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Mr. Gauhar Mirza is a seasoned practitioner with a focus on technology law, international and domestic commercial arbitration. He advises leading technology companies on compliance with the evolving regulatory framework, including data privacy-related issues. His practice also extends to representing clients before law enforcement authorities and diverse judicial forums across India. He is known for his expertise in handling complex commercial disputes through arbitration and other forms of alternative dispute resolution (ADR).

In addition to his strong presence in the technology sector, Mr. Mirza has acted for both private and public sector corporations in high-value and complex disputes. He has appeared in ad hoc as well as institutional arbitrations covering a broad spectrum of matters, including infrastructure and real estate projects, shareholder and partnership disputes, license agreements, land acquisition, and employment-related claims. His experience spans multiple industries, enabling him to provide practical, business-oriented solutions to contentious issues.

Mr. Mirza has experience handling arbitrations under different institutional rules, such as those of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), the Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC), the London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA), and the Indian Council of Arbitration (ICA). His familiarity with these institutions allows him to navigate complex arbitrations effectively. Mr. Mirza also sits as an arbitrator in various domestic arbitration.

Mr. Mirza contributes to the development of arbitration law and practice through his writings and thought leadership. He often shares insights on arbitration-related topics, discussing emerging trends and challenges in the field.

Selective Experience Statement

- Represented **Facebook, Instagram and WhatsApp** in tech litigation pertaining to take down requests, intellectual property matters, writs and policy related matters before various judicial forums and law enforcement authorities.
- Represented a **leading software services provider** in a tech-arbitration and obtained favourable award for the client.

Practice Areas:

- Dispute Resolution
(Arbitration and Litigation)

Bar Admission:

- Enrolled with Delhi High Court Bar Association
- Enrolled with Supreme Court Bar Association
- Enrolled with Young Arbitrators Forum- ICC

Education:

- LLB, Faculty of Law, Jamia Milia Islamia, New Delhi

Languages:

- English
- Hindi
- Urdu

- Regularly advises public and private enterprises in relation to employment disputes under the ID Act, EPF Act, and various other labour statutes.
- Represented **Vikram Bakshi and Bakshi Holdings** in objecting to enforcement of an LCIA arbitral award before Delhi High Court;
- Represented **Kal Airways and Kalanithi Maran** in challenge to domestic arbitral award before the Delhi High Court;
- Represented **Jolen Inc.** in enforcement of a ICC award before the Delhi High Court, Punjab and Haryana High Court and Supreme Court;
- Representing **GE T&D India Ltd.**, a leading player in power transmission and distribution infrastructure business, in several arbitrations and advising it in several ongoing contracts with employers in India and abroad.
- Representing **NHPC Ltd**, a Government of India undertaking several arbitrations (ICC administered and DIAC administered) and multiple proceedings related to challenge to the arbitral awards before the Delhi High Court. Disputes pertain to infrastructure development contracts awarded for hydroelectric and solar power plant projects in U.T of Jammu and Kashmir, State of West Bengal, Assam and Kerala wherein the sum in dispute is in excess of INR 5000 Crores.
- Representing **Ircon International Limited**, a Govt. of India undertaking in multiple arbitrations and ancillary litigations wherein the subject matter was delay in completion of tunnel infrastructure projects for the Udhampur-Katra-Quazikund-Baramulla Railway line, (biggest project for the construction of the mountain railways infrastructure in India). The Project has been declared as a project of National Importance by the Govt. of India.
- Representing **Reliance Communications Infrastructure Ltd** as a Claimant an arbitration against BSNL wherein the dispute is arising out of an operations and maintenance contract for providing rural mobile communication services in the states of Himachal Pradesh and Assam. Sum involved in the dispute is around INR 100 Crores.
- Representing **JSC Pharmasyntez**, a Russian drug manufacturing company in a Delhi seated international commercial arbitration against an Indian company. The claim is for damages caused due to non-performance of the obligations to procure government approvals and conduct clinical trials of a drug developed in Russia.
- Representing **Fresenius Medical Care India Pvt. Ltd.**, a wholly owned Indian subsidiary of leading German medical equipment manufacturing company in multiple arbitration proceedings seated in Delhi and Hyderabad. Disputes pertain to breach of obligations to the equipment lease and consumables sale agreements.
- Represented **Powerica Ltd.** in the transfer proceedings before the Supreme Court seeking transfer of proceedings pending before Bangalore District Court to Bombay High Court;
- Advised **Brahma Centre Development Pvt. Ltd.** on complete dispute resolution strategy which involved representing the client before the arbitral tribunal and other judicial forums such as Punjab and Haryana High Court and Haryana and RERA.
- Advised **AESSEAL PLC**, a renowned UK Company, in arbitration and litigation proceedings related to an asset purchase agreement in India.
- Represented **Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL)** in the arbitration pertaining to a dispute in relation to delay of construction of two Gas Turbine Power Stations in Oman.
- Represented **Carrier** before the Punjab and Haryana High Court and Supreme Court in Writ Petition against a land acquisition order;
- Advised and represented the **Embassy of Congo in India and Embassy of Equatorial Guinea** in lease-related arbitration disputes.

Awards and Recognitions

- Recognized amongst “Asia Super 50 Dispute Lawyers 2024” by Asian Legal Business.
- Ranked as a “Future Star” in the field of arbitration by Benchmark Litigation.
- Ranked as “Disputes Lawyer of the year, 2024” by Indian National Bar Associate (INBA)
- Appointed as a Member of the ICC - Young International Arbitration Group (YIAG) by The London Court of International Arbitration.
- Appointed as a member of the Steering Committee, by International Arbitration and Mediation Centre.
- Appointed as a Professor of Practice at University of Petroleum and Energy Studies, Dehradun.

