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EXPERIENCE

Lakshay is a Counsel at Singularity Legal. He specialises in advising energy & resources, private equities, and shipping & trade companies in shareholder and joint venture disputes, operational disputes and sovereign disputes. He also specialises in advising on global enforcement and debt recovery strategies and representing cryptocurrency investors. His range of experience includes advising clients in international arbitrations under various rules like ICC, SIAC, LCIA, DIAC, DIFC-LCIA, and JAMS; cross-border disputes before courts in India, Indonesia, Mauritius, DIFC, Cayman Islands, Switzerland, Singapore, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, and United States of America. He has a passion for advising on laws governing radical technologies and businesses.

COMMERCIAL DISPUTES

Energy, Resources & Infrastructure

- Advising an Indian company and its Italian subsidiary in their dispute against a Chinese and a Singaporean company under an agreement for the procurement of photo-voltaic modules (CIETAC Rules, China seated, Chinese law)
- Advising an Indian company for its dispute against an Indian and a Mozambique company relating to the construction of LPG moulded bullets & bottling plant and bitumen storage tanks & truck gantry in Mozambique. (LCIA Rules, London seated, Mozambique law)
- Advising a Russian gas processing company on strategies to globally enforce a judgement of the Russian courts against an Ireland based gas company
- Advising a French company and its UK-based majority shareholder on deal structuring, involving the grant of concessions and rights, for a gold mining project in French Guiana, South America
- Advising an India-based global wastewater treatment company in disputes against an Ethiopian government entity and Chinese contractors arising out of the construction of zero liquid discharge plants at four industrial park projects in Ethiopia (Ethiopian law)

Private Equity and Finance

Arbitration

- Representing a Qatari HNI in an arbitration under a settlement agreement for relinquishing his shares in a multinational oil and gas enterprise against his Indian joint venture partner and a Cayman Islands group company (DIAC Rules, London seated, English law)
- Advising a Russian lender in its disputes against a UAE and Singapore company arising out of the financing of three major projects in the Republic of Uzbekistan (ICAC Rules, Moscow seated, Russian law; TIAC, Tashkent seated, Uzbek law)

Litigation

- Representing a Qatari HNI in disclosure applications and tracing claims in proceedings connected with an ongoing arbitration against three DIFC-based venture capital firms (DIFC Courts)
- Advising a Qatari HNI in disclosure applications and tracing claims in proceedings connected with an ongoing arbitration against a Singapore-based venture capital firm (Singapore High Court)

Shipping & Insurance

Litigation

- Advising a Hong Kong company in its dispute against an Indian company under an agreement for the provision of shipping services (Singapore High Court)
- Representing three promoters of an Indian and a UAE shipping technology company in a dispute concerning the wrongful revocation of their shareholding (UAE courts)

Sports And Entertainment

- Representing an Indian subsidiary of a global advertising company in the challenge to the enforcement of their arbitral award by Indian local civic body (Bombay High Court)
- Advising an Indian, two Mauritian and one UAE-based entities of a multinational advertising company in relation to proceedings against them by UAE-based bank for recovery of loans (India, Mauritius and UAE courts)

IT & ITES

Arbitration

- Representing a Canadian national in his dispute against a leading cryptocurrency exchange (JAMS Rules, New York seated, New York law)
- Advising several individuals from US, Canada & Australia in class action proceedings against leading cryptocurrency exchanges for the latter's involvement in an arbitrage fraud (New York Law)
- Advising a UAE-based HNI in his dispute with a State agency regarding seizure of his cryptocurrency investments (US courts)
- Representing an Indian hyper-scale data centre developer in an arbitration under agreements for construction and lease of a data centre in India against an Indian subsidiary of a leading global technology conglomerate (SIAC Rules, Singapore-seated, Indian law)
- Advising a UAE-based HNI in relation to a potential arbitration regarding his dispute with a crypto-trading platform in relation to the freezing of his account over disputed allegations of market manipulation (SIAC Rules, Singapore law)
- Representing an Indian hyper-scale data centre developer in an arbitration under agreements for construction and lease of a data centre in India against an Indian subsidiary of a leading global technology conglomerate (SIAC Rules, Singapore-seated, Indian law)

Others

- Representing a Turkish company in its disputes against an Indian company under an agreement for the sale of agricultural raw materials (ICC Rules, Geneva seated, Indian law)
- Advising a trading company in Dubai in their dispute under three contracts with entities based in the UK, USA and Senegal for contractual non-performance and, or non-payment of outstanding dues inter alia relating to the sale of wire rods in coils
- Advising an Indian exporter in its dispute with a leading Singaporean supplier under a purchase agreement for cotton fibres (Singapore High Court)
- Representing an Indian street furniture company in enforcement proceedings against a public sector undertaking. (Ad hoc, India seated, Indian law)
- Advising a Russian company in its dispute against an Indian bank and an Indian public sector enterprise arising out of non-payment of dues under a contract concerning sale of mining equipment
- Representing an Indian listed company in an arbitration against its Cambodian customer arising out of an agreement for the provision of software development services and supply of associated hardware (SIAC Rules, Singapore seated, Indian Law)
- Representing an Indian trading company in an arbitration in relation to the sale of cotton yarn to a Hong Kong-based buyer under two sales orders (SIAC Rules, Singapore seated, English law)

ENFORCEMENT AND DEBT RECOVERY

- Advising an Indian multinational bank on recovery against an American software company and its personal guarantor
- Advising an Indian multinational bank on recovery against a Mauritius media and broadcasting company
- Advising a Dutch power generation and coal resources company on the enforcement of a SIAC award against a Seychelles company and its Indonesian director

- Advising an Indian public bank on overseas debt recovery from a global group of companies and its promoters
- Advising an Indian public bank on overseas debt recovery from a UAE and an Indian company and its guarantors
- Advising a Qatari HNI in proceedings relating to the enforcement of a provisional arbitral award (DIFC Courts)
- Advising a Qatari HNI in proceedings relating to the enforcement of a provisional arbitral award (Cayman, Singapore, and Swiss courts)
- Representing an Indian listed company against its Japanese supplier in resisting the enforcement of an ICC award issued by a tribunal seated in Singapore (Bombay High Court)
- Advising a DMCC-based international trading company in proceedings against a Moroccan construction contractor relating to the enforcement and execution of a Swiss-seated SAA award (Morocco and DIFC Courts)
- Advising a Hong Kong-based oil mining company in proceedings against a Singapore company relating to the enforcement of a Singapore-seated SIAC award (DIFC courts)

PUBLICATIONS

- The Seat of the Arbitration: An empirical study of its meaning and relevance in International Commercial Arbitration (World Arbitration and Mediation Review, 2019 Vol. 13, No. 4)