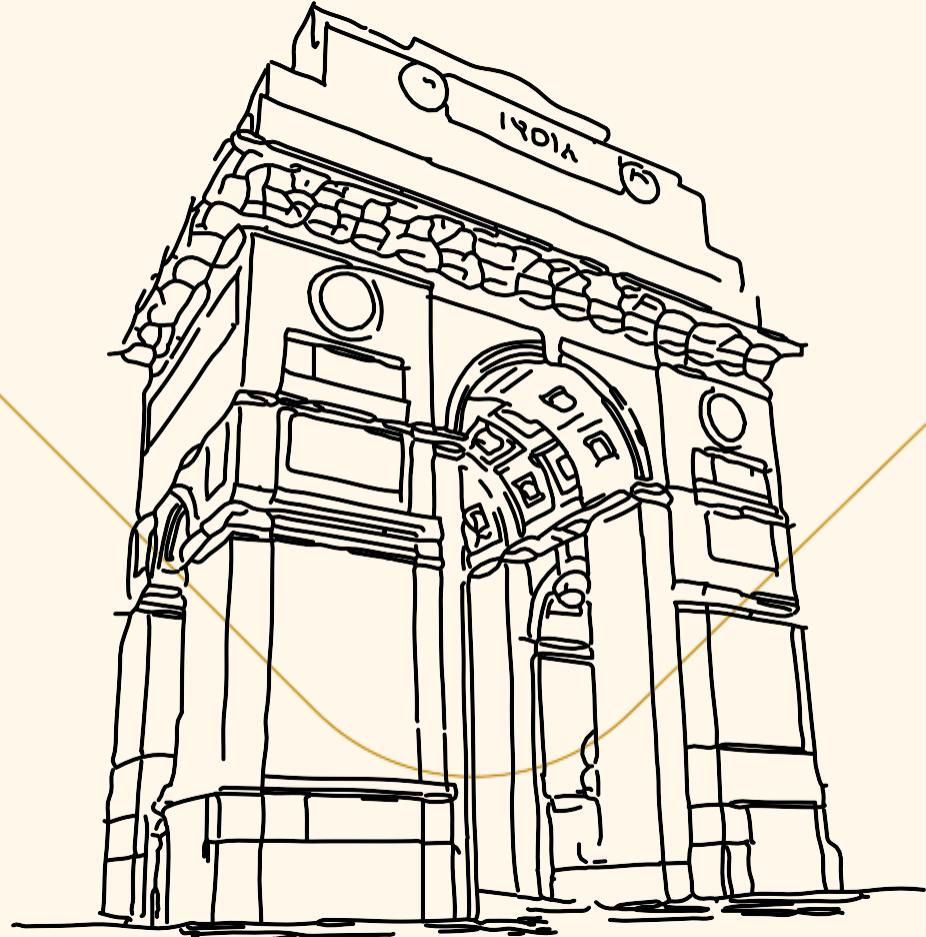
Nishtha also advises clients on a range of regulatory issues, corporate criminal matters and litigation strategy and has wide experience in drafting as well as in strategizing for matters. She has handled a wide variety of matters and appeared before various fora, including the Supreme Court, Delhi High Court, Arbitral Tribunals, National Company Law Tribunal, Telecom Disputes Settlement and Appellate Tribunal. Appeared and argued extensively before the National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission.

## **DEEPAK BISWAS**

Deepak commenced his practice in the chambers of Sr. Adv. Rajiv Shakdher, (since elevated as a judge of the Delhi High Court) and thereafter, in the chambers of Sr. Adv. Sanjay Sen. He honed his litigation skills primarily in the energy and power sector, representing generating companies and state utilities across State regulators, the Appellate Tribunal for Electricity whilst also representing clients in energy-related disputes before various High Courts as well as the Supreme Court of India. In 2009, Deepak joined AZB & Partners, and then in 2011, Luthra and Luthra Law Offices where he continued with his focus on corporate and commercial litigation. In 2013, Deepak set up independent litigation and dispute resolution practices primarily in commercial litigation and in the energy, and separately, banking, and financial sector. He joined Bharucha & Partners as a Partner in 2017 and continued with commercial arbitrations and ancillary litigations and also advised several Indian and Multinational banks, and financial institutions including in relation to assets/debt restructuring under The IBC Code, and then moved back to independent practice in July 2018.

## **SAI MALLIK**

Mr. Sai Mallik Vadlapatla comes with over 12 years of experience in corporate laws and regulations with an ability to interpret and apply different corporate and tax laws along with respective regulations and with proven expertise in Financial Analysis, Due-Diligence, Valuation, Direct Tax Laws, Indirect Tax Laws, International Tax Laws, and regulatory compliances along with appropriate financial reporting requirements. He completed in Chartered Accountancy from The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India in 2013, followed by Actuaries from The Institute of Actuaries of India in 2019, further LLB from Maharishi University of Law in 2022. Before joining TMT Law Practice, Mr. Mallik worked at Brahmayya & Co, Chartered Accountants for 5 years after which he founded the firm, VASAMA CONSULTING which was now being renamed as VASAMA ADVISORY AND ADVOCACY serving his clients for the past 7 years. He also advised as a consultant for HDFC Life Insurance in its premium pricing strategies over a period of 4 years. He also served as CFO, finance and tax consultant for various companies including startups. He appears regularly in various Tribunals in Chennai, Hyderabad, and Bangalore. He has practiced extensively in the field of corporate and commercial litigation in the areas of Mergers & Acquisitions, Direct Taxation, Indirect Taxation, International Taxation, Arbitrations, Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, Financial Analysis and Valuation.



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