



# Ashish Mehta

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## Practice/s

Direct Tax

Domestic & International Tax

Tax Disputes resolution

Transfer Pricing

Tax representations / Tax  
investigation counselling

## Education

LL.B., Mumbai University

Chartered Accountant,  
Institute of Chartered  
Accountants of India (ICAI)  
and Company Secretary,  
Institute of Company  
Secretaries of India (ICSI).

Ashish Mehta is Partner in the Direct Tax Practice of the firm. A qualified lawyer and chartered accountant, he brings a distinctive combination of legal and analytical expertise to complex tax matters. With nearly two decades of experience in direct taxation, Ashish focuses on high-stakes tax litigation and strategic advisory on matters involving offshore assets, exchange of information, and related investigations and prosecutions.

His practice also spans domestic and international taxation, transfer pricing, search and seizure proceedings, and tax prosecution and compounding. He regularly advises and represents clients before tax authorities and courts in India. He has extensive experience of appearances and working with local counsel across jurisdictions including the United Kingdom, Switzerland, and Singapore in matters concerning exchange of information.

Prior to joining the firm in 2012, Ashish was part of the tax team of one of the leading Indian chartered accountancy firms based in Mumbai.

## REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

In his areas of expertise, Ashish has represented and advised clients which include:

- Advised a number of large corporates and MNC clients on applications filed before the Authority for Advance Rulings (seeking advance rulings on applicability of tax treaties) and subsequent litigation in High Courts;
- A large business family in bringing a successful challenge in an offshore court against the proposed information sharing between a Channel Islands nation (this was the first successful challenge in that nation) and India;
- A large Japanese Corporate group on obtaining a favorable / Nil withholding tax certificate from the tax department on a high value exit from a telecom business joint venture in India;
- A number of Indian corporates on the aftermath of acquiring companies under the Indian Insolvency and Bankruptcy code

including filing multiple writ petitions challenging proceedings initiated by tax authorities for pre-insolvency periods;

- Various clients (corporates, HNIs, promoters of leading business houses) on cross-border foreign assets matters including advising/assistance on investigations and defense in multi-jurisdictional proceedings initiated by tax as well as other global law enforcement agencies, matters concerning invocation of Black Money Act and Benami laws, etc;
- Various corporates, MNC's and HNIs in high value tax assessments, appeals, writ petitions, etc, including bringing challenges against reassessment notices, strategizing and appearances in demand proceedings wherein complete stay was granted, advising clients in unfreezing of bank accounts, assets attached by tax enforcement agencies;
- Various clients in bringing constitutional challenges against tax provisions, made various representations to Central Board of Direct Taxes in India (the apex tax administration body in India), advised clients in availing tax dispute settlement schemes, income disclosure schemes, etc.

## PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Ashish has authored / co-authored numerous articles in various Indian and international legal journals. Some of his contributions include:

- An article published by the International Fiscal Association titled "GAAR - An Evolving Statutory and Judicial Landscape Redefining the Substance Over Form Approach."
- A series of articles on Black Money and Benami laws for TaxSutra and other leading publications;
- Practical and jurisprudential hurdles in claiming Corresponding Adjustment - A review of AB vs. Swedish Tax Agency (International Tax Journal, Chambers of Tax Consultants);
- Was invited by the ABA / IBA (American Bar Association / International Bar Association) to deliver a presentation on global provisions concerning exchange of information (at the 24th Annual U.S. and Europe Tax Practice Trends held in Munich, Germany);
- Co-authored an article on the concept of 'May be taxed' appearing in Indian tax treaties for International Tax Review, a leading UK tax publication.