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Sahil is a Partner with the Dispute Resolution and arbitration team at Delhi and is qualified to practice as an Advocate-on-record of the Supreme Court of India. Sahil has substantial experience in advising and representing domestic and international clients in commercial litigation and arbitration.

He has dealt with a broad variety of complex disputes including one of the biggest ever corporate frauds in India, the Satyam scam. He has also worked on numerous shareholder disputes and has represented clients before various forums. His work ranged from advising on regulatory issues to litigation before the Supreme Court of India, various High Courts, consumer forums and Tribunals across India. He is currently representing clients in the entertainment industry and EV sector across multiple fora.

Sahil has been extensively dealing with emerging areas of law such as sports law, food safety, legal metrology, insolvency and bankruptcy and has advised various domestic and global clients on issues involved in these areas of law.

He has also assisted and appeared before the domestic arbitral tribunals as well as institutional arbitral tribunals constituted under the SIAC, ICC and LCIA amongst others. Sahil has been awarded 40 Under 40 Rising Star 2020' by Legal Era - Legal Media Group and 'ALB India Rising Star 2022' by Asian Legal Business.

Practices:

Corporate Commercial Litigation
Arbitration
Mediation
Sports & Media
Company law

Education:

LL.M., NALSAR (2010)
LL.B., PU (2008)
B.A. (Hons. in Political Science), PU (2005)
Advocate on Record, Supreme Court of India (2018)

Professional Affiliations:

Enrolled with the Bar Council of Punjab and Haryana (2008)

Member, Delhi High Court Bar Association, Delhi

Member, Punjab and Haryana High Court Bar Association, Chandigarh

Member, Supreme Court Bar Association

Member, Supreme Court Advocates-on record Bar Association

Member, YSIAC

Representative Matters

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

Arbitrations and related proceedings:

- A large Japanese transport company in a shareholders' dispute before the Delhi High Court and before a Singapore seated emergency arbitrator under the aegis of SIAC.
- A faction of a large corporate family of India on arbitration and stamp duty issues relating to immovable assets and representing one of the factions of the family before the Bombay High Court as well as the Supreme Court.
- An International Commercial Arbitration seated in India arising out of a multi-jurisdictional dispute (Singapore, California USA and India) involving a claim of more than USD 1000 Million, for one of world's largest e-storage solutions providers.
- One of India's largest electric 2-wheeler manufacturers in two arbitrations, arising out of family disputes in relation to exclusivity of the rights over a well know trademark and name and the business of electric 2 wheelers and electric bicycles.

- A pioneer data and IT solutions provider, in an arbitration arising out of a dispute relating to setting up of Asia's largest and the world's third largest data center located in Bengaluru, India.

- A major steel manufacturer in arbitration related proceedings before the High Court of Delhi, against a public sector undertaking engaged in the function of gas supply.

- One of the leading players in the branded apparel retail industry in India in a commercial dispute relating to lease hold rights in a commercial property. Adjudication of the dispute involved nuances of the amended Specific Relief Act, 1963 as well as quantification of damages.

- One of India's leading cement manufacturers in an arbitration presided by a three-member arbitral tribunal in India, against an infrastructure major in relation to a claim for specific performance / damages under a long-term supply contract of raw material and also in various proceedings before the Delhi High Court emanating therefrom.

- An international data, media, analytic and event services company in the sports industry in an arbitration before a sole arbitrator relating to fee payable under the agreement for providing services.

- A major sports licensing company in India before the Delhi High Court in a petition under section 9 of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act 1996 and also before a court appointed mediator in a dispute with the owner of commercial rights granted to the client through a long-term agreement.

- A leading manufacturer and supplier of plant nutrients in India before the Delhi High Court in petitions under section 11 of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 in relation to gas supply and transmission agreements.

- A major corporate in the Indian natural resources industry against a Singapore company in an India seated international commercial arbitration before a three-member arbitral tribunal where the claim related to damages for non-supply of coal under a supply agreement.

- An Indian publicly held life insurance company before the High Court of Himachal Pradesh at Shimla in a petition challenging an arbitral award.

- One of the major Infrastructure and Construction services company in India in a petition under Section 34 of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 where an award of damages has been passed in favour of the client.

Litigation and other proceedings:

- PVR INOX Limited (earlier INOX Leisure Limited and PVR Limited) before forums across India on various disputes relating to their multiplexes.

- PVR INOX Limited before the Supreme Court and NCDRC in relation to the issue of Dual Pricing of packaged commodities.

- A Digital Connectivity Infrastructure company with global parentage against a public sector undertaking before the Delhi High Court seeking stay of the blacklisting orders.

- Multiplex Association of India before the Supreme Court of India and other forums including the Gujarat High Court and the Allahabad High Court, Lucknow Bench, Andhra Pradesh High Court and Rajasthan High Court, Jaipur Bench in relation to the issue of allowing outside food inside multiplexes.

- Multiplex Association of India in its challenge to the constitutional validity and legality of the Andhra Pradesh Cinemas (Regulation) (Amendment) Act, 2021 and various related Government Orders issued by the state of Andhra Pradesh mandating sale of tickets exclusively through a government-approved platform.

- Multiplex Association of India in its challenge to the constitutional validity and legality of government order no. G.O. Ms. No. 13 dated 07.03.2022 by way of which the Government of Andhra Pradesh issued directions in relation to: (a) fixation of admission rates for cinemas; and (b) making such admission rates inclusive of any service charge to be collected by the cinema owners.

- Multiplex Association of India in its challenge to the constitutional validity and legality of a Government Order issued by the State of Kerala directing the theatres to use a software developed by one Information Kerala Mission.

- One of India' largest information technology consulting company before the Hon'ble High Court of New Delhi in Writ Proceedings against the authorities of Noida Special Economic Zone.

- Future Generalli Insurance and Bajaj Allianz Insurance before the High Court of Punjab and Haryana at Chandigarh in tender matters relating to Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana.

- Hero Electric Vehicles Private Limited and other related entities on issues relating to family trademarks before the Delhi High Court.

- An Indian multinational pharmaceutical company known for its production and marketing of high-quality pharmaceutical products, in a criminal proceeding under the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, 1954 before the Supreme Court.

- A major cement manufacturing company before the Supreme Court in proceedings initiated by Securities Exchange Board of India which relate to issues surrounding securities fraud perpetrated by a depository and a stock broker.

- An entity engaged in organizing of the Indian Super League, which is the top-level club football competition in India and assisting the Supreme Court of India in conducting elections and reformulating the constitution of the All-India Football Federation.

- An entity engaged in the business of organising the Indian Racing League before the Supreme Court of India and the High Court of Delhi in a dispute relating to the Indian Racing League.

- An entity engaged in the business of operating an IPL Franchise against a ticketing platform in a contractual dispute.

- Groupe SEB India Private Limited before the Hon'ble High Court of Himachal Pradesh at Shimla in proceedings under Section 118 of the H.P. Tenancy and Land Reforms Act, 1972 restricting transfer of land in Himachal Pradesh.

- An insurance company before the Hon'ble High Court of Himachal Pradesh at Shimla in proceedings under Section 118 of the H.P. Tenancy and Land Reforms Act, 1972 restricting transfer of land in Himachal Pradesh.

- Metmin Investments Holdings Limited, a Mauritius based investment company holding a minority stake in an Indian company in a shareholder dispute before the National Company Law Tribunal, National Company Law Appellate Tribunal and the Supreme Court of India.

- A majority shareholder before the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal in an oppression and mismanagement action initiated by the minority shareholders in relation to squeezing out of their shares under section 236 of the Companies Act, 2013.

- A large international manufacturer of kitchenware in a shareholders' dispute before the Delhi High Court.

- A large leisure and hospitality company in proceedings under Section 482, CrPC seeking quashing of criminal proceedings under the Legal Metrology Act, 2009.

- Various clients in proceedings initiated by a state government in relation to a dispute under the Indian Forest Act, 1927 and Forest Conservation Act, 1980.

- A large mining and power company before the Kolkata bench of the National Green Tribunal.

- Mahindra Satyam (on Satyam Scam) on a wide range of issues relating to corporate law, criminal law and tax law and represented it before the Company Law Board (now NCLT) on company law issues and before the Supreme Court of India on tax issues.

- Hindustan Zinc Limited before the Supreme Court in a petition dealing with Article 12 of Constitution of India.

- A media house before the Supreme Court against another media house where questions of general importance relating to freedom of speech and expression of press, paid news, defamation, etc. were involved.

- Several companies including Abbott, Expedia, Facebook, Harley-Davidson, Bristol Myers Squibb, United Health Group, Pfizer, Thomson Reuter, MIH Internet, Crompton Greaves on privacy laws in India through foreign law firms.

- Various clients before the Delhi High Court and Supreme Court on the coal block de-allocation matters and litigation challenging the provisions of Coal Mines (Special Provisions), Ordinance and Act.

Publications and Presentations:

Sahil has been speaking in various events, seminars, conferences across India and abroad. He has authored the following contributions:

- Supreme Court strikes down section 66A of the Information Technology Act, 2000
  March 2015 – Lexology

- Supreme Court Rules on The Issue of Composite Reference to Arbitration Under Multiple Agreements
  October 2017 – Mondaq

- Challenging appointment of an arbitrator: legal position
  November 2017 – International Law Office

- The New Delhi International Arbitration Centre Bill, 2018 - An Institutional Push to Arbitration in India
  January 2018 – Mondaq

- Pre-arbitral steps–Indian law perspective
  February 2018 – International Law Office

- Legal Metrology Department has no powers to impose restrictions on sale of unpackaged food items in cinema halls, rules High Court
  September 2018 – Mondaq

- SC upholds disqualification under section 29A of the IBC; but invokes Article 142 to protect interests of homebuyers
  August 2018 – Mondaq

- Recent amendments to the Specific Relief Act, 1963: An Analysis
  October 2019 – Mondaq

- Unstamped arbitration agreements: referral to arbitration
  February 2022 – Lexology

- Interpreting Pathological Arbitration Clauses
  March 2023 – BW Legalworld

- 'Determinability' under the amended Specific Relief Act, 1963: An Analysis
  March 2023 - Lexology

- The Bias Of An Arbitrator: Is The Remedy Under Section 14 Foreclosed?
  May 2023– BW Legalworld

- In Conversation with Sahil Narang, Advocate on Record, Supreme Court of India, Partner Khaitan & Co.
  August 2023 – Nyayshastram

- Confidentiality In Arbitral Proceedings: An Indian Perspective
  August 2023 - Mondaq

- In conversation with Mr. Sahil Narang over recent developments in Arbitration
  August 2023 – SCC Online Times

- N.N. Global and the law on stamping of arbitration agreements
  November 2023 - GIADRA - An Oracle for ADR

- 2023 in Review: 20 Key Judicial Pronouncements on Arbitration Law
  January 2024 – IBC Laws