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## EXPERIENCE

Sanchit is a Managing Counsel at Singularity Legal. He specialises in advising shipping and insurance, sports and entertainment, private equity and finance, digital assets and IT, energy and infrastructure companies, in their shareholder and joint venture disputes, operational disputes and sovereign disputes. He also represents athletes and sports federations in anti-doping and other sports disputes.

His range of experience includes advising clients in international arbitrations under various rules like SIAC, JAMS, ICC, CIETAC, DIFC-LCIA, LMAA, LCIA, SCMA and DIAC; and in cross-border disputes before courts in India, Mauritius, Singapore, United Kingdom, Cayman Islands, Switzerland, DIFC, United States of America and United Arab Emirates.

## COMMERCIAL DISPUTES

### Energy, Resources & Infrastructure

#### Arbitration

- Representing a Singaporean and an Indian company in an ad-hoc arbitration concerning termination of a contract for conversion of a mobile offshore drilling unit to a mobile offshore production unit, against an Indian state-owned enterprise (India seated, Indian law)
- Representing two Indian companies in an arbitration under joint venture agreement for the construction of a thermal power plant against a Korean sovereign company (SIAC Rules, Singapore seated, Indian Law)
- Representing an Indian company against its project manager in an ad-hoc arbitration for refund of advances under a profit-sharing agreement (India seated, Indian law)
- Representing two Singaporean companies in an arbitration against its ex-managing director of the oil and gas division and his companies for breach of fiduciary duties and non-compete agreement (SIAC Rules, Singapore seated, Singapore law)
- Advising a global litigation funder for its investment in a dispute concerning the construction of an oil-&-gas project in Saudi Arabia (ICC Rules, London seated, Saudi law)
- 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 construction company in an ad hoc arbitration against an Indian public sector undertaking arising out of a contract for construction of balance work of a four-lane highway (India seated, Indian law)
- Advising an Indian company in 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)

#### Litigation

- Representing a Singaporean and an Indian company in their dispute under an EPC contract for conversion of a mobile offshore drilling unit to a mobile offshore production unit, against an Indian state-owned enterprise (Bombay High Court)

## 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)
- Representing a minority shareholder in a dispute against Indian real estate developer and a private equity companies involved in the development of a technology park, in an investigation for fraud and oppression. (India seated, Indian 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 an Indian investor in his dispute against the English joint venture partner with respect to his investment in an English bespoke jewelry designing software company (UK High Court, Queen's Bench Commercial Division)

## Pharmaceutical & Medical Devices

- Representing a Singapore-based pharmaceutical company in an arbitration under a shareholders' agreement against their Indian joint venture partners (India seated, Indian law)
- Advising an Indian MSME in its dispute against an American pharmaceutical company under a contract for the supply of manufacturing equipment (India seated, Pennsylvania law)
- Advising a Belgian company and its Indian subsidiary in relation to their claims against an Indian PSU arising out of four interconnected contracts for the supply, transportation, installation, training and maintenance of a hadron beam therapy facility (Ad Hoc Arbitration, India seated, Indian law)

## Shipping & Insurance

### Arbitration

- Representing an Indian shipping company in an arbitration against two Indian marine support service companies for breaches of a settlement agreement. (SCMA Rules, Singapore seated, Singapore Law) and connected court proceedings (Bombay and Singapore High Courts)
- Representing 5 shipping companies based in Marshall Islands in 8 arbitrations concerning breach of their Ship Management Agreements by a Singapore based ship management entity (LMAA Arbitration Terms, London seated, English law)
- 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

- Representing an Indian shipping company in ship arrest proceedings against two Indian marine support service companies for breaches of a settlement agreement (Gujarat & Orissa High Court)
- Advising an Indian company in an insurance litigation against an Indian underwriter under a hull and machinery insurance policy (UK High Court, Queen's Bench Division)
- Advising an Indian company in relation to its liability for removal of a shipwreck under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958 before the Directorate General of Shipping

## Sports & Entertainment

### Arbitration

- Advising Indian and Singaporean promoters of a sports broadcasting company in their dispute against an American-headquartered multinational media company (SIAC Rules, India seated, Indian Law)
- 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)
- Advising a multinational advertising company on litigation finance for its claims against a state entity under bilateral investment treaties, an arbitration under the DIAC Rules, and DIFC litigation

## Litigation

- Representing a former coach in a public interest litigation challenging the constitutional validity of India's National Anti-Doping Code (Delhi High Court)
- Representing 4 Powerlifting Athletes that were tested positive for doping at the 44th National Games, India (Delhi High Court & Anti-Doping Disciplinary Panel)
- Representing a decorated Indian female powerlifter in anti-doping proceedings initiated by the National Anti-Doping Agency following her participation in the 2023 National Senior (Men & Women) Equipped Powerlifting Championship (Delhi High Court, Supreme Court, Anti-Doping Disciplinary and Appellate Panels)

## Digital Assets & IT

### Arbitration

- 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 a Canadian national in his dispute against a leading cryptocurrency exchange (JAMS Rules, New York seated, New York law)
- 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)

### Litigation

- Advising a UAE-based HNI in his dispute with a State agency regarding seizure of his cryptocurrency investments (US courts)
- Advising several Canadian and US individuals in relation to class action proceedings against a leading cryptocurrency exchange for the latter's involvement in an arbitrage fraud (US Courts, US law)

## Others

### Arbitration

- 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)
- Advising 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)

### Litigation

- 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 (Indian Courts, Indian law)

## 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)
- 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 on enforcement and execution of a Swiss-seated arbitral award in Morocco and DIFC against a Moroccan construction contractor (Swiss Rules of International Arbitration, Geneva seated, Swiss Law)
- Advising a Russian gas processing company on strategies to globally enforce a judgement of the Russian courts against an Ireland based gas company

## **CROSS-BORDER DEALS**

- Advising a Singaporean company on its agreement for the design and construction of five hospital buildings and the supply of medical and non-medical equipment in Côte d'Ivoire.
- Advising a litigation funder on entry strategies into and structures for the Indian market.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

- "Sports arbitration in India" co-authored with Prateek Bagaria & Rohit Shankar, published in 'Specialized Arbitrations – Emerging International Trends & Practices' (Thomson Reuters, 2022)

## **SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS**

- Contractual considerations for dredging in South Asia (Indian Infrastructure Conference on Dredging in India, 2024)