

# *Firm Profile*



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# About Us

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**DMD Advocates** is a leading full service law firm in India with focus on solutions through a unique holistic approach that blends its expertise and decades of experience in five core practice areas - litigation & dispute resolution, corporate, taxation, regulatory, and intellectual property rights.

The Firm provides a wide range of legal, regulatory and advisory services to a global clientele including leading Indian & multi-national companies, business groups, banks & financial institutions, public sector undertakings and Fortune 100, 500 & 1000 companies. The Firm has working relationships with global firms and has been involved in significant international transactions and deals, particularly for U.S. based companies.

The unique client-focused approach coupled with high degree of responsiveness has kept the Firm in the forefront and involved in headline litigation, arbitration and transactions in the country. The Firm has a team of 75 lawyers and a pan-India presence, with principal offices in New Delhi and Mumbai and associated offices in Bangalore, Chennai, Cochin and Bhubaneswar.



## ***Awards & Recognition***

- *DMD Advocates has been recognized as one of the best law firms in Litigation by India Business Law Journal*
- *DMD Advocates featured in the India Business Law Journal's "Deals of the Year 2018"*
- *"Best Law Firms in Rewards & Recognition 2018" by Vahura*

# Practice Areas

## **Litigation & Alternative Dispute Resolution**

- Tax Litigation
- Competition
- Corporate & Commercial Litigation
- National & International Arbitration
- Industrial & Employment Litigation

## **Corporate**

- M&A, Joint Ventures, Foreign Investments
- Corporate Finance
- Re-organisations & Restructuring
- Investment Funds (Private Equity, Hedge Funds, Venture Capital Funds)
- Insolvency and Bankruptcy
- Project Finance
- Structured Finance

## **Taxation**

- Domestic Taxation
- International Taxation
- GST, Sales Tax, VAT, Service Tax, Customs Duties, Excise Duties and Stamp Duties
- Tax Litigation – Direct & Indirect Tax
- Transfer Pricing

## **Competition Law**

- Merger Control
- Competition Analysis, Filing & Compliance
- Antitrust Litigation

## **Sectoral Expertise**

- Automobile
- Aviation
- Banks & Financial Institutions
- Consumer Durables & FMCG
- E-commerce & Retail
- Energy & Natural Resources
- Healthcare
- Hospitality
- Infrastructure
- Insurance
- IT & ITES

## **Regulatory Compliances**

- Reserve Bank of India
- Enforcement Directorate
- SEBI
- Direct & Indirect Compliances
- National Green Tribunal

## **Intellectual Property**

- IP Litigation
- IP Advisory and Due Diligence
- Commercialization (Licensing, Assignments and Technology Transfer)
- Drafting, Filing and Prosecution of Trademark and Patent Applications
- Copyright Registration
- Portfolio Management and Post Registration Procedures

## **Real Estate**

- Sale & Purchase
- Commercial Leases & Licenses
- Conveyancing
- Property Management & Maintenance Contracts
- Mortgages
- Investigations of Land Title
- Advice on structuring real estate investments

## **Forensics, Investigations & Due Diligence**

## **Labour & Employment Laws**

## **Trusts & Estates**

- Maritime & Shipping
- Media & Entertainment
- Mining
- NBFCs
- Oil & Gas
- Pharmaceutical
- Power
- Real Estate including SEZs & Malls
- Telecommunications
- Warehousing & Logistics

# Senior Partners



## Anuradha Dutt

**Founder & Managing Partner, New Delhi**

**Practice Areas:** Litigation (Commercial & Tax), International Arbitration

**Expertise:** Direct & Indirect Taxes, Financial Matters, Mining, Electricity, Telecom

**Anuradha Dutt** is a Senior Partner, founder member of the law firm DMD Advocates and Managing Partner of its Delhi Office. She heads the Firm's Litigation Group. Ms. Dutt earned her LL.M. from Columbia University, New York, USA, and her LL.B. from Delhi University, India.

Ms. Dutt is a seasoned lawyer with 36 years of experience in representing clients in litigation and arbitration. Her expertise lies in tax, civil, commercial and corporate litigation. She represents Indian and international clients including Fortune 500 and 1000 companies and large to mid-size Indian businesses. She has been involved in some of the prominent and landmark cases in India and has been a contributor to the development of jurisprudence in India through her representation on such matters.

Ms. Dutt has and continues to represent clients in matters before the Supreme Court of India, High Courts in Delhi, Mumbai, Bengaluru, Kolkata, Chennai, Cochin, Ahmedabad, Bhubaneswar and Hyderabad, Special Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) Courts, Enforcement Directorate (ED), Securities Appellate Tribunal, Authority for Advance Rulings, Income-tax Appellate Tribunal, Customs Excise & Service Tax Appellate Tribunal, various arbitral tribunals and mediation and conciliation forums. She has been involved in arbitrations (domestic and international) under renowned arbitration councils including the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), Indian Council of Arbitration (ICA), London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA), Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA) at The Hague, Singapore Mediation Centre (SMC), and Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC). She has extensive experience in international arbitrations relating to Bilateral Investment Treaties (BITs). Her invaluable contribution on matters related to BITs has made her an authority in this field.

Ms. Dutt has handled complex matters spread across multiple jurisdictions including the United Kingdom, United States of America, Singapore, Europe, United Arab Emirates, Australia, Indonesia, Sultanate of Oman, Africa, and Canada in varied sectors such as oil & gas, infrastructure, banking & finance, transportation, real estate, mining, energy, metallurgical, information technology, telecom and hospitality.

Ms. Dutt successfully represented a leading global telecommunication company, before the Supreme Court of India, in a \$2.1 billion tax litigation that resulted in a landmark judgment in the field of tax treatment of international M&A. She has been involved with several tax, corporate, commercial and civil litigation relating to mergers and acquisitions, direct and indirect taxes, corporate restructuring, infrastructure financing, aircraft leasing and financing, mining, telecommunications, and investments.

Ms. Dutt is a prominent member of the Delhi Bar Association. Her opinions and views are widely sought by multi-national and Indian companies for day to day running of business. Recognized for her deep understanding of the field of law and business awareness, she is a client choice lawyer and often called upon to devise litigation & arbitration strategies and counselling on extensive matters involving prominent business houses and organizations.

Ms. Dutt has served on the Board of Directors of several renowned companies.

# Senior Partners



## Fereshte D Sethna

**Founder & Managing Partner, Mumbai**

**Practice Areas:** International Litigation, Alternate Dispute Resolution

**Expertise:** Aviation, Engineering, Financial Matters, Hospitality, Infrastructure, IT/ITES, Mining, Oil & Gas, Real Estate & Construction, Shipping & Maritime, Telecom

**Fereshte D Sethna**, Senior Partner, founder member of the law firm DMD and Managing Partner of its Mumbai Offices, heads the Firm's International Litigation & ADR Group.

Ms. Sethna has 26 years of litigation and arbitration experience, handling complex work across multiple jurisdictions, in diverse industries. Her global reach of work spans The United States of America, United Kingdom, Europe, Singapore, United Arab Emirates, Australia, Canada, Indonesia, Africa, Sultanate of Oman and other countries. Across oil & gas to infrastructure, banking & finance to transportation, real estate, mining, energy, metallurgical, information technology, telecom, communications, hospitality, etc., she advises and represents global conglomerates, prominent Indian business houses, industrialists, sovereign governments, in a wide gamut of cross-border work, often as a key driver in international litigation teams, in association with prominent international law firms, international counsel, global investment and business advisors.

Ms. Sethna's extensive arbitration, mediation and litigation experience encompasses commercial contracts, investment treaties, infrastructure, modernization technology, information & data management, private equity investments, bankruptcy, shareholder oppression & mismanagement, commodity trading, product liability, marine and aviation, dispute resolution under the aegis of various renowned arbitration councils, including ICC, ICA, LCIA, SMC, SIAC, recognition & enforcement of arbitration awards. The wide gamut of practise areas, permit her to handle complex matters, entailing the inextricably linked interplay across elements of corporate, civil and criminal law, in the realm of white collar crime, money laundering, serious and complex fraud, corruption, bribery, and is widely considered a core strategist, executing parallel litigation strategies.

Ms. Sethna exercises rights of audience across courts, tribunals and adjudicatory authorities in India, arbitral and conciliation bodies internationally. In India, she appears in Supreme Court of India at New Delhi, across High Courts of Bombay, Bangalore, Calcutta, Chennai, Cochin, Delhi, Ahmedabad, Bhubaneswar, Hyderabad, District Courts across India, Special Central Bureau of Investigation Courts, Magistrates & Sessions Courts across India, Securities Appellate Tribunal, Authority for Advance Rulings, Income-tax Appellate Tribunal, Customs Excise & Service Tax Appellate Tribunal, Company Law Boards, Enforcement Directorate, apart from arbitral tribunals, mediation and conciliation forums. Her trial work experience is a key asset in assessing, evaluating, planning and implementing formidable litigation strategies.

Ms. Sethna, before diversifying into wider areas of practise, originally practiced maritime law, and presently supervises the firm's admiralty and shipping law work. As a reputed maritime lawyer, she has extensively handled P&I and H&M work, ship sale & purchase, mortgages, sequestrations, advised around wreck & salvage, towage, demolition, collision, dredging, general average, piracy, port concessions, new buildings, port property damage, port authority inspections & claims, charter party, transshipment, hazardous cargoes, oil spill damage, bills of lading, stowaways, wages, death & disability, passenger liability, smuggling penalties, freight, dead freight, lay time, cargo damage, comingling, short & non-delivery disputes, stevedore disputes, imprudent trades, port storage installations, and remains the first 'port of call' for ship-owners, charterers, port infrastructure and shipping companies.

Ms. Sethna's practice areas include a significant body of taxation work, encompassing direct, indirect and international taxation, more recently successfully representing a global major in a US\$ 2.1 billion tax litigation resulting in a landmark judgment from the Supreme Court of India, in the field of tax treatment of international M&A, and landmark judgments in the arena of foreign capital inflows and transfer pricing from the Bombay High Court.

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## Vijayalakshmi Menon

**Founder & Senior Partner, New Delhi**

**Practice Areas:** Intellectual Property, Employment Law, Consumer Litigation, Securities Litigation

**Expertise:** Commercial & IP Litigation, Corporate Governance, Banking & Financial Institution, Power, Technology, Manufacturing, Pharmaceutical, Real Estate & Retail, Telecom

**Vijayalakshmi Menon** is a Senior Partner and co-founder member of the law firm DMD. She heads the Intellectual Property Group. Ms. Menon's practice spans over three decades involving legal counselling and representations in general commercial litigation, technology and intellectual property litigation & advisory, for leading multinational and Indian public & privately held companies. An Advocate-on-Record with the Supreme Court of India, Ms. Menon has been involved in several IPR disputes relating to patent, trademarks and copyrights. Acknowledged for her diverse industry experience (banking, financial services, power, manufacturing, pharmaceutical, real estate, retail, technology and telecommunications), she works extensively with clients, advising them on various issues pertaining to intellectual property and technology laws.

Ms. Menon provides strategic legal counselling on technology licensing & partnering arrangements, franchising, technology assets and transactions involving trademarks, patents, outsourcing, privacy and data security. She has been regularly involved in negotiating and drafting of numerous licenses, alliance agreements and ensuring necessary regulatory compliances in variety of matters relating to the creation, use, licensing & transfer of information technologies.

As an integral part of the Asset Creation Team, Ms. Menon advises companies on developing and executing their intellectual property strategies, IP Asset management, and protection. She has assisted clients in obtaining, protecting and enforcing trademarks in India and worldwide.

Ms. Menon did her LL.B. from University of Delhi and also holds an M.A. degree in History.



# Senior Partners



## Rashi Dhir

### Senior Partner

**Practice Areas:** Corporate & Commercial

**Expertise:** M&A, Joint Ventures, Foreign Investments, Corporate Finance, Capital Markets (including, IPOs), Investigations & Due Diligence, Corporate Re-organisations & Restructuring, Private Equity, Funds & Asset Management, Project Finance, Structured Finance, International Trade

**Rashi Dhir** is a Senior Partner at DMD Advocates and heads the Firm's Corporate Group. With close to three decades of experience in corporate and cross-border transactions and international taxation, he brings a unique blend of analytical thinking and business strategy to structuring, negotiating and closing complex commercial transactions.

Mr. Dhir's background in economics, accountancy and finance provides a practical and holistic approach to the practice of law which seamlessly combines with the litigation, tax and corporate talent of the Firm to deliver the best solution to its clients. He advises international and domestic clients, including several Fortune 100, 500 and 1000 companies, private equity funds, banks & financial institutions and business houses. He specializes in areas pertaining to mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures, investments, asset management (private equity funds and hedge funds), project financing, banking & finance, corporate restructuring, insolvency and bankruptcy, structured investments, securitization, structured finance, capital markets and general corporate matters. His transactional experience ranges over multiple jurisdictions including the US, India, ASPAC, Europe and South America. He has practiced law both in New York and India and has been associated with several prominent domestic and global transactions involving Fortune 1000 companies, large business groups and SMEs in India. He has also advised several not-for-profit organizations, including, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, US-India Business Council (USIBC), US-India Strategic Partnership Forum (USISPF) and USIN Foundation.

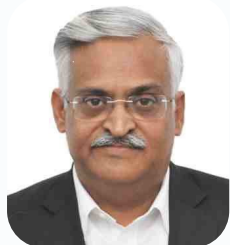
Besides being a business lawyer, Mr. Dhir has been an entrepreneur responsible for successfully launching certain businesses in the US and India. He has and continues to advise and mentor several start-ups that have successfully developed from early stages to being sought after companies and businesses. He has also worked with clients to create unique risk management systems, financial products, and legal and compliance infrastructures. His problem-solving skills as a business lawyer have led him to be a successful mediator of complex commercial and corporate disputes, thus eliminating the need for protracted litigation.

Mr. Dhir currently serves on the Board of Directors of USIN Foundation and has served as a board member for several prominent companies in the field of healthcare, finance, and technology in India and US. Prior to joining the Firm, he worked for over fifteen years in New York; first as a senior member of the Global Financial Products Group in Clifford Chance and then as Managing Director and General Counsel for leading financial institutions.

Mr. Dhir earned his LL.M. from Harvard Law School, Boston, US and his LL.B. from Delhi University, India.

# Partners

## Pawan Sharma



Pawan Sharma is a Partner at the Firm. He is a senior member of the Regulatory practice group. With extensive experience of over 22 years, he has been representing large Indian businesses and multi-national clients on matters related to complex commercial disputes, contentious matters related to companies law, securities law, competition law and foreign exchange regulations. He regularly appears before National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT), National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT), Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), Securities Appellate Tribunal (SAT), Competition Commission of India (CCI), Enforcement Directorate (ED) and other national and state level regulatory authorities.

Mr. Sharma specializes in securities laws and has been advising clients on initial public offerings and listing of ADRs and shares on international and national stock exchanges. He has been involved in assisting companies with conducting due diligence, negotiating underwriting contracts, drafting offering documents, drafting and filing listing agreements and compliances with disclosure and other requirements related to initial public offerings and private placements. Mr. Sharma has deep understanding of anti-trust and competition laws and has represented clients both at the investigative level as well as before the commission in respect of cartel and abuse of dominant position. Mr. Sharma earned his LL.B. from India.

## Jeremy Lynn Chagas Pereira



Lynn Pereira is a Partner at the Firm. He is a member of the Litigation and Dispute Resolution Group of the Firm. Lynn has varied experience of over 20 years in corporate and commercial litigation, and domestic and international arbitration. He has appeared in matters before the Supreme Court of India, various High Courts and Tribunals such as the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal, the National Company Law Tribunal and the Telecom Disputes Settlement and Appellate Tribunal. He represents clients across various sectors including oil & gas, infrastructure, real estate, energy/power and telecom.

Lynn was in the chambers of Mr. Iqbal Chagla, Senior Advocate, from 1998 to 2010. He received LL.B. degree in 1996 from Government Law College, Mumbai.

## Ekta Kapil



Ekta Kapil is a Partner at the Firm. She is a senior member of the Litigation Practice and ADR Group of the Firm. Ekta has rich and varied experience of over 19 years in diverse litigation matters at various Courts and Tribunals across the country such as the Supreme Court of India, High Courts, Company Law Board, National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission, Competition Commission of India, National Green Tribunal (NGT), Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) and Appellate Authority for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (AAIFR). She handles complex commercial disputes, civil litigation, including various arbitration disputes. She has represented several large Indian companies in contentious matters across all business sectors.

Besides civil, commercial litigation & arbitration, Ekta also deals in criminal matters. She has expertise in corporate and intellectual property laws with deep knowledge of detailed court procedures. As an integral part of the team, she is often involved in corporate and IP litigation representing clients across various courts and forums. She assists in drawing strategies for effective litigation management and conflict resolution. She is on Board of Directors of several companies. She earned her LL.B. from India.



## Tushar Jarwal



Tushar Jarwal is a Partner at DMD Advocates where he advises mainly on tax planning, tax controversy and litigation. He has over 14 years of post-qualification experience. He is a litigator and regularly appears before the Supreme Court of India, various High Courts, specialized tax tribunals and adjudicating authorities in direct and indirect tax disputes. He is actively involved in rendering tax advice on planning, structuring and strategy with particular focus on cross border taxation, international operations, high-pitched tax issues and controversies.

Tushar has been closely involved in some of the very significant litigations of India on issues of importance for industry and investors. He has been significantly contributing to the evolution of law and has clients ranging from telecom, banking and financial, property and construction, transport and aviation, hotels, manufacturing and services sectors. He has appeared in the Supreme Court of India and over 10 different High Courts and has over 50 reported orders/judgments in his name. He advises multinationals and national houses of India. He is also an active speaker in various conferences and seminars.

Tushar is a member of the Supreme Court Bar Association, Delhi High Court Bar Association and CESTAT Bar Association. He has done his Bachelor of Commerce (Honours) and LL.B. from Delhi University and is also a Chartered Accountant by qualification.

## Sanjiv Malhotra



Sanjiv has extensive experience in India tax and transfer pricing matters and has been advising several Fortune 500 multinationals on a range of tax structuring, transfer pricing and cross-border dispute resolution matters. He has worked on numerous global and regional assignments and has represented many multinational corporations during their tax and transfer pricing audits and litigation in India. His core competencies lie in tax and transfer pricing planning and dispute resolution, and he has been working on many Competent Authority and APA negotiations

Sanjeev regularly participates in national and international discussions on policy aspects of international tax and transfer pricing. His articles have been published by media houses including Bureau of National Affairs (BNA), International Taxation, International Fiscal Association (IFA) and Euromoney. He regularly speaks in national and international seminars in relation to transfer pricing and international tax matters including those organized by BNA Bloomberg, Tax Executives Institute, IFA etc.

Prior to joining DMD Advocates, he was working with Baker McKenzie in its Singapore office. At Baker McKenzie, he was a member of Baker McKenzie's global transfer pricing steering committee and the steering committee for the firm's global India practice. He is a qualified Chartered Accountant with a Masters Degree in Business Economics. He also holds a Bachelors in Commerce - Honors Degree from the Delhi University.

## Anish Kapur



Anish Kapur is a Partner at DMD Advocates. He is a senior member of the Litigation and Dispute Resolution Group. With over 13 years of experience, he represents some of the large Indian businesses and multi-national clients in civil and commercial litigation. He has extensive experience across various sectors including oil & gas, infrastructure, real estate, energy/power, information technology, telecom and healthcare and is often involved in litigation matters and arbitrations involving complex legal issues pertaining to commercial and business laws, tax, personal injury, and family laws.

A law graduate from Campus Law Centre, Delhi University, Anish advises and represents clients before the Supreme Court of India, Indian High Courts and other forums.

## Anay Banhatti



Anay Banhatti is a Partner at DMD Advocates. Prior thereto, he was a partner at Economic Laws Practice in its tax team. He is an advocate with more than 12 years standing and is based out of Mumbai.

Anay's area of focus has been indirect taxation - Customs, Goods and Services Tax (GST), Excise, Service tax, Sales tax and Foreign Trade Policy. He has been actively engaged in providing advisory and litigation services to clients in relation to investigations initiated by the enforcement and regulatory authorities such as Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI), Directorate General of Central Excise Intelligence (DGCEI), and Enforcement Directorate (ED). He has regularly represented clients in litigation under various tax laws across various adjudicatory/ assessment authorities, appellate authorities, Tribunals, Indian High Courts and the Supreme Court of India. He has also represented clients in direct tax litigation matters.

Anay has extensively advised and assisted clients in strategizing the approach to be adopted on Customs valuation related issues and represented clients in proceedings before the relevant authorities, tribunals and Courts. More recently, he has led diverse GST assignments including impact analysis, transition support and Government advocacy (representation) for clients in variety of sectors. He has worked on matters across sectors including FMCG, pharmaceuticals, alcohol beverage, automobile, banking and financial services, manufacturing and telecom.

Anay has contributed articles in several prominent publications and is called to speak at technical conferences and seminars on taxation. He has received several recognitions. RSG India Report 2015 recognizes Anay to be "very diligent and thorough in his work", while in India Business Law Journal's February 2015 Issue, a client recommends Anay for "his attention to detail, thorough preparation and ability to work patiently with all levels of a client's team".

## Sumit Sinha



Sumit Sinha is a Partner at the Firm and works with the Corporate Group. He has over 13 years of experience. His areas of practice include mergers and acquisitions (both listed and unlisted), joint ventures, private equity and venture capital investments, banking & finance, corporate restructuring and re-organizations, structured investments, securitization, insolvency, capital markets and general corporate and commercial transactions.

Sumit has been advising domestic and international clients, including several Fortune 100, 500 and 1000 companies, private equity funds, hedge funds, banks & financial institutions and business houses across a range of sectors. He has been appreciated by clients for his hands-on approach and for providing sound legal advice which is commercially and practically tenable. Sumit earned his LL.B. from Symbiosis Law College, Pune, in 2006 and has

since then been practising in the National Capital Region.

## Sachit Jolly



Sachit Jolly is a Partner in the Taxation Group of DMD Advocates. He has over 11 years of experience in advising and representing various Indian and foreign clients from the aviation, media, finance, education, FMCG, IT, oil & gas and pharmaceutical sectors before the AAR, Income Tax Tribunal, High Courts and the Supreme Court of India on varied tax issues, concerning taxation of royalties, technical services, issues of permanent establishment and attribution of income thereof and transfer pricing.

Sachit has been rated one of the top 100 lawyers in India by India Business Law Journal 2018 and has also been rated as one of the top three upcoming lawyers in India in the field of taxation by Vahura (<http://blf2018.vahura.com/>). He contributes regularly to Indian and International journals and has co-authored the India branch report on "Key Practical Issues to Eliminate Double Taxation of Business Income" published in "Cahiers de Droit Fiscal International", at the 2011 IFA Congress in Paris. He has also authored the India chapter on "Transfer Pricing Global Guide" published by Thomson Reuters. He has addressed various Indian and International Seminars and Conferences, including the Annual LawAsia Conferences held in Bangkok (2014), Sydney (2015), Sri Lanka (2016), Tokyo (2017) and Siem Reap (2018) on issues of international taxation and transfer pricing.

## *Principal Associates*

### **Munindra Dvivedi**

Munindra Dvivedi is a Principal Associate in the litigation and alternative dispute resolution group of DMD Advocates having over 13 years of experience. He regularly represents clients at the Supreme Court of India, various High Courts, District Courts, Appellate Tribunals and quasi-judicial bodies. He is also involved in a number of high-profile arbitrations and has represented clients before arbitral tribunals in cases pertaining to real estate, commercial disputes and criminal litigation. In addition, Munindra has been advising and counseling clients, including large multinational and domestic companies, on a range of matters in the field of employment and labour laws. Particularly, he has advised on payment of gratuity and provident fund, issues related to industrial disputes act, factories act, and shops and establishment act, contract labour, closure of factories and establishments, downsizing of workforce, disciplinary proceedings and general compliances under employment and labour laws. Munindra is registered with the Bar Council of Delhi. He completed his LL.B. from Symbiosis Law College, Pune.

### **Sumit Garg**

Sumit Garg is a Principal Associate in the Corporate Group. With over 13 years of experience, he specialises in corporate laws, mergers & acquisitions, and corporate restructuring. He has rich experience in cross border acquisitions, PE negotiations, start-up ventures, compliances & regulatory issues, and legal & secretarial due-diligence of both Indian and overseas companies. Sumit advises several Indian and foreign corporate houses operating in multiple cross border jurisdictions, including, private equity funds and start-ups across different sectors on issues pertaining to foreign exchange regulations, non-banking finance and insolvency laws. A Company Secretary and LL.B. by qualification, he also advises on issues related to real estate.

### **Rohit Garg**

Rohit Garg is a Principal Associate in the Direct Tax Group. He has 11 years of experience in advising and representing Indian and foreign clients, including Fortune 500 companies from various sectors such as FMCG, Media, Aviation, Investments, Education & Oil & Gas, before the Revenue Authorities as also before various appellate authorities including Authority for Advance Rulings (AAR), Income Tax Appellate Tribunal, various High Courts and the Supreme Court of India. Rohit specialises in corporate taxation with specialisation in domestic & international tax including transfer pricing. Rohit is an Advocate by profession coupled with qualifications of Chartered Accountant (ICAI) and Company Secretary (ICSI). Rohit's research papers and articles on varied topics have been published in renowned domestic and international electronic and print media. He has also given lectures as guest faculty for taxation at National Law University, Delhi.

### **Isha Shah**

Isha Shah is a Principal Associate in the Firm's Corporate Group. She has over 9 years of experience, and advises on a range of issues relating to mergers and acquisitions, restructuring, joint ventures and strategic investment transactions. She has advised clients across various sectors, including, hospitality, healthcare, aviation, technology, education, media and real estate. Isha completed her LLM in Law & Economics from Queen Mary University of London, U.K. and her BLS/LLB from the University of Mumbai, India.

### **Aayush Nagpal**

Aayush is a Principal Associate in the Firm's Transfer Pricing Group. He has over 9 years of experience in advising clients in relation to compliance, advisory and litigation matters on a range of transfer pricing issues across industries. He has represented clients in transfer pricing audits and litigation before various tax authorities and has been actively involved in discussing and negotiating Advance Pricing Agreements on a host of issues.

## *Principal Associates*

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### **Divya Bhalla**

Divya Bhalla is a member of the Firm's Dispute Resolution & Litigation Group. Divya has over 9 years of experience. Her areas of expertise are civil and commercial litigation and arbitration. She has extensive experience, representing large Indian businesses and multi-national clients before various fora, including the Supreme Court of India; the High Court of Delhi; District Courts; Tribunals, including the Company Law Board, Debt Recovery Tribunal and the National Consumer Dispute Redressal Commission; various Regulatory Authorities and Arbitration Tribunals. Over the years Divya has been actively involved in strategy development in disputes and has also advised multinational clients on various issues including the Arbitration & Conciliation Act and Negotiable Instruments Act. Divya completed her LLB from the School of Law and Legal Studies, IP University.

### **Rahul Sateja**

Rahul Sateja is a Principal Associate in the Firm's Taxation Group. Rahul has over 9 years of experience in litigation and advisory work in the area of direct as well as indirect taxation. He has been actively involved in representing various domestic and international clients before all levels of the tax adjudicatory fora, including the Tribunals, various High Courts and the Supreme Court of India. He also has industry expertise in aviation, mining, NBFCs, finance, and healthcare. Rahul is an alumnus of Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University, Delhi.

### **Mrunal Parekh**

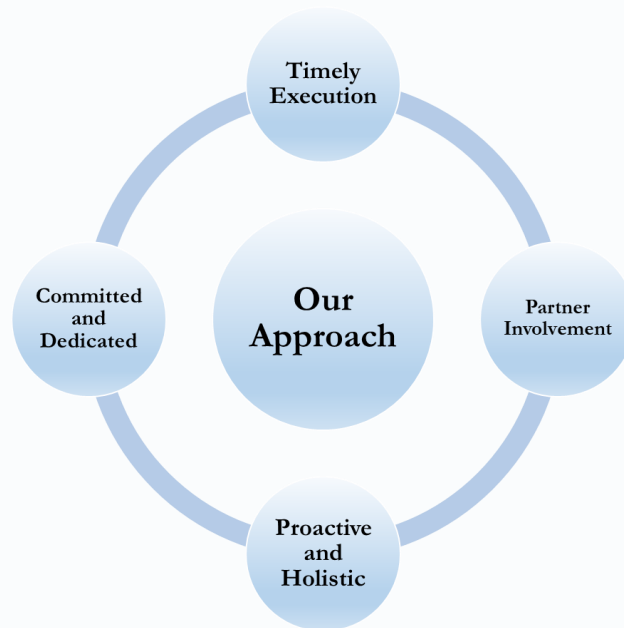
Mrunal is a Principal Associate in the Firm's tax team. Mrunal has more than 7 years of experience in litigation and advisory work in the area of direct, as well as indirect taxation. His core area of practice is international and corporate tax including transfer pricing laws in India. Mrunal has advised domestic and multinational companies on a variety of tax and regulatory matters including international taxation encompassing a broad range of industries, amongst which are manufacturing, trading, infrastructure, shipping, logistics and service industry. Mrunal has represented clients before the Indian revenue authorities at various appellate stages, various High Courts and the Supreme Court of India. He holds dual qualifications as an Advocate and a Chartered Accountant and is an alumnus of University of Mumbai, GJ Advani Law College.

## **Khushnama D Sethna**

Khushnama Sethna is a Senior Of-Counsel of the Firm, holds a Master of Laws degree, and has over 40 years experience in Industrial Law. Her area of expertise encompasses industrial disputes; regulations pertaining to employment of locals and expatriates, including, immigration issues, permits, etc.; developing employment contracts for senior management personnel, employment schemes, personnel policies, code of conduct; health and safety; outsourcing; secondments, severance; wrongful dismissal litigation; disciplinary enquiries; compensation claims; collective bargaining; settlements with dismissed employees following M&A transactions; and, transactional and corporate support generally.

## **Rohit Choudhary**

Rohit Choudhry is an Of-Counsel in the Firm's Corporate Group. Mr. Choudhry earned his LL.B. from India. Mr. Choudhry has over 20 years of experience. His area of specialization is Corporate Finance and Capital Markets. He has been involved in representing multi-national clients, banks and financial institutions in prominent debt financing, leasing and capital markets transactions. He has also conducted a major corporate transaction for a leading Indian business house in Uganda.



## *Client Speak*

“ ... Best place for solving complex cases ...” –  
**An IT/ITES leader**

“.. Once I got introduced to DMD .. haven't looked at any other Firm!...” – **A leading FMCG company**

“.. You have achieved .. what others couldn't !...”  
– **A leading global Telecom company**

“.. The Level of professionalism is of global standards! ... We appreciate it ...” – **A leading Consumer Durable company**

“ ...The Firm utilizes its entire force, with the sole objective of solving the problem...” –**Top BFSI company**

## *Our Locations*

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