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Practice:

Dispute Resolution

Education:

B.B.A. LL.B. (Hons.), Guru
Gobind Singh Indraprastha
University, Delhi (2013)

Professional Affiliations:

Bar Association of Delhi
Supreme Court Bar
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Aakash Bajaj is a Partner in the Dispute Resolution practice group. He is a registered Advocate on Record with the Supreme Court of India.

Aakash has vast and rich experience in diverse area of laws including constitutional law, laws relating to environment, mining, succession and inheritance, shareholder disputes and other commercial laws. He regularly advises clients on complex litigations and multi-jurisdictional disputes before various Courts in India as well as domestic arbitral tribunals and international arbitral tribunals (both institutional and ad hoc).

Aakash's forte has been litigation regarding mining law and environment law in India. He regularly advises, assists, and represents on various issues regarding the same including complications with environment clearances, consent to operate etc. Aakash has also been part of various landmark decisions relating to Mines and Minerals (Development) Act 1957, Coal Mines (Special Provisions) Act 2015 and Environment (Protection) Act 1986.

Aakash has also represented clients in various cases before the Supreme Court in relation to illegal mining in the States of Karnataka, Odisha and Goa. He has consistently garnered accolades from clients and the legal fraternity for his expertise.

Representative Matters

In his area of expertise, Aakash has represented and advised several clients across industries. Some indicative transactions include:

Litigation

- Representing a leading steel manufacturing company on dispute regarding levy of District Mineral Foundation and National Mineral Exploration Trust under the Mines and Mineral (Development) Act 1957;

- Representing a **leading steel manufacturing company**, on dispute regarding constitutional validity of the Coal Mines (Special Provisions) Act 2015;
- Representing a **leading steel manufacturing company**, on dispute regarding auction, transfer of mining lease and compensation under the Coal Mines (Special Provisions) Act 2015;
- Representing and advising a **leading mining company** on issues regarding environment clearance, Environment Impact Assessment, compensatory afforestation, NPV and transportation of minerals;
- Representing an **Indian subsidiary of a pharmaceuticals company** on allegations of violation of Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act 1981;
- Representing a **leading pharmaceuticals company** on issues regarding Biological Diversity Act 2002;
- Representing a **leading steel manufacturer and mining company** regarding operations in the State of Karnataka including litigation in relation to allegations of illegal mining;
- Representing a **leading steel manufacturer and mining company** regarding operations in the State of Odisha and Goa including litigation in relation to allegations of illegal mining.
- Representing a client in one of the leading succession disputes in India and connected shareholder disputes.
- Representing an Indian company in arbitration proceedings, execution proceedings and insolvency proceedings in a dispute with an Indian conglomerate.

Publications and Presentations:

Aakash has authored the following contributions:

- “Supreme Court Clarifies That Mining In Eco Sensitive Zone Is Prohibited Even If Its Boundaries Extend Beyond One Kilometre” (June 2023);
- “Supreme Court Upholds Decision Of UP Government To Grant Licenses To New Wood Based-industries” (December 2022);
- “National Green Tribunal asks applicants and appellants to give concerned authorities 15 days’ time to respond before approaching the tribunal, effective 1 August 2018” (July 2018);
- “Fair and reasonable’ compensation under the Coal Mines (Special Provisions) Act, 2015” (March 2017); and
- “Mining leases - subsistence, renewal and deemed extension” (April 2016).