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Practice Areas

Disputes

Sectors

Manufacturing

Financial Services

Real Estate

Hospitality, Leisure and Tourism

Retail Trading and Franchising

Transportation and Logistics

Mining and Quarrying

Construction and Engineering

Energy

Education

Knowledge Based Industries

Media, Entertainment, Broadcasting and Sports

About

Sidharth's practice covers diverse corporate commercial litigation, arbitration and alternative dispute resolution. He also advises and acts for clients in insolvency proceedings, global product liability litigations, constitutional & administrative law litigations, proceedings related to penal laws, white-collar crimes and corporate and forensic investigations.

Sidharth has significant exposure to international arbitrations (domestic and foreign seated, and institutional as also ad hoc), involving disputes arising from joint venture agreements, shareholder agreements, share purchase agreements and various other commercial contracts.

He also has considerable experience in litigations involving shareholders' disputes and has, over the last several years, represented various clients in these disputes before the National Company Law Tribunal and various Company Courts.

Sidharth regularly appears before the Supreme Court of India, different High Courts of India and various tribunals and commissions. He has appeared and handled litigations for clients in more than 20 High Courts in India.

Sidharth is also an Advocate-on-Record at the Supreme Court of India; and has handled some high-profile litigations in which path breaking and notable judgments have been rendered.

He also teaches 'Company Law' and 'Alternative Dispute Resolution' as a guest faculty in a leading law school of India.

Sidharth graduated in the year 2007; and has been with the Firm since August 2008. Prior to joining the Firm, Sidharth worked as the Law Clerk-cum-Research Assistant with a judge of the Supreme Court of India.

Experience

Some of the recent key assignments handled by Sidharth are:

- Acting for a state-owned industrial corporation in an international arbitration arising from its disputes with the foreign shareholder in the affairs relating to a leading petrochemical plant in India
- Acting for a state-owned industrial corporation in an international arbitration arising out of a contract with a foreign party concerning grant of certain incentives and tax exemptions
- Acting for a state-owned industrial corporation in a domestic arbitration against a leading automobile manufacturer in India pertaining to disputes and claims in setting up of a manufacturing plant
- Acting for a global ground handling company engaged in providing airport services in an international arbitration concerning disputes with the Indian shareholder
- Acting for a leading Korean construction company in an arbitration arising out of disputes with a sub-contractor
- Acting for a company engaged in generation of hydro-power in its arbitration with a sub-contractor
- Acting for a leading German company engaged in the manufacture of rubber to metal bonded products in its disputes with the Indian joint venture partner
- Acting for a leading toner manufacturing company of Japan in its disputes with the Indian joint venture partner
- Acting for a leading gasket manufacturing company of Japan in its contractual and shareholder disputes with the Indian joint venture partner
- Acting for a Private Equity investor in its contractual and shareholder disputes with government-backed promoter entities in India's only PPP water utility in South India
- Acted for a leading Indian infrastructure finance company/NBFC in its disputes arising from a shareholder's agreement; and also advising and acting for the same company in various proceedings under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, and across courts and tribunals in India

- Acting for a leading depository of India before the Supreme Court and various High Courts in diverse matters involving issues pertaining to powers and functions of regulatory authorities
- Advising and acting for a leading German automobile corporation in various consumer litigations across India
- Advising and acting for an American multinational automaker in various disputes with the dealers appointed by it in India
- Acting for a renowned Indian Engineering, Procurement and Construction company in arbitrations relating to its disputes arising from contracts for construction of railway tunnels in Jammu & Kashmir
- Advised and acted for a global ground handling company engaged in providing airport services in an international arbitration arising from its disputes with the Indian shareholder
- Acted for a leading global healthcare company in an international arbitration arising from its disputes with the Indian shareholder
- Acted for a leading coal and metals sourcing and trading company from Australia in its disputes arising from a contract for supply of hard coking coal
- Advised and acted for an association of drug manufacturers before the Supreme Court challenging the 'Product Approval' advisory issued by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India
- Acted for one of India's largest mining company in its disputes with the state government concerning payment of royalty on mining minerals
- Conducted arbitration proceedings on behalf of a major Indian construction company in relation to its disputes with various state-owned oil companies arising from contracts for laying of pipeline projects in India
- Advised and acted for a leading construction company of Kazakhstan in an arbitration relating to its disputes arising from a project for setting up of a refinery at Bathinda, Punjab
- Acted for a leading travel technology services company in an arbitration initiated against it by a company operating scheduled and non-scheduled commercial airline in India

Memberships

Bar Council of Himachal Pradesh

Supreme Court of India Bar Association

Supreme Court Advocate-on-Record Association

National Company Law Tribunal and Appellate Tribunal Bar Association

District Bar Association, Solan

Publications

Specialist Editor - 'A Ramaiya, Guide to the Companies Act, Nineteenth Edition', published by LexisNexis (2020)

Publications

Revising Editor - Sarkar's Civil Court Practice and Procedure Manual, published by LexisNexis (14/e, 2022)

Revising Editor – Sarkar Hints on Modern Advocacy, Professional Ethics and the Art of Cross-Examination, published by LexisNexis (6/e, 2023)

Product Liability Under The Consumer Protection Act, 2019: Let The Manufacturer/Seller Beware! (Bar and Bench, 24 July 2020)

Specific Performance Of Contracts In New India: Unlearning Old Concepts (LegalEra, Global Edition - November 2021)

Legal Regime Concerning Vehicle Recalls In India – A Primer (BW Legal World, 7 March 2022)

Awards

Recognized as one of India's Young Legal Leaders and Influencers and awarded BW Business world 40 under 40 award in 2020

Awarded Legal Era's 5th Annual 'Forty-under-40 Rising Stars Awards' in 2020

Recognised by India Business Law Journal as one of 'India's Future Legal Leaders'

Recognized as 'Emerging Lawyer of the Year – Dispute Resolution' at the 10th Annual Legal Era Indian Legal Awards 2021

Recognized as a 'Leading Lawyer – Disputes' by Legal Era – Leading Lawyer Rankings 2022 and also 2023

Recognized as one of top 100 Individual Lawyers (above 10 years experience) in the Forbes India Legal Power List 2023

Education

BSL., LL.B. (ILS Law College, Pune)

LL.M. (OP Jindal Global University; Jindal Global Law School)

Diploma in Comparative Cyber Laws

Diploma in Consumer Protection Laws

Languages Spoken

English

Punjabi

Hindi

Marathi