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Practices:

Private Client Practice
General Corporate

Education:

B.Com. LL.B., Government
Law College, Mumbai (2005)

Professional Affiliations:

Bar Council of Maharashtra &
Goa
The Society of Trust and
Estate Practitioners

Divi Dutta is a Partner in the Private Client practice group. Prior to joining the Firm, Divi was a Partner at Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co. (New Delhi).

Divi specialises in succession planning, trusts, wills, estates, family settlements, ring fencing of assets, family separations, family constitutions, private wealth management advisory and other structuring and servicing for high-net-worth individuals.

She also has extensive experience in general corporate matters, mergers and acquisitions, including other corporate advisory pertaining to assisting foreign companies in setting up operations in India, advising and assisting in secretarial compliances required to be undertaken by corporates on a continuous retainer basis.

Representative Matters

In her areas of expertise, Divi has advised and represented several prominent clients including:

Private Client Practice

- The promoter of a large automobile manufacturing company on drafting an advanced medical directive (living will);
- The promoters of a listed company involved in manufacturing of electrical parts on drafting of wills;
- A large business house on a family settlement between four brothers;
- The promoters of a well-known pipe company on succession planning, setting up of private trusts (onshore and offshore) and drafting of wills;
- Individuals residing abroad on (i) understanding the concept of a Hindu Undivided Family (HUF); (ii) taking over the legacy of the HUF as karta and executing related documentation; (iii) sale and distribution of assets of the HUF; and (iv) partition of the HUF, post demise of the original karta of the HUF;

- The promoters of a well-known and reputed wine company on their family separation;
- The promoter of a well-known digital payments company on the setting up of a private trust;
- The legal heirs of a business house on the transmission of assets through the will of their late mother;
- The promoters of a large hospitality company on the transmission of assets on account of intestate succession and a related family settlement;
- The promoters of a listed company engaged in provided technological services on the transfer of shares of a listed company into a family trust including obtaining regulatory approvals, setting up the trusts and related advisory;
- The promoters of a company engaged in the hospitality industry on setting up multiple private family trusts;
- The promoters of an entity engaged in the manufacture of paints on a family constitution and family settlement; and
- The promoter of a large media house on drafting of his will, interpretation of the will of his late mother, and preparing for legal disputes etc.

General Corporate & M&A

- American Express Travel Related Services Co Inc. on the sale of its stake in ODCEM Technologies Private Limited to GupShup Inc.;
- BP IN-VPF, LLC and Viernes Holdco LLC on its investment in Vivifi India Finance Private Limited;
- Loyalty Partner Singapore (an American Express group entity) with the transfer of their loyalty programme business (PayBack) in India to Resilient Innovations Private Limited ("BharatPe"), through a share purchase;
- SCV Research and Development Pte. Ltd. (Singapore) and SCV Master Holding Company Pte. Ltd on setting up operations in India;
- Castlegreen Energy Private Limited in its joint venture with H2B2 ELECTROLYSIS Technologies S.L.;
- Jindal Saw Limited on its joint venture with Hunting Energy Services Pte. Ltd.;
- Jindal Saw Limited on the acquisition of Sathavahana Ispat Limited through the insolvency process;
- Monotype Imaging Holdings Inc. on corporate and secretarial advice for their wholly owned subsidiary in India;

Recognitions & Accomplishments:

- Recognised and featured in India Business Law Journal's 2023-24 'A-List'
- 'Asia Top 15 Private Wealth Lawyers 2022' by Asian Legal Business (ALB);
- 'Leading Individual in the private client practice' by Legal 500 - Asia Pacific 2023 and 2024 which was ranked as a Tier 1 practice;
- 'Recommended Lawyer' in the private client practice which was ranked under Top Tier by Legal 500 - Asia Pacific 2022;
- Nominated for 'Lawyer of the Year' in the private clients practice in the Legal Era 2020-21 awards.

- DRW Singapore Pte. Ltd. on corporate and secretarial advice for their wholly owned subsidiary in India;
- Ergonia Holdings LLC on corporate and secretarial advice for their wholly owned subsidiary in India;
- Paypal Payments Private Limited and Paypal India Private Limited on corporate and secretarial advice for their India operations; and
- Prithavi Raj Jindal Group and Jindal Saw Limited on continued corporate advice from time to time.

Publications and Presentations:

Divi has authored the following contributions:

- "Thought Leadership Paper: Shortcomings And Evolution Of Hindu Succession Act, 1956", Mondaq;
- "Estate Duty Act - A Critical Analysis Of The Journey So Far" Mondaq;
- "Budget 2018: Probability of reintroduction of estate duty", Moneycontrol;
- "Mergers And Acquisitions In India - A Brief Overview", Mondaq;
- "New cross-border regime: Analysis and observations", India Business Law Journal;
- Quoted in an article titled "A Tangled Tale" on succession planning, particularly through wills", Business Today;
- "How To Claim One's Rightful Share - Succession And Legal Heirship Certificate", Mondaq;
- Article on Hindu Undivided Family (HUF), Mondaq;
- Quoted in an article titled "Limited Role of a Wife in an HUF", Business Standard;
- Quoted in an article titled "When can a legal heir challenge a will as per Indian succession laws", ET Wealth;
- "Cross-border mergers under the Companies Act, 2013", India Business Law Journal; and
- Quoted in an article titled "How rich young Indians can write an effective, fool-proof Will", Money Control.