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Practices:

International Arbitration
(Investment Treaty and
Commercial)
Commercial litigation
White Collar Crime
Enforcement and Global
Asset Recovery

Education:

National Law University
Jodhpur (B.Sc. LLB. (Hons.)
Harvard Law School (LLM)

Professional

Affiliations:

Solicitor Advocate (with
Higher Rights of Audience)
State of New York
Bar Council of Delhi
SIAC Reserve Panel of
Arbitrators
Society of Construction Law –
Joint Secretary
IBA Commercial Arbitration
Committee

Kartikey Mahajan is a Partner in the Dispute Resolution practice group in the Singapore office. Kartikey is qualified to practice law in India, England & Wales (where he has rights of audience for all courts) and the State of New York.

His practice focuses on international arbitration (both commercial and investment treaty) and commercial litigation with a cross-border element. He has advised both foreign and Indian investors in relation to potential investment claims against sovereign governments. He appears as an advocate in his arbitrations and has also sat as arbitrator in a variety of matters.

He has also represented clients in litigation proceedings in various jurisdictions like India, London, New York, DIFC, Singapore, Hong-Kong, Cyprus, and Iraq. Kartikey also advises clients on white collar, fraud and corruption issues, and as well as on internal and regulatory investigations (DOJ, MAS, SFO, CBI and FINMA), and in global enforcement matters with a particular emphasis on enforcement before India and Singapore courts.

Prior to joining the Firm, Kartikey has worked with Magic Circle and White Shoe American law firms in London and Singapore.

Representative Matters

In his areas of expertise, Kartikey has advised and represented the following clients:

Commercial Arbitration and Litigation (before Indian and foreign courts)

- Acting for a **solar energy platform** in a SIAC arbitration against the Chinese supplier of solar modules. Seat – London. English law applied.
- Acting for an **oil and gas major** in a potential dispute against its downstream supplier relating to non-supply of gas because of force majeure related issues.
- Acting for a **manufacturer of speciality chemicals** against a US based

entity in a SIAC arbitration relating to issues concerned the quality of the products. Seat – London. English law applied.

- Acting for an **Australian venture capital accelerator company** in a SIAC arbitration against an Indian entity. Seat – Singapore. Indian law applied.
- Acting on **enforcement related issues** for an award against an Asian State (in excess of USD 1 billion) before the Indian courts.
- Acting for a **group of US and European lenders** in relation to enforcement related issues concerning their investment (in excess of USD 1 billion) in an Indian company.
- Acted for an **Indian battery manufacturing company** in relation to its dispute with its promoter director. This led to civil as well as criminal proceedings.
- Acting for an **alternate asset management company** in relation to enforcement related aspects of a dispute between Singapore based entities to sanction its working capital needs.
- Represented **Reliance Industries Limited** against the Government of India in a UNCITRAL arbitration relating to cost recovery of explorations costs. Seat – India. Indian law applied.
- Represented **InterGlobe Enterprises** in a LCIA India arbitration relating to the ownership and management of IndiGo, India's largest airline. Seat – New Delhi. Indian law applied.
- Represented **Agility Public Warehousing Company K.S.C.** in three parallel ICC arbitrations, multiple mediations, and a Beirut Chamber of Commerce arbitration (governed by Lebanese law) in relation to breaches concerning shareholders agreement and other transaction documents. Seat – DIFC. English law applied.
- Acted for a **developer of renewable energy projects** in a LCIA arbitration relating to the construction of a solar photovoltaic power plant in Mongolia. Seat – London. Mongolian law applied.
- Represented a **U.S. engineering and construction firm** in an ICC arbitration relating to force majeure and delay claims from construction of an oil processing plant in Iraq. Seat – London. English law applied.
- Represented a **major Italian contractor** in two related ICC arbitrations against a Thai entity in relation to a Lao hydro-power plant project. Seat – Singapore. Singapore Law applied.
- Representing a **UAE based sovereign wealth fund** in relation to exiting its investment in an Indian joint venture in the infrastructure space and the ensuing litigation before the Indian courts.
- Represented **ArcelorMittal Nippon Steel India Limited** in relation to various enforcement matters before courts of India, UK, onshore

Recognitions & Accomplishments:

Kartikey has been acknowledged as a Global Elite Thought Leaders - Arbitration list of Who's Who Legal in 2023.

Kartikey has been acknowledged for his Arbitration Expertise in Who's Who Legal South East Asia in 2023.

Kartikey has been acknowledged as a Global Elite list of Who's Who Legal as a "future leader of arbitration" since 2020.

Kartikey has been recognized for his expertise as a Top 100 lawyer in Forbes India Legal Powerlist 2022 (above 10 years of work-ex category)

Dubai and Cyprus.

- Representing a **Middle Eastern State** in relation to sovereign immunity issues under Indian law and related proceedings before Indian courts.
- Represented **Revlon Inc** in a post M&A dispute involving warranty claims against its Italian joint venture partner before the English High Court.
- Represented a **global logistics company** in two DIFC Court proceedings for breach of the director duties relating to the DIFC arbitration commenced by the client.

Investment Treaty Arbitration and Public International Law

- Advised **Agility Public Warehousing Company K.S.C.** in an ICSID claim for expropriation of its investment in the Iraqi telecommunications sector.
- Represented a **group of Mexican investors** in their investment treaty claim against Kingdom of Spain in relation to the resolution of a European bank.
- Represented a **European investor** in UNCITRAL arbitration against a South American state in relation to a government-supervised customs inspection and audit programme.
- Advised a **South Asian investor** on a BIT claim involving expropriation and FET against Republic of India in the power sector and initiating a parallel commercial arbitration.

White Collar Crime

- Represented a global extractives company in respect of internal and governmental investigations into alleged bribery and corruption conducted by the SFO, the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), the U.S. Securities & Exchange Commission (SEC), the Australian Securities and Investments Commission and the Australian Federal Police.
- Represented a leading Swiss bank in a high-profile multijurisdictional (DOJ, Monetary Authority of Singapore and FINMA) investigation in relation to the bribery and corruption concerning the 1MDB Scandal.
- Represented a major international bank in a regulatory investigation into derivatives trading by the (Indian) Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI).
- Assisted in an internal investigation for one of the largest private equity funds concerning possible violations of the UK Bribery Act.
- Advised a Dubai based company on Indian anti-money laundering, anti-bribery and corruption laws.

Publications and Presentations:

Kartikey has authored the following contributions:

- GAR Know – How on Investment Treaty Arbitration 2022 – contributed the India chapter.
- “How bond and debenture trust related India disputes may now be resolved by arbitration?” in the Times of India, March 2023.
- “What The Singapore Court of Appeals Ruling in Westbridge Means for Transactions with Indian Parties?” in Mondaq, January 2023.
- “Recovering Foreign Award Debts in Insolvency Proceedings” in 2022 SCC OnLine Blog Exp 87
- “How To Resolve Business Contract Disputes in India” in Mondaq, July 2022.
- “International Outreach v Protectionism” at the IBA Webinar on Fundamentals of international business legal practice, February 2022.
- “Relevance and Role of Experts in Determination of Construction Disputes” at the SCL India Conference, December 2021.
- “ESG Disputes” at the YSIAC Conference, October 2021.
- “Emergency Arbitration” at Latham & Watkins and AFIA’s webinar, April 2021.
- “Diversity in International Arbitration” at CiArb’s Annual Manila Conference, November 2020.