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Indirect Tax

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B.A., LL.B. (Hons.), Gujarat
National Law University, Gandhi
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Bar Council of Delhi

Onkar is a Counsel in the Indirect Tax practice group in the NCR office. He specialises in advisory, investigations, litigations (across all levels), contractual disputes, and allied aspects of contract documentation/ negotiation/ disputes, etc apropos indirect taxes (Including GST, customs, international trade laws, pre-GST indirect taxes, State Excise and advertising laws affecting alcoholic beverages sector as well as building/labour cess).

Onkar works with clients across a wide range of sectors including niche sectors like alcoholic beverages as well as new economy sectors like e-commerce, cryptocurrency, NFTs etc.

Representative Matters:

In his area of expertise, Onkar has advised and represented several prominent clients which include:

- **Auto component manufacturers** on customs and GST issues including successful representation before the Supreme Court of India;
- **Indian Banks Association** and 18 PSU, private and foreign banks in the largest ever service tax litigation with revenue implications upto INR 600 billion before the Hon'ble Delhi High Court;
- **BPCL** in one of the largest VAT litigations before the Hon'ble Bombay High Court and subsequently before the Hon'ble Supreme Court with revenue implications upto INR 100 billion;
- **7 leading Oil companies** (including OIL and BPCL) in an environmental litigation before the National Green Tribunal and the Hon'ble Supreme Court;
- **Vedanta Group and multiple other companies** in GST impact assessment and implementation including IT transformation and integration (in association with KPMG);
- **Hindustan Construction Company** in service tax and GST litigations before the CESTAT, Hon'ble High Courts and the Supreme Court of India;
- **Alcoholic beverage companies** including United Spirits Limited, Beam Suntory, Bira, Molson Coors, Mahou India, etc. on state excise, advertising and GST advisory and

assistance with investigation and representation before adjudicating authorities and higher judicial forums;

- **Various clients** on the crypto and NFT space;
- Uber, Dunzo, Cloudtail and other e-commerce companies;
- **FMCG and manufacturing companies** on customs, excise, service tax and GST laws; and
- Companies located in the **Gulf Co-operation Council** region including **Alghanim & Co** (Kuwait based group having 32 entities across 22 sectors) on GCC VAT law – impact assessment and implementation plan including IT (in collaboration with KPMG).