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Senior Partner

Introduction

Pooja is a litigation and arbitration expert with over 20 years of experience. Her calm disposition, insightful perspectives and meticulousness supported by the depth and diversity of her practice have brought her clients success and relief in complex legal situations. Over the last 20 years, she has been at the forefront of several important domestic and international arbitrations and litigations representing large corporates across sectors such as technology, shipping, infrastructure, insurance, finance, pharmaceuticals, media and entertainment.

While her practice continues to remain sector agnostic, she now focuses a fair share of her time on commercial, maritime and technology laws. She routinely advises and represents domestic and foreign clients on issues concerning contractual and shareholder rights, intellectual property rights, maritime and shipping claims, insolvency actions, etc. She also works with multinational companies on policy related assignments given the fast-changing nature of the Indian legal landscape particularly with respect to technology and shipping.

While Pooja appears before courts and tribunals across India, she also acts as instructing attorney to legal experts around the country which makes her a go-to person for clients who have a pan-India presence. She is associated with several international organisations and can enable a last mile delivery of legal services in India and abroad. She is valued by clients for her sound knowledge, strategic advice, and strong execution.

In addition to being a lawyer, Pooja is a certified Mediator where she emphasizes on solutions to enable an amicable resolution for both parties rather than prolong conflict. Pooja has been a partner of the firm since its inception in 2018 before which, she was a partner at ALMT Legal, Advocates & Solicitors.

Indicative Experience

- Advised and represented E-City Entertainment Pvt. Ltd. in a challenge u/s 48 of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 to the recognition and enforcement of a foreign arbitral award passed by an ICC tribunal in favour of Imax Corporation in a sum of USD 11,309,496.06 and interest thereon at the rate of USD 2,512.60 per day from 1 October 2007 till payment and realization.
- Advising and representing a prominent real estate developer and land owner in a series of litigations stemming from fraudulent dealings undertaken by the client's joint venture partners including the unauthorised procurement of a loan from LIC Housing Finance Limited against an unauthorised mortgage of the client's land. The litigations include proceedings before the Bombay High Court, RERA, the District Judge, Pune, the National Company Law Tribunal, Mumbai Bench, and a sole arbitrator.
- Drafting and advising a leading Indian shipyard on shipbuilding and other allied contracts from time to time.
- Advising and representing an private port operator on the interplay of the provisions of the Code and of the Admiralty Act; and securing the arrest of vessels for the uprpose of recovering outstanding port dues before various courts in India.
- Advised and represented ex-directors of Corporate Debtors in applications filed against them under Section 43, Section 45 and Section 66 of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code alleging the existence of related party and preferential transactions.
- Advising and representing the promoter of a company that has undergone CIRP / liquidation, in the capacity of a personal guarantor, in proceedings initiated against him by the Bank under Section 95 of the Insolvency & Bankruptcy Code, 2016.
- Advising and representing Serum Institute of India Pvt. Ltd. in various cases filed in relation to the COVI SHIELD vaccine.
- Advised and represented a large Indian pharmaceutical company in a contractual dispute with a US company in relation to claims of intellectual property theft and infringement of trade secrets.
- Advised and represented a large India pharmaceutical company in a case before the Competition Commission of India pertaining to price coordination and cartelization with respect to Type-2 Diabetes Drug.

Education

- LL.B, Government Law College, Mumbai
- B.Com, H.R. College of Commerce & Economics