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Practices: Dispute Resolution

Education:

LL.B., Delhi University (2006)

B.A. (Hons.) (Economics), Delhi University (2002)

Professional Affiliations:

Bar Council of Delhi Advocate on Record, Supreme Court of India

Sectors:

Consumer / FMCG Telecom Pharmaceuticals and Healthcare Karun Mehta is a Partner in the Dispute Resolution Practice Group in the New Delhi office. Karun specializes in matters relating to Corporate and Commercial Disputes, Contract law, Consumer law, Securitisation, Insurance law, EPC Contract disputes, and has represented his clients in Arbitrations (Domestic & International) and before the Supreme Court of India, various High Courts, and Quasi-judicial Authorities/ Tribunals. Karun is also an Advocate-on-record at the Supreme Court of India.

Karun is regularly consulted for pre-litigation and preventive advisory and is also advising foreign law firms and clients on their queries pertaining to Indian laws.

Representative Matters:

In his area of expertise, Karun has represented and advised the following clients:

Civil and Commercial:

- Petronet LNG Limited on its dispute with Cochin Port Trust and Tariff Authority for Major Ports and in relation to arbitration proceedings under EPC contracts against Afcons.
- BMW AG/ BMW India Private Limited advising and representing before various jurisdictional courts and in arbitration proceedings with respect to its contractual disputes;
- BMW Financial Services Private Limited preventive and pre-litigation advisory, Arbitrations and related judicial proceedings in relation to various financing contracts.
- TBEA Shenyang Transformers Group Company Limited on an International Commercial Arbitration against Alstom Projects India Limited;
- Reliance Broadcast Network Limited on its dispute with Delhi Metro Rail Corporation before Supreme Court of India and in arbitration;
- Vossloh Group, Germany on (i) shareholders' dispute initiated by their Indian Counterpart (Arbitration and other

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related proceedings in Hyderabad Court), and (ii) arbitration and other related proceedings in relation to their dispute with Delhi Metro Rail Corporation.

- Godrej & Boyce Mfg. Co. Ltd. on a dispute pertaining to applicability of provisions of the Maharashtra Private Forests (Acquisition) Act, 1975 and the Indian Forest Act, 1927 (Supreme Court);
- Allen & Gledhill LLP, Singapore and its client PT Makmur Sejahtera Wisesa, Indonesia in relation to contractual dispute with Punj Lloyd Limited, India;
- Petrofac International (UAE) LLC on various issues relating to Indian Contract Act;
- **IWK (Thailand) Limited** pre-litigation advisory in relation to potential dispute with Dr Reddy's Laboratory;
- Qmax Solutions Inc. pre-litigation advisory and in arbitration proceedings in relation to its contractual disputes with ONGC Limited;
- BLS International advisory in relation to various contracts with for providing immigration services;
- Mondelez (earlier known as Cadbury) and M/s Hershey India Private Limited, in a challenge to the applicability of National Biological Diversity Act, 2002 before the High Court of Madhya Pradesh;
- United Breweries, United Spirits and Radico Khaitan before Supreme Court in their challenge to the levy of water tax based on NEERI report by Maharashtra Industrial Development Corporation;
- Hyderabad Industries Limited before Supreme Court of India in relation to disputes pertaining to tenancy and sales tax;
- **Ultratech Limited** before Supreme Court in their matter relating to Land Acquisition;
- Vasavadatta Cement Limited in matter before Supreme Court challenging the manner of inclusion of their Industrial Township within the Municipal Limits;
- Glenmark Pharmaceuticals, FDC Limited, Swiss Gamier and M/s Lupin Limited before Supreme Court of India in their challenge by way of Writ Petition to the inclusion of the bulk drug 'Theophylline' within the purview of the Drug Price Control Order, 1995;
- Jindal Steel and Power Limited in their varied matters (Arbitration and Challenge to levy of Terminal Tax before High Court of Chhattisgarh);
- Aditya Birla Sunlife Asset Management Company in relation to a Commercial Dispute before the Delhi High Court;
- United Breweries Holding Limited/Kingfisher Airlines Limited in relation to its ongoing dispute with various local



and International lenders and creditors before Supreme Court of India, Delhi High Court and Trial Court;

- Riga Sugar Limited before National Green Tribunal and Central Pollution Control Board on issues relating to Environmental Protection Act;
- SREI Infrastructure Finance Limited, in an arbitration proceeding in relation to a contractual dispute arising out of a tender matter;
- Aanchal Cement Limited in an arbitration against Gimpex Limited;
- India Power Corporation (Haldia) Limited in arbitration proceedings against Scorpio Engineering Limited;
- LG Electronics India Limited advising on their ongoing civil dispute with USHA India Limited;
- LEDVANCE India Private Limited advising on issues relating to Legal Metrology Act;
- **Delhi Golf Club** in relation to membership dispute before the Delhi High Court;
- India Golf Union in relation to execution of arbitration award against Par Sports Private Limited and advising on issues relating to the National Sports Development Code, 2011;

<u>Telecom:</u>

- Idea Cellular Limited on its various matters before TDSAT, Delhi High Court and Supreme Court against TRAI and service providers; and
- Sistema Shyam Teleservices Limited on issues relating to renewal of telecom license.

Winding-Up:

- Qmax Solutions Inc. on a winding-up proceeding before Uttarakhand High Court against Schlumberger Solutions Private Limited;
- Singapore Telecommunication Limited on initiating winding-up proceedings against APL Infotech Limited before the Delhi High Court;
- Al-Rawas Mining Co LLC on winding-up proceedings before the Delhi High Court;
- PEB (IndoChina) Limited on winding-up proceeding against PEB Steel Llyod (India) Limited before the Delhi High Court; and
- Saregama India Limited in winding-up proceeding against Mahua Media Private Limited.



Consumer Law:

- Mahindra Holidays and Resorts Private Limited on their consumer disputes before National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission and Supreme Court of India;
- BMW AG/ BMW India Private Limited on their varied Consumer Disputes and Preventive Advisory;
- Benetton India on varied matters (Consumer Disputes and Preventive Advisory);
- Petronet LNG Limited on dispute with HDFC Standard Life Insurance Company Limited;
- Jones Lang LaSalle on its dispute against HDFC Ergo regarding insurance claim;
- Harley Davidson India on their varied matters, pan-India and
- BM Birla Heart Research Centre on a medical negligence case before the National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission.

Employment and Labour Laws:

- Jones Lang LaSalle on challenging the constitutional vires of the amendment to the Payment of Bonus Act;
- Petronet LNG Limited advising on Payment of Gratuity Act and Maternity Benefit Act; drafted employment contracts and code of ethics;
- Benetton India Private Limited on Maternity Benefit Act;
- BMW India Private Limited on legal issues involving contractual employment and Maternity Benefit Act; and
- **Hyderabad Industries Limited** on and drafting employment contracts and code of ethics for its employees.

White Collar Crime:

- Theiss Minecs Private Limited/Thiess Pty Ltd on criminal proceedings before Supreme Court of India;
- Dr Vijay Mallya, Chairman UB Group on the criminal proceedings initiated by the Enforcement Directorate before Delhi High Court and Supreme Court of India;
- RK Associates in the investigation initiated by Central Bureau of Investigation in relation to the Rail Neer Scam; and
- **Aanchal Cement Limited** in relation to proceedings before the Supreme Court of India challenging the order of Madras High Court rejecting the quash petition.



- BMW Financial Services Private Limited advising on Securitization Law; and
- Laxmi Venture Private Limited advised and represented on the issues relating to securitization law before District • Court and Delhi High Court.