



Practice: Dispute Resolution

Education:

B.A., LL.B. (Hons.), Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University, Delhi (2008)

Professional Affiliations:

Bar Council of Delhi Supreme Court Bar Association Delhi High Court Bar Association

Sectors:

Constitutional Laws Financial Services Oil & Natural gas Mining Pharmaceuticals & Healthcare

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Aseem Chaturvedi is a Partner in the Dispute Resolution practice group in the NCR office. He has been practicing for over a decade now and regularly appears before almost all forums starting from the Supreme Court of India, various High Courts all over India, Arbitral Tribunals, District Courts, various Tribunals and Consumer Forums. Aseem has also regularly been appointed and acting as an Arbitrator in various corporate disputes.

Representative Matters:

In his areas of expertise, Aseem has advised and represented several prominent clients which include:

- Coal Block Deallocation Matter (Dr. Manmohan Singh v. Central Bureau of Investigation, SLP No. 5056-5057 of 2015 & other connected matters) represented various Clients before the Hon'ble Supreme Court in relation to the constitutional validity of Section 13(1)(d)(iii) of the Prevention of Corruption Act (PC Act);
- Various Clients in Common Cause Vs UOI and Manohar Lal Sharma Vs Principal Secretary Coal & Ors. (Coal block deallocation matters) before the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India and various Clients on deallocation of coal blocks and related bank guarantee issues before the High Court of Delhi, High Court of Chhattisgarh & High Court of Madhya Pradesh;
- INOX Air Products Private Limited on its writ petitions before the High court of Delhi in relation to the supply of oxygen to the National Capital Territory of Delhi during the COVID-19 pandemic;
- GSK group on various proceedings before the SIAC, Karnataka High Court, Delhi High Court involving a dispute of USD 3.2 billion in relation to acquisition of brand Horlicks by Unilever Limited:
- Avantha Power and Infrastructure Limited on a Share Purchase Agreement transaction of nearly INR 8000 Crores for purchase of a Thermal Power Plant;
- Vedanta Limited on SIAC arbitration proceedings against a confidential party with dispute over USD 200 Million;
- Great Eastern Energy Corporation Limited (i) before the Hon'ble Delhi High Court on a petition challenging the constitutional validity of the Petroleum and Natural Gas

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Regulatory Board Act 2006, (ii) before the Hon'ble Delhi High Court on a petition challenging the constitutional validity of the Competition Act 2002, and (iii) in arbitration proceedings against the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas with regard to termination of and exploration natural gas block with claims of INR 1700 Crores;

- L&T Finance Limited on arbitration proceedings and Insolvency proceedings before NCLT against Supertech Limited and group companies for a debt exposure of over INR 1000 Crores;
- REC Limited before the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal & Hon'ble Supreme Court on the issue that a Borrower can proceed against the Corporate Guarantor even if no insolvency is initiated against the Principal Borrower with a total debt exposure of INR 900 Crores;
- Hindustan Unilever Limited on proceedings before the Hon'ble High Court with regard constitutional validity of the antiprofiteering for an amount of INR 535 Crores;
- Uttam Chand Rakesh Kumar on arbitration proceeding before JAMS, California in disputes involving USD 52 Million and related proceedings before the Delhi High Court;
- Orbit Exports Limited and several other Clients challenging the freezing of the Bank Accounts by the Directorate of Enforcement (ED) on account of a letter of request received from the Central Authority of Brazil, in relation to an investigation against Sergio Cabral, ex-governor of Brazil in a case of corruption and money laundering with a total exposure of USD 15 million;
- Aditya Birla Finance Limited on proceedings before the High Court of Bombay and Supreme Court of India in a dispute over INR 400 Crores;
- Dalmia Family Office Trust on proceedings against the ATS group in arbitration proceedings before the High Court of Delhi and Sole Arbitrator with claims of INR 330 Crores;
- Jindal Drilling and Industries Limited before the Supreme Court of India on a petition seeking enforcement of an arbitration award for approximately INR 175 crores;
- Halmirah Tea Estate Private Limited before the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India on a petition to challenge the constitutional validity of the New Delhi Municipal Council Act 1994;
- **Hindalco Industries Limited** before the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India and High Court on various petitions with regard to challenge the constitutional validity of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act 1957;
- **Essel Mining Limited** on a PIL filed by Common Cause before the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in relation to illegal mining in the State of Odisha;
- Glenmark Pharmaceuticals Limited, Lupin Limited, and other pharmaceutical companies before the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India and Hon'ble Delhi High Court on petitions pertaining to the ban on 344 fixed-dose combination drugs;
- Mr Abhishek Dalmia, Ms. Ramni Nirula and several HNIs before the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi on a writ petition challenging his disqualification as a director by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs;



- Air India Sats Airport Services Private Limited on a Public Interest Litigation filed against the contracts related to Airport Authority of India;
- Electrosteel Steels Limited before the High Court Delhi on a petition challenging to the constitutionality of the DGFT's policy on export subsidies;
- Legalance IP Corp LLP before the High Court of Delhi on a petition challenging levy of GST on Firms and lawyers including challenge to the constitutional validity of the CGST Act;
- Jindal Drilling and Industries Limited before the High Court of Delhi on a petition opposing enforcement of a Foreign Award for approximately INR 275 crores;
- Jindal Steel and Power Limited (i) before Hon'ble Supreme Court of India on a petition for de-allocation of coal blocks, (ii) a petition seeking a stay of encashment of bank guarantee worth USD 20 Million;
- Ultratech Cement Limited before Hon'ble Supreme Court of India and High Court of Chhattisgarh on a petition with regard to de-allocation of coal blocks;
- Idea Cellular Limited (i) before the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India and Hon'ble Delhi High Court on a petition for grant of 3G Intra-circle roaming, and (ii) before the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India on PILs challenging the allocation of 2G Spectrum to telecom service providers;
- Mashreq Bank PLC and other Clients before the NCLAT on the issues of various creditors against IL&FS group companies;
- Siemens Limited and Siemens AG in various arbitration and Court proceedings;
- Jiayun Data Limited in various Court proceedings before the High Court of Delhi and arbitration proceedings;
- Troikaa Pharmaceuticals Limited before the High Court of Delhi in relation to grant of license to Themis Medicare Limited for the manufacture of Diclofenac Injections containing Transcutol-P;
- Antanium Holdings Pte Ltd. before the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal with its Bench at Chennai in relation to nongrant of essential conditions and waivers contained in the Resolution Plan;
- Systa SA, in consortium with EGIS Rail SA, AECOM Asia Co. Ltd. and Consulting Engineers Group Limited, advisory in relation to grant of RFP by Gujarat Metro Rail Corporation Limited;
- Andrew Hine (through Taylor Wessing LLP) advisory and opinion in relation to recognition and enforcement in India of a Deputyship order passed by the Court of Protection at the Royal Court of Justice in England and Wales;
- INOX Wind Infrastructure Services Limited on arbitrations involving despite regarding the sale of wind farms for a claim of INR 1100 Crores;
- Association of Radio Broadcasters for India on writ petition before the High Court of Delhi in relation to reliefs being sought from the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting with regard to force majeure claims to the tune of INR 975 Crores;



- Department of Justice, United States of America advisory and opinion in relation to potential liabilities under Indian laws with regard to functioning of the embassy; and
- ECL Finance Limited on proceedings before the Delhi High Court in recovery proceedings against guarantors for INR 26 Crores.

Publications and Presentations:

Aseem has authored/co-authored the following contributions:

- "COVID-19: Is the Indian Judiciary battle ready?" published by Lexology and Mondaq;
- "Determining applicable law: role of arbitral tribunals" published by International Law Office;
- "Online dispute Resolution: An Indian Perspective" published by the Daily Guardian;
- "Use of Electronic Evidence in Judicial Proceedings" published by Lexology and Mondaq;
- "Preliminary issues not amenable to the jurisdiction of a court under Section 11 of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act" published by Lexology and Mondaq;
- "The Supreme Court reiterates distinction between 'retirement of partner' and 'dissolution of partnership firm" published by Lexology and Mondaq;
- "Virtual Arbitration and the New Normal" published by the Daily Guardian;
- "Conundrum of accord and satisfaction when appointing arbitral tribunals" published by International Law Office;
- "Determining arbitrability of disputes is courts' prerogative" published by International Law Office;
- "Maintainability of an Appeal Under Section 37 Of Arbitration And Conciliation Act, 1996" published by Mondaq;
- "Tripta Kaushik v Sub Registrar VI-A, Delhi & Anr. A`nd Ramesh Sharma v Government of N.C.T. of Delhi & Ors: Distinction between Will and relinquishment deed" by the High Court of Delhi published by Axfait;
- "Delhi HC deals with the force majeure clause in construction contracts" published in Lexology;
- "Arbitrability of Tenancy Disputes: A Conundrum" published by Axfait;
- "Appointment of Arbitrators" in Notes on Dispute Resolution Practice published by Bar and Bench;
- "Execution proceedings Overhaul: In Progress" published at Axfait;
- "Execution of Decrees and Arbitral Award rendered in USA" published at Indo-American Chamber of Commerce;



- "Supreme Court Rules That Section 50 Of The Arbitration & Conciliation Act, 1996, Can't Be Bypassed Through Recourse To Section 13(1) Of The Commercial Courts Act" published at Mondaq India;
- "Supreme Court Holds Ruling on Limitation is Interim Award and Subject to Challenge Under Section 34 of the Arbitration & Conciliation Act, 1996" published at Mondaq India;
- "Supreme Court Says No to Arbitration in Landlord-Tenancy Disputes" published at Mondaq India;
- "Supreme Court Declares Section 45(1) Of Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002 As Unconstitutional" published at Mondaq India;
- "Supreme Court: Financial Certificate Not Mandatory for Foreign Operational Creditors and Lawyers Allowed to Issue Demand Notice to A Corporate Debtor Under IBC" published at Mondag India;
- "Venture-Satyam Dispute Referred to Larger Bench Due to Differing Opinions published at Mondaq India" published at Mondaq India;
- "Supreme Court Holds Levy of Contribution to District Mineral Foundation Trust Cannot Be Collected Retrospectively Under the MMDR Act" published at Mondaq India;
- "Supreme Court Lays Down 10 Principles for Invoking Inherent Jurisdiction Under Section 482 Of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973" published at Mondaq India;
- "Bombay High Court Rules Arbitration Clause in Draft Concession Agreement Annexed to Bid Document Not Binding on Parties" published at Mondag India;
- "Delhi High Court Strikes Down NDMC (Determination of Annual Rent) Bye-Laws, 2009 As Being Ultra Vires the NDMC Act, 1994" published at Mondaq India;
- "Delhi High Court Strikes Down Notification Dated 10 March 2016 Issued by The Government of India Banning 344 Fixed Dose Combination (FDC) Drugs" published at Mondaq India; and
- "No interference with arbitral process by exercising extraordinary jurisdiction" published by Axfait.

Participated Seminars, organised the following external webinars on arbitration /litigation

- Organised a webinar with Delhi High Court Bar Association on Arbitration & Conciliation Act, 1996 by Hon'ble Mr Justice Navin Chawla, Judge High Court of Delhi. KCO provided the technology support. The webinar was attended by over 1800 participants;
- Participated as a panellist on Powers of Court under Section 11 of the Arbitration & Conciliation Act, 1996 with Hon'ble Mr. Justice Sanjay Kishan Kaul, Judge Supreme Court of India & Hon'ble Mr. Justice Rajiv Shakdher, Judge High Court of Delhi. Webinar was attended by over 1000 participants;



- Organised and participated in a webinar on Environmental laws by Hon'ble Mr. Justice Swatanter Kumar, Former Judge Hon'ble Supreme Court of India & Former Chairperson of NGT, Mr. Pinaki Misra, Senior Advocate & Member of Parliament;
- Participated as a speaker in a webinar organised by Axfait moderated by Mr. Sanjeev Ghemawat, Dalmia Cement (Bharat) Limited on drafting of arbitration clauses; and
- Participated as a Speaker on an webinar organised by CII on 'Dispute Resolution - Streamline ADR Mechanism' along with Mr. Anand Desai, Ms. Pallavi Shroff, Mr. Lalit Bhasin, Mr Vikkas Mohan, Mr. Trinath Tadakmalla & Mr. Arush Khanna.