



BIKASH JHAWAR

Designation: Senior Partner

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Expertise: Banking & Finance, Mergers & Acquisitions, Corporate Commercial, Projects & Energy, Private Equity & Venture Capital, Restructuring & Insolvency

Education: B.A., LLB (Hons), National Law School of India, Bengaluru

Bar Admission: Bar Council of Maharashtra & Goa

Awards & Recognitions:

- Consistently ranked in Restructuring & Insolvency by **Chambers and Partners, Asia-Pacific Guide**, 2021-25.
- Consistently recognised and ranked among **IBLJ's A-List of India's Top 100 Lawyers**, 2021-2026.
- Ranked as '**Litigation Star**' for Insolvency by Benchmark Litigation in its Asia-Pacific rankings, 2025 & 2026.
- Recognised as '**Leading Partner**' for Restructuring and Insolvency practice by the Legal 500 Asia-Pacific Rankings, 2024-26.
- Recognised as '**Leading Lawyer**' Restructuring and Insolvency by Legal Era in its Leading Lawyers Awards 2026.
- Awarded '**Best M&A Lawyer of the Year**' by BW Legal Global Legal Leader Awards 2023-24.
- Consistently recognised and ranked as '**Highly Regarded**' for Project development, Banking, Project finance, Energy by IFLR1000 Asia Pacific Rankings, 2022- 2025.
- Recognised as '**Distinguished Practitioner**' for Restructuring & Insolvency practice by Asialaw Rankings, 2022-2025.
- Consistently recognised as '**Leading Lawyer**' for Restructuring & Insolvency by Legal Era Leading Lawyer Rankings 2022 – 2023.
- Ranked in Banking and Finance by **Chambers and Partners Global Guide**, 2023.

Overview:

Bikash is a Senior Partner at Saraf and Partners with over 20 years of experience and is also a part of the firm's Management Committee.

Bikash is a seasoned legal expert with extensive experience in Mergers & Acquisitions, Private Equity, Banking & Finance, and Restructuring & Insolvency transactions. He is one of India's most well-regarded lawyers, advising on a wide range of corporate transactions, including domestic and cross-border mergers and acquisitions, divestments, foreign direct investment in India, and outbound investments from India.

He has advised on high-profile transactions, including Viatris' US\$ 3.335 billion sale to Biocon Biologics, ArcelorMittal Nippon Steel's US\$ 7 billion acquisition of Essar Steel, RBL Bank's acquisition of RBS's commercial banking portfolio, and Reliance Nippon Capital AMC's acquisition of Goldman Sachs' mutual funds business in India.

His expertise spans sectors such as Logistics, Infrastructure, Media & Technology, Renewable Energy, Real Estate, Stressed Assets, Financial Services, and Asset Management. Bikash also specializes in project finance, structured finance, and legal risk management.