



VAIBHAV KAKKAR

Designation: Senior Partner

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Expertise: Corporate & Commercial, Private Equity & Venture Capital, Mergers & Acquisitions, and Regulatory

Education: B.B.A., LL.B. (Hons.); National Law University, Jodhpur, 2006

Bar Admission: Bar Council of Delhi

Awards and Recognitions:

- Consistently Ranked lawyer by **Chambers & Partners Asia-Pacific Guide** (2022 – 2026) for Corporate-M&A and Private Equity practice.
- Consistently ranked by **Chambers & Partners Global Guide** (2023 – 2026) for Corporate and M&A practice.
- Recognized amongst **India's Top Lawyers and members of the prestigious A-List** (2023-2026) by India Business Law Journal.
- Consistently recognised as a '**Leading Partner**' for Corporate and M&A practice and a '**Recommended Lawyer**' for Life Sciences & Healthcare, Fintech and TMT in the Legal 500 Asia-Pacific rankings, 2021 – 2026.
- Ranked as a '**Leading Lawyer**' for Corporate-M&A in the Legal Era Leading Lawyers Rankings, 2024-26.
- Recognised as a '**Litigation Star**' for Dispute Resolution - Commercial and Transactions by Benchmark Litigation in its Asia Pacific rankings, 2025 & 2026.
- Recognized amongst **India's Top Lawyers and members of the prestigious A-List**, 2024-2026 by India Business Law Journal.
- Ranked as '**Highly Regarded**' in M&A by IFLR 1000 Asia-Pacific Rankings, 2023-2025.
- Consistently been recognised as '**Distinguished Practitioner**' for Corporate and M&A practice in Asialaw Rankings, 2022-25.
- Recognised as '**Leading Law Firm Professional**' in Lawyer Power League 2023 by LawWiser.

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- Awarded '**Asialaw's Lawyer of the month**' award, July 2022.
 - Recognised '**Rising Star**' by Asian Legal Business 2022.
 - Ranked as a '**Leading Lawyer**' in M&A by Legal Era Rankings in 2022.
 - Awarded BW Legal World **40 under 40 Elite Club of Lawyers and Legal Influencers of 2021**.
 - Recognised amongst **India's 50 Future Legal Leaders** by India Business Law Journal.
 - Earlier, Vaibhav has also been recognized amongst '**40 under 40 outstanding legal professionals**' by Asian Legal Business in 2019 and ranked as '**Recommended Lawyer**' by 2019 RSG Report in the area of corporate and commercial laws and awarded '**Rising Star**' by Legal Era.

Overview:

Vaibhav Kakkar is a Senior Partner and member of the Firm's Management Committee, with over 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.