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Practices:

Dispute Resolution
White Collar Crimes
Corporate and Commercial

Education:

Diploma in Cyber Laws, Indian
Law Institute, New Delhi (2007)
LL.B., Delhi University (2005)
B.Com., Delhi University (2002)

Professional Affiliations:

Bar Council of Delhi
Delhi High Court Bar Association
Dwarka District Court Bar
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Rajiv Bhatnagar is a Partner in the Dispute Resolution Practice Group in the New Delhi office. Rajiv has substantial experience of handling Civil and Commercial disputes and specialises in White Collar Criminal litigation and advisory.

Rajiv has been involved in advising qua on-going investigation by various agencies [Economic Offences Wing, Special Cell (Delhi Police), Central Bureau of Investigation, Enforcement Directorate, Income-Tax (Benami Cell)] for prosecution and quasi-criminal prosecution for alleged offences under various specialised criminal statutes such as the Prevention of Corruption Act, Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), the Fugitive Economic Offenders Act, and the Prohibition of Benami Property Transactions Act (PBPT). Rajiv has also assisted and advised clients in the course of their internal corporate investigations, with a view towards tracing corporate fraud, bribery and/or money laundering for multinational organisations, and other offences under general criminal law, as well as under specific penal statutes such as Drugs & Cosmetics Act, Food Safety and Standards Act & Conservation of Foreign Exchange and Prevention of Smuggling Activities Act (COFEPOSA).

He has also represented clients before various Courts, Tribunals & Authorities, including the Supreme Court of India, High Courts, District Courts, Adjudicating Authority (under the PMLA and PBPT Acts), etc, at different stages of prosecution/litigation. In addition to the above, Rajiv is also involved in Domestic Arbitration, and advises clients in relation to ongoing contractual disputes.

Representative Matters:

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

White Collar Crimes:

- **A Leading International Airline** on an ongoing criminal investigations by the Central Bureau of Investigation and the Enforcement Directorate, under the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 and the Prevention of Money Laundering Act 2002;



- **A Global Restaurant Brand/Chain** on proceedings under the Prohibition of Benami Property Transactions Act, 1988. Advised the client at the stage of investigation and represented it before the concerned authorities;
- **International Jewellery Chain & Investment Companies** on proceedings arising out of attachment of properties under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act 2002. The said proceedings arise out of money laundering allegations in the *PNB Scam* of 2018;
- **An Investment Company** on the *Aircel-Maxis Scam* qua proceedings for attachment of properties under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act 2002.
- **A Real Estate Group & Promoters** on the *Augusta Westland Scam* qua proceedings for attachment of properties under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act 2002;
- **Kingfisher Airlines Limited** on a prosecution against the Company, Dr Vijay Mallya, as well as other senior management officials in various criminal matters;
- **AISATS** on a criminal prosecution launched by CBI qua alleged offences under POCA & IPC;
- **Lupin Limited, IPCA, Elder Pharmaceuticals, Rapross Pharmaceuticals, Wockhardt Limited, Wyeth Limited, Linde Limited, JL Morrison** on ongoing prosecution for various pharmaceutical companies under the Drugs & Cosmetics Act 1940;
- **Inox Leisure Limited** on proceedings before the Hon'ble High Court of Madhya Pradesh, filed in connection to alleged violations under the Food Safety and Standards Act 2006;
- **A leading Ayurvedic Manufacturer** on ongoing CBI prosecution arising out of alleged offences of Criminal Conspiracy (IPC) and Bribery (POCA) qua cancellation of mining leases in the aftermath of the *Coalgate Scam*;
- **Siemens Limited & Siemens Healthcare** on various matters before the Punjab and Haryana High Court, Calcutta High Court and District Court(s) qua various criminal and civil disputes;
- **Uber BV** on liability of the Company/directors, arising out of offences committed by its drivers, compliance with summons issued by law enforcement agencies, etc.;
- **Essel Mining** on a prosecution launched under the Orissa Forest Act, 1972;



- **JSPL, Wollongong Coal (Australia) and Wongawili(Australia)** on a criminal prosecution launched for and on behalf of the client, arising from economic offences committed against it;
- **NHK Japan Broadcasting Channel** on the investigation under the Indian Telegraph Act, 1885 for alleged illegal use of satellite phones; and
- **Leading Export House & Promoters** in relation to prosecution of top management in a preventive detention matter under COFEPOSA, 1974 as well as Customs Act.

Corporate and Commercial Disputes:

- **Fernas Construction India Private Limited** on ongoing domestic arbitration related to claims arising out of non-payment of dues, for performance of an EPC Contract;
- **Ratnagiri Gas and Power Private Limited** on a domestic arbitration initiated for non-performance of terms of an EPC Contract;
- **Bergen Engines India Private Limited** on ongoing domestic arbitration arising out of non-payment of amounts due and payable under a contract;
- **H-D Motor Company India Private Limited** on various ongoing commercial & consumer disputes;
- **Booking.com BV** on privacy laws in india vis-à-vis compliance with orders of government agencies. represented client in litigation before the High Court of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh;
- **RPG Group** on various proceedings including PIL, Tender matters, internal investigations for group companies;
- **Siemens Healthcare Private Limited** on compliances under the E-Waste Management Rules, 2016, Stamp Duty and Customs;
- **Uber BV** on matters relating to Motor Vehicles Act, Writ Petitions and other taxation related issues; and
- **JSPL, Wollongong Coal (Australia) and Wongawili (Australia)** on civil proceedings initiated against the client, seeking injunction and other reliefs, arising from alleged breach of contract.