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Practice/s

Dispute Resolution

Education

B.A. (Hons.) (Economics),
Delhi University (2002)
LL.B., Delhi University
(2006)

Professional Affiliation/s

Bar Council of Delhi
Advocate on Record,
Supreme Court of India

Karun is a Partner in the Dispute Resolution Practice of the Firm and is based out of its NCR-Noida office. Karun specializes in matters relating to Corporate and Commercial Disputes, Contractual Disputes, Consumer and related laws, Securitisation, Insurance law, EPC Contract disputes, and has represented his clients in Arbitrations (Domestic & International) and before the Supreme Court of India, various High Courts, and Quasi-judicial Authorities/ Tribunals. Karun is also an Advocate-on-record at the Supreme Court of India.

Karun is regularly consulted for pre-litigation and preventive advisory and is also advising foreign law firms and clients on their queries pertaining to Indian laws.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

In his area of expertise, Karun has represented and advised the following clients:

Consumer Law

- **Mahindra Holidays and Resorts Private Limited** advising and representing in relation to class action complaint before National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission and Central Consumer Protection Authority. Representing client in relation to their member disputes before Delhi High Court, Bombay High Court, National Financial Reporting Authority and Supreme Court of India.
- **ANI Technologies Private Limited (OLA)** advising and representing client before consumer regulator, Central Consumer Protection Authority, on allegation of unfair contract and dark pattern deployed by client on their consumer interface platform.
- **OnePlus Technology India Private Limited** advising and representing client before consumer regulator, Central Consumer Protection Authority, on issue of product liability.
- **Greaves Electric Mobility Private Limited** advising and representing client before consumer regulator, Central Consumer Protection Authority, on allegation of deficiency in services, unfair trade practice and violation of consumer rights.

- **Swiggy Limited**, advising and representing client before consumer regulator, Central Consumer Protection Authority, on various consumer facing issues.
- **B9 Beverages Pvt. Ltd (Bira)**, advising client before consumer regulator, Central Consumer Protection Authority, on issue of misleading advertisement and e-commerce rules compliance.
- **Bigtree Entertainment Private Limited (BookMyShow)**, advising and representing client before consumer regulator, Central Consumer Protection Authority, on allegation of dark patterns being deployed by client on their consumer interface platform.
- **For a Private Equity Investor**, analyzing and advising on the product liability / warranty linked liabilities of target companies. Also advised on the exposure of the target company on the basis of the existing insurance policy.
- **Guardian Healthcare Services Private Limited**, represented Client in relation to complaint regarding product liability and defect.
- **ITA Airways** advising and representing client in their various consumer related issues pan-India.
- **Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC)** advising and preparing handbook on consumer related laws and compliances, with respect to products and services offered on their platform
- **North-Eastern Development Finance Corporation Ltd. (NEDFi)** advising client on compliances required under E-Commerce Rules and other consumer related laws with respect to products and services sold on their online platform NE-Race.
- **Multiplex Association of India** advising and representing client in a challenge to District Commission's order concerning screening of advertisements in movie hall
- **Usha International** advising client with respect to compliances applicable to new business initiative, in relation to e-commerce rules and other consumer protection laws.
- **Udemy India LLP** advising on the liability exposure under consumer protection laws and on issues relating to product deficiency.
- **Tanishq** representing client in a consumer claim filed against it before National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission.
- **Jagran Prakash Limited** advising and representing Client in execution of a class action claim against NBCC before National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission. Also, representing Client in execution of its claim before HRERA.
- **Rashi Steel and Power Limited** successfully represented client before National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission for their insurance claim.

- **Fanatic Sports Private Limited**, successfully represented client in consumer disputes before National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission. Representing Client in their consumer disputes pan India.
- **Wow Momo Foods Private Limited**, advising Client in relation to a consumer dispute.
- **Advertising Agencies Association of India**, advising and representing before Supreme Court of India on the issue of misleading advertisement.
- **ICICI Bank** advising and representing in a consumer dispute before National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission.
- **Marico Limited**, represented Client in relation to complaint regarding product liability and defect.
- **Star Dental Centre Private Limited (Clove Dental)**, successfully represented client in relation to complaint alleging medical negligence.
- **BMW AG/ BMW India Private Limited** in relation to their varied Consumer Disputes pan India and Preventive Advisory;
- **Benetton India** in its varied matters (Consumer Disputes and Preventive Advisory);
- **Jones Lang LaSalle** in its dispute against HDFC Ergo regarding insurance claim;
- **Harley Davidson India** in their varied consumer disputes pan-India.
- **BM Birla Heart Research Centre** represented Client in a medical negligence case before the National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission.
- **Alitalia Airlines – Società Aerea Italiana** in relation to their varied disputes before Consumer Forums pan India and before Central Consumer Protection Authority.
- **Puzzolana Machinery Fabricators (Hyderabad) LLP** in relation to a consumer dispute before National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission.
- **DivyaSree Developers** in relation to their consumer disputes including class action complaints.

Civil and Commercial

- **Air India Express Limited**, advising in relation to domestic and international conditions of carriage, engine maintenance agreement, catering services agreement and customer related issues.
- **A well-known Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM)**, advising

and delivering a presentation on the legislative framework of product liability and product recall in India.

- **Gujarat Fluorochemicals Limited**, advising and representing before jurisdictional court in relation to contractual dispute with a rubber compounding company.
- **Bunch Microtechnologies Private Limited (Classplus) and its group company**, advising and representing before various forums and in arbitration proceedings in relation to contractual dispute concerning online coaching.
- **Oracle Financial Services Software Limited**, advising in relation to regulatory framework in permitting third parties events on the company's premises.
- **United Spirits Limited** in relation to its contractual dispute with Rajasthan State Beverages Corporation Ltd. under Liquor Sourcing Policy in the State of Rajasthan, before the Sole Arbitral Tribunal.
- **Petronet LNG Limited** in relation to its contractual dispute with Cochin Port Trust and Tariff Authority for Major Ports and in relation to arbitration proceedings under EPC contracts in relation to construction of marine infrastructure against Afcons.
- **BMW AG/ BMW India Private Limited** advising and representing before various jurisdictional courts and in arbitration proceedings with respect to its contractual disputes;
- **BMW Financial Services Private Limited** preventive and pre-litigation advisory, Arbitrations and related judicial proceedings in relation to various financing contracts.
- **Usha International** in relation to drafting various contracts and advisory on stamp duty issue.
- **Indusind Bank** in relation to IBC proceedings against Zee and Siti Cable.
- **ICICI Bank** advising and representing in a dispute with RBL Bank before Delhi High Court; Representing in a Cyber Appeal before Telecom Disputes Settlement and Appellate Tribunal. Representing before Supreme Court of India in a matter concerning simultaneous invocation of CIRP process against borrower and guarantor.
- **PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP**, advising on queries related to Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996.
- **TBEA Shenyang Transformers Group Company Limited** in an International Commercial Arbitration against Alstom Projects India Limited;
- **Reliance Broadcast Network Limited** in relation to its dispute with Delhi Metro Rail Corporation before Supreme Court of India and in arbitration;

- **Vossloh Group, Germany** in relation to shareholders' dispute initiated by their Indian Counterpart (Arbitration and other related proceedings in Hyderabad Court); Arbitration and other related proceedings in relation to their dispute with Delhi Metro Rail Corporation.
- **Alitalia Airlines – Società Aerea Italiana** advising and representing before various jurisdictional courts in relation to contractual disputes and other related issues;
- **Sterlite Power Transmission Limited** advising in relation to contract with CTC Global Corporation for manufacturing semi-conductors and representing in a contractual dispute instituted by KLM International, before Delhi District Court;
- **Godrej & Boyce Mfg. Co. Ltd.** in relation to dispute pertaining to applicability of provisions of the Maharashtra Private Forests (Acquisition) Act, 1975 and the Indian Forest Act, 1927 (Supreme Court);
- **Allen & Gledhill LLP, Singapore** and its client PT Makmur Sejahtera Wisesa, Indonesia in relation to contractual dispute with Punj Lloyd Limited, India;
- **Petrofac International (UAE) LLC** advised on various issues relating to Indian Contract Act;
- **IWK (Thailand) Limited** pre-litigation advisory in relation to potential dispute with Dr Reddy's Laboratory;
- **Lau, Horton & Wise LLP** and its client SK Sarawagi & Co Pte Ltd in relations to disputes arising out of issuance of foreign summons to a defendant residing in India.
- **Qmax Solutions Inc.** in relation to pre-litigation advisory and International Commercial Arbitration in its contractual disputes with ONGC Limited;
- **BLS International** advisory in relation to their various contracts for providing immigration services;
- **Mondelez (earlier known as Cadbury) and M/s Hershey India Private Limited**, in a challenge to the applicability of National Biological Diversity Act, 2002 before the High Court of Madhya Pradesh;
- **United Breweries, United Spirits and Radico Khaitan** before Supreme Court in their challenge to the levy of water tax based on NEERI report by Maharashtra Industrial Development Corporation;
- **Hyderabad Industries Limited** before Supreme Court of India in relation to disputes pertaining to tenancy and sales tax;
- **Ultratech Limited** before Supreme Court in their matter relating to Land Acquisition;

- **Glenmark Pharmaceuticals, FDC Limited, Swiss Gamier and M/s Lupin Limited** before Supreme Court of India in their challenge by way of Writ Petition to the inclusion of the bulk drug "Theophylline" within the purview of the Drug Price Control Order, 1995;
- **Jindal Steel and Power Limited** in their varied matters (Arbitration and Challenge to levy of Terminal Tax before High Court of Chhattisgarh);
- **Aditya Birla Sunlife Asset Management Company** in relation to a Commercial Dispute before the Delhi High Court;
- **United Breweries Holding Limited/Kingfisher Airlines Limited** in relation to its ongoing dispute with various local and International lenders and creditors before Supreme Court of India, Delhi High Court and Trial Court;
- **SREI Infrastructure Finance Limited**, in an arbitration proceeding in relation to a contractual dispute arising out of a tender matter;
- **India Power Corporation (Haldia) Limited** in arbitration proceedings against Scorpio Engineering Limited;
- **LG Electronics India Limited** advising on their ongoing civil dispute with USHA India Limited;
- **LEDVANCE India Private Limited** advising on issues relating to Legal Metrology Act;
- **Oriental Gas Company Limited** before Supreme Court of India in relation to execution of a UK Court's decree.
- **Jaiswal Neco Industries Limited** advising on issues arising out of Lease Agreement and pre-dispute advisory on applicability of provision of State Government Schemes relating to Stamp Duty exemptions.
- **Shristi Hotel Private Limited (now Sarga Hotel Private Limited)** representing in a dispute concerning enforcement of a foreign award before Delhi High Court and Supreme Court of India.

IBC and Companies Act

- **Bunch Microtechnologies Private Limited (Classplus)** advised client on their issue pertaining to oppression and mismanagement.
- **Coppertun Brewing** advised and represented client in insolvency proceedings.
- **Entertainment City Limited** advised client on their issue pertaining to oppression and mismanagement.
- **Singapore Telecommunication Limited** in relation to initiating winding-up proceedings against APL Infotech Limited before the Delhi High Court;

- **PEB (IndoChina) Limited** in winding-up proceeding against PEB Steel Llyod (India) Limited before the Delhi High Court;

Employment and Labour Laws

- **Jones Lang LaSalle** challenging the constitutional vires of the amendment to the Payment of Bonus Act;
- **Petronet LNG Limited** advising on Payment of Gratuity Act and Maternity Benefit Act; drafted employment contracts and code of ethics;
- **Benetton India Private Limited** advising on Maternity Benefit Act;
- **BMW India Private Limited** advising on legal issues involving contractual employment and Maternity Benefit Act;
- **Signify Innovations India Limited (Formerly 'Philips Lighting India Limited')** advising and representing before District Court, Punjab, Punjab and Haryana High Court and Supreme Court of India, in relation to employees dispute.
- **Cambridge University Press** advising on and drafting employment contracts and POSH policy for its employees.
- **Hyderabad Industries Limited** advising on and drafting employment contracts and code of ethics for its employees.

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Karun has authored the following contribution:

- From 1986 to 2019: The evolution of consumer protection in India – India Today
- Dark Patterns: An alarm bell for digital economy – ET Government
- CCPA steps in to curb Dark Patterns – Bar and Bench
- ASCI Guidelines on Deceptive Design Patterns in Digital Media Advertisements -Lexology / Bar and Bench
- Dark Patterns and Digital Design: In Conversation with Karun Mehta, Partner, Khaitan & Co – BW Legal World
- Delhi High Court Validates CCPA's Guidelines which Prohibit Mandatory Levy of a Service Charge by a Restaurant or Hotel – Lexology
- Service Charge v. Tipping in India and what workers want you to know? | The Signal Brief Podcast | The Core – YouTube/Spotify
- Repairability Index – A Step Towards Right to Repair in India – NDTV Profit

- Exclusivity of Debt Recovery Tribunal to adjudicate claims of a tenant on a secured asset - A Critical Analysis - Lexology
- Curious case of Section 74 of the Indian Contract Act - Mondaq