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Practices:

Corporate & Commercial
Corporate Governance
Joint Ventures
Mergers & Acquisitions

Education:

Solicitor, England & Wales (1999)
Solicitor, The Bombay Incorporated
Law Society (1995)
LL.B., Government Law College (1993)

Professional Affiliations:

Bar Council of Maharashtra & Goa
The Bombay Incorporated Law Society
Law Society of England & Wales
Indian Merchant Chambers - Corporate
Governance Committee Member
CII (Western Region) - Corporate
Governance Committee Member

Kalpana Unadkat is a Partner in the Corporate and Commercial practice group in the Mumbai office. She is a qualified Solicitor registered with the Bombay Incorporated Law Society and the Law Society of England & Wales. Prior to joining the Firm, Kalpana spent 10 years at the Ashurst's London office. She is qualified to practise both Indian laws and English laws.

Kalpana's practice has always been broad based. With Firm for over a decade now, Kalpana specialises in cross border joint ventures and M&As, private acquisitions and disposals, commercial contracts, issues of compliance and corporate governance laws and offers practical solutions to clients on doing business in India. She is experienced in leading diverse teams in dynamic environments while achieving success in competitive markets.

Kalpana is a well-recognised expert on Corporate Governance principles. She also advises on board effectiveness, particularly around issues of corporate governance, leadership, organisational climate and decision-making. In this regard, she has led several workshops and trained more than 300 directors with a comprehensive approach to director development. By helping companies develop broad spectrum insights into corporate governance best practices, Kalpana has demonstrated how it can improve coherence in business direction and strategy, drive corporate responsibility and improve corporate accountability for stakeholder confidence. She is also an independent director on board of public companies (listed and unlisted).

She regularly acts for international companies and is recognised in independent guides as one of the leading lawyers.

Some of the clients Kalpana regularly advises include Expedia, Waterlogic plc, Babcock & Wilcox, Russell Reynolds, McGladrey LLP, Microfocus plc, Batelco, Syntax, Nitin Lifescience, etc.

Representative Matters:

In her areas of expertise, Kalpana has represented and advised some of the following clients:

- **Clanwilliam Group** on the acquisition of 100% of Dictate IT Limited (UK entity) together with 100% acquisition of British Orient Infotel Private Limited;
- **2050.Digital** on its joint venture with Trinity group in India;
- **Babcock & Wilcox** on its joint venture with Thermax Limited and its subsidiaries operations in India;



- **Standard Life** on its joint venture with HDFC in India;
- **Expedia** on its on-going India operations;
- **CAIA Association** on its India operations;
- **CMT Association Inc** on its India operations;
- **Russell Reynolds Associates** on commercial and advisory matters for its India operations;
- **Lifewatch Group** on the liquidation of its subsidiary in India;
- **McGladrey LLP** on its joint venture in India and its operations;
- **Waterlogic plc** on its joint venture with Eureka Forbes Limited;
- **Syntax** on its operations in India;
- **Gem Jewellery Export Promotion Council** on its on-going corporate and commercial matters;
- **One of the bidders** on its bid for Binani Cement Limited under the insolvency regime;
- **Jhunjhunwala Consortium** on its successful bid for Ricoh India Limited;
- **One of the bidders** on its bid for Jaypee Infratech Limited; and
- **One of the bidders** on its successful bid for Ricoh India Limited under the insolvency regime.

Recognition and Accomplishments:

Kalpna has been acknowledged for her experience and expertise by:

- **The Corporate Governance Lawyers of the Year**, India (2019);
- **Economic Times and Spencer Stuart** as the Rising Women of the Year Award (2019);
- **M&A Today** as the Corporate Governance Lawyer for India Award (2018);
- **ACQ Global Law Awards** as the Female Lawyer of the Year (2017);
- **Lawyer Monthly** as the Women in Law awards (2017);
- **World HRD congress** as the Women SuperAchiever Award (2017); and
- She is also the recipient of the **Chevening Scholarship - English and EC Commercial Law and Practice** (College of Law, York (1997)).