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## EXPERIENCE

Natasha is a Managing Counsel at Singularity Legal. She specialises in advising energy & resources, construction & infrastructure, shipping & trade companies and institutional investors in shareholder and joint venture disputes, operational disputes and sovereign disputes. She also specialises in advising on global enforcement and debt recovery strategies.

Her range of experience includes advising clients in international arbitrations under various rules like SIAC, LCIA, DIAC, DIFC-LCIA, ICDR, PCA and UNCITRAL; international mediations under rules like SIMC; in cross-border disputes before courts in Cayman Islands, India, Indonesia, Singapore, Switzerland, Mauritius, United Arab Emirates (both onshore and offshore), United Kingdom and United States of America; and in investment treaty disputes.

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## COMMERCIAL DISPUTES

### Energy, Resources & Infrastructure

#### Arbitration

- Representing two Indian companies in an arbitration under a joint-venture agreement for construction of a thermal power plant against a Korean sovereign company (SIAC Rules, Singapore seated, Indian law)
- Representing a Singaporean company in an arbitration concerning breach of a shareholders' agreement in relation to a sustainable waste management venture against a Thai company (TAI Rules, Bangkok seated, Thai law)
- 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 (Addis Ababa seated, Ethiopian law)

#### Litigation

- Advising three Indonesian and two Singapore mining resource companies in a series of loan default litigations against Indian bank's Singapore and DIFC branch (Singapore High Court)
- Advising an Indian individual in his dispute concerning breach of a shareholders' agreement in relation to a sustainable waste management venture against a Thai company (Thai courts)

### 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 UK-based risk capital fund in relation to its DIAC arbitration against Afghan borrowers for breach of a term loan agreement (DIAC Rules, DIFC seated, English law)
- Representing a private equity-backed master franchisee in 7 arbitrations against former franchisees of a multinational quick service restaurant chain (UNCITRAL Rules administered by ICDR, New York seated, Indian law, Liechtenstein law)
- Advising a Singaporean company in a contractual dispute against a Delaware company concerning a fraud notice under a share purchase agreement (SIAC Rules, Singapore seated, Indian 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)
- Advising two Singaporean companies in a debt recovery proceeding by an Indian bank under a facility agreement (Singapore High Court)
- Advising an Indian bank in a bank guarantee recovery litigation against an Abu Dhabi bank (DIFC Courts)

## Shipping & Insurance

### Arbitration

- Advising a Turkish buyer and a UAE guarantor in their dispute against UAE and Panama-based vessel owners arising out of an agreement for the sale and purchase of a vessel (LMAA Rules, London seated, English law)

### Litigation

- Advising three promoters of an Indian and a UAE shipping technology company in a dispute concerning the wrongful revocation of their shareholding (Dubai law, Dubai courts)

## IT & ITES

### Arbitration

- 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)

### Litigation

- Advising an Indian travel agency in its dispute with a Singapore technology company under a contract for the provision of computerised travel and related reservation services (Singapore courts)

## Others

### Arbitration

- Representing an Indian multi-national company in its dispute against its partner under several memoranda of understanding for the joint performance of visa processing services (DIAC Rules, DIFC-seated, DIFC law)
- 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)
- Representing a Turkish company in its disputes against a Brazilian company under an agreement for the sale of coffee (ICC Rules, Geneva seated, Swiss law)

### Litigation

- Representing an English medical repatriation service provider in its dispute against the estate of a late Burundian HNI in support of a DIAC arbitration (DIFC Courts)

## ENFORCEMENT AND DEBT RECOVERY

- Representing 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)
- 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 a Hong Kong steel company and its Qatari subsidiary on the enforcement of its ICC awards against a multinational Indian EPC company and its Qatari subsidiary
- Representing a UAE-based distributor on the enforcement of an ICC award against a Russian pharmaceutical company (Indian courts)

- Advising a litigation funder on the cross-border enforcement of a US court judgment in India, the UAE, and the BVI.
- Advising one of the oldest Middle Eastern upstream oil and gas companies on the enforcement of an LCIA award against a state-owned entity in the DIFC, India, and Singapore
- Advising a global litigation funder on the enforcement of a DIFC-LCIA award in the UAE (UAE 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)
- Representing a Middle East distribution company in proceedings against one of the world's largest automobile manufacturers relating to the enforcement of a London-seated LCIA award (DIFC Courts)

## TREATY DISPUTES

### Investment Treaties

- Advising an Australian HNI investor in his investment treaty dispute against a state entity.
- Advising a multinational advertising company on litigation finance for its claims against a state entity under bilateral investment treaties.
- Advising a steel company on litigation finance for its claims against a state entity under a bilateral investment treaty

## CROSS-BORDER DEALS

- Advising a litigation funder on entry strategies into and structures for the Indian market.
- Advising a Singaporean and an Indonesian company on a coal mining and infrastructure joint venture with local partners in Indonesia.
- Advising Chinese clients on the operations of Chinese enterprises in India, including administrative bans, regulatory actions, and litigation strategies arising from investigations by Indian authorities across various sectors.

## PUBLICATIONS

- Virtual Arbitration in India: A Practical Guide, co-authored with Aditya Gupta (Centre for Arbitration and Research, MNLU Mumbai, June 2020)
- "A Case for the Global Governance of AMR by Regulating the Pharmaceutical Supply Chain" co-authored with Ipshita Chaturvedi, published in Steering against Superbugs: The Global Governance of Antimicrobial Resistance (Oxford University Press, 2023)