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Vaibhav Kakkar is a Senior Partner and member of the Firm's Management Committee, with nearly two decades of expertise in steering high-stakes cross-border transactions and advising on a broad spectrum of regulatory and corporate laws, including securities, foreign exchange, fintech, TMT, and gaming laws. Vaibhav leads the Firm's Regulatory practice apart from being a seasoned General Corporate and M&A lawyer.

Vaibhav counsels global corporations on their India investment strategies and is the trusted adviser for several marquee domestic and multinational clients on complex corporate matters, including cross-border M&As, joint ventures, and private equity transactions. He also works closely with government stakeholders on policy matters and spearheads the Firm's advocacy and policy development team.

Vaibhav is a highly regarded thought-leader and leading commentator on emerging legal issues, with a particular focus on FDI and exchange control laws. His insights are frequently featured across leading media platforms and national news outlets. He also serves as a Visiting Senior Fellow at Artha Global, a leading policy research and advisory organization. He is also a member of the CII National Committee on E-commerce.

In addition to work in the M&A space, Vaibhav advises leading market players on highly-complex and nuanced legal issues, especially on matters pertaining to securities laws, foreign exchange laws, fintech laws, telecom laws and gaming laws.

Awards and Recognitions

Vaibhav is frequently recognised by global legal directories and publications for his work in Corporate and M&A and is regularly featured among India's top business lawyers and legal influencers.

- Recognised as a **"Litigation Star – Commercial and Transactions"** by Benchmark Litigation in its Asia-Pacific Rankings 2025.
- Consistently recognised as a **"Leading Individual"** in Corporate-M&A by The Legal 500 Asia-Pacific Rankings (2021–2025).
- Recognised as a **"Recommended Lawyer"** in Fintech and Financial Services Regulatory, Lifesciences & Healthcare, and Private Equity by The Legal 500 Asia-Pacific Rankings 2025.

Practice Areas:

- Corporate & Commercial
- Private Equity & Venture Capital
- Mergers & Acquisitions
- Regulatory

Bar Admission:

- Bar Council of Delhi.

Education:

- B.B.A., LL.B. (Hons.) National Law University, Jodhpur, 2006

Languages:

- English
- Hindi

- Highly ranked in **Corporate and M&A** by Chambers and Partners Global and Asia-Pacific Rankings (2021–2025).
- Consistently recognised as a **“Leading Lawyer”** in M&A by Legal Era Leading Lawyer Rankings (2022–2025).
- Recognised as a **“Distinguished Practitioner”** in Corporate-M&A by Asialaw Profiles (2021–2024).
- Consistently recognised as **“Highly Regarded”** in M&A and Financial Services Regulatory by IFLR1000 Rankings (2020–2024).
- Recognised amongst India’s Top Lawyers and members of the prestigious **“A-List: Top 100 Lawyers in India”** by India Business Law Journal (2021–2025).
- Ranked as a **“Recommended Lawyer”** in corporate and commercial laws in the RSG Report by Resight India (2018, 2019, and 2025).
- Winner of the **“Tech Lawyer of the Year”** award at the BW Legal Global Leaders Awards 2023.
- Recognised among the **Top 10 Influential Corporate and M&A Lawyers Impacting Business in Delhi** by Business Today in 2023.
- Recognised among the **“Lawyers Power League: 100 Leading Law Firm Professionals of 2023”** by LawWiser.
- Awarded the **“Lawyer of the Month”** award by Asialaw in July 2022.
- Recognised as a **“Rising Star”** by Asian Legal Business in 2022.
- Recognised among **India’s 50 Future Legal Leaders** by India Business Law Journal in 2021.
- Awarded the **“40 Under 40 – Elite Club of Lawyers and Legal Influencers”** award by BW Legal World in 2021.
- Recognised as a **“Rising Star”** in M&A by IFLR1000 in its 2019 rankings.
- Recognised among the **“40 Under 40 Outstanding Legal Professionals”** by Asian Legal Business in 2019.
- Awarded the **“Rising Star Lawyer of the Year”** award at the Legal Era GenNext Counsel Awards in 2016.

