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**TARUNIMA VIJRA**

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**EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS**

**LL.M (2016-2017):** Geneva LL.M in International Dispute Settlement ('MIDS').

- **Thesis Title:** 'Constitution of an International Tribunal for Investment: Best Practices to be adopted from Existing International and National Legal Systems' (Supervised by Prof. Gabrielle Kaufmann-Kohler).

**B.A. LL.B (Hons.) (2006-2011):** The West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences, Kolkata, India.

**Class XII, ISC, Science Stream (2005):** The Hyderabad Public School, Hyderabad, India.

**Class X, ICSE (2003):** The Hyderabad Public School, Hyderabad, India.

**BAR QUALIFICATION**

**Admitted to practice law in India:** Enrolled with the Bar Council of Delhi, 2011.

**Registered with the Brussels Bar:** B-List.

**PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND**

**I. Hanotiau & van den Berg, Brussels**  
(October 2017 - present)  
*Senior Associate*

**Scope of Practice:** Acting as administrative secretary or assistant to tribunals in international commercial and investment arbitrations, both *ad hoc* and under a variety of institutional rules spanning various industry sectors, and as counsel in annulment and enforcement proceedings arising out of international investment arbitration.

**II. Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co., New Delhi<sup>1</sup>**  
(July 2011 - July 2016)  
*Senior Associate*

**Scope of Practice:** Commercial and civil litigation before the Supreme Court of India, High Court of Delhi, Delhi District Courts, Electricity Regulatory Commissions and the Appellate Tribunal for Electricity. I have also been involved in several arbitration proceedings, and in particular, construction arbitration matters.

**Main Role/ Tasks:** I have been involved in drafting of pleadings, evidence affidavits and final submissions for litigation and arbitration matters, conducting cross-examinations in arbitration proceedings, presenting oral arguments before various courts and tribunals in India and providing advisory opinions on various aspects of Indian law.

**Arbitration Experience:**

1. Acted as an intervenor for the Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC) before the Supreme Court of India in the case of *Bharat Aluminium Company vs. Kaiser Aluminium Technical Services Inc.* (2012) 9 SCC 552, for placing on record the position of Singapore courts qua foreign arbitrations and foreign awards. This was a constitutional reference with respect to the scope of intervention by Indian Courts in foreign arbitrations and awards.
2. Represented Zuari Cements Limited (subsidiary of the Italian Company - Italcementi) in arbitration proceedings in connection with its disputes pertaining to the construction of a cement plant.
3. Advised and represented one of the largest global hotel chains in arbitration proceedings in connection with disputes pertaining to construction of one of its hotels in India.
4. Advised and represented the Indian subsidiary of a leading Korean construction company in arbitration proceedings in connection with its claims on account of wrongful termination of a construction contract.

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5. Represented *Indian Oil Corporation* in an institutional arbitration (under the Indian Council of Arbitration Rules) instituted in connection with its disputes arising out of a fuel supply agreement with Duncan Industries Limited.
6. Represented a leading real estate company in India in arbitration proceedings in connection with its claims arising out of delay in construction of an office complex in Gurgaon, Haryana, India.
7. Represented two advertising companies in arbitration proceedings in connection with their claims arising out of a commercial contract with a State instrumentality.
8. Represented a leading readymade garment retailer in India in arbitration proceedings in connection with its claims arising out of delay in lease of a commercial shopping space.

#### **Litigation Experience:**

1. Advised a multinational bank on criminal and regulatory aspects, in a multi crore fraud perpetrated by its ex-employee.
2. Advised and represented a consortium of five leading banks in India before the High Court of Delhi in connection with their disputes with the National Highways Authority of India in relation to the financing provided by them, towards construction of a toll plaza on the Delhi-Gurgaon Expressway on a BOT basis. The project was the first of its kind Public-Private Partnership project in the road and highway sector in India.
3. Represented three major oil and gas companies in India before the High Court of Delhi in a challenge to the jurisdiction of the Competition Commission of India to examine issues governed by the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board Act, 2006.
4. Represented the *National Stock Exchange of India Limited* and the *National Securities Clearing Corporation of India Limited* before the Supreme Court of India.
5. Represented the *Yachting Association of India* before the High Court of Delhi in connection with a challenge to its recognition as a National Sports Federation.
6. Represented the *Confederation of Indian Industries* in writ proceedings before the High Court of Delhi.
7. Advised and represented the leading electricity distribution companies in Delhi across various fora in connection with their disputes with generating companies and consumers.
8. Advised *Hassad Food Co.*, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Qatar Investment Authority, in connection with a fraud perpetrated against it with respect to its acquisition of majority stake in Bush Foods Overseas Pvt. Ltd., a Delhi based leading basmati rice and ready-to-eat products maker.
9. Advised a UK based intelligence, law enforcement and security boutique firm in connection with a fraud perpetrated against it by an Indian company.
10. Advised one of the largest private equity funds in relation to one of its investments in the hospitality industry in India.

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

1. Co-authored a chapter titled 'India' for the book 'Arbitration World–Institutional & Jurisdictional Comparisons', published by Thomson Reuter, The European Lawyer Reference, 4<sup>th</sup> edition, 2012.
2. Co-authored an article titled *Inroads into party autonomy: arbitration clauses in agreements with telecom providers* published by The In-house Lawyer, 2013. Available at: <http://www.inhouselawyer.co.uk/index.php/legal-briefing/inroads-into-party-autonomy-arbitration-clauses-in-agreements-with-telecom-service-providers/>
3. Contributed a chapter titled *Women and Crime: What Every Woman Should Know* in the book, 'Laws affecting Women in India: A Ready Reckoner', prepared by Amarchand & Mangaldas & Suresh A. Shroff & Co. and published by the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry, 2014.
4. Co-authored an article titled "The (ir)relevance of an arbitrator's nationality" for the Liber Amicorum, 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of CEPANI, published by Wolters Kluwer, 2019.