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Practice/s

Privacy, Data Protection,
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Education

B.B.A., LL.B., Symbiosis
International University
(2008)

GDPR FAS Certification
(2018)

Data Protection Officer
(DPO) certified (2018)

Professional Affiliation/s

Bar Council of Maharashtra
and Goa

Member of NASSCOM East
Security SIG

Member of ASSOCHAM
National Council for Fintech,
Digital Assets and

Supratim is a Partner in the Corporate, M&A Practice Group of the Firm and co-leads the TMT and Privacy and Data Protection practice. He is considered a thought leader in privacy, data protection and cyber security space. Supratim has advised eminent clients on some of the most complex and high-profile mandates in relation to information technology laws in India including data privacy, cyber security and internet intermediaries related issues. He also specializes in corporate and commercial transactions such as mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures and general corporate law advisory.

Supratim has provided end-to-end support to domestic and global multinationals in handling critical cyber incidents, including breach reporting to regulators. Due to his vast experience, he is regularly invited to conduct training sessions on data privacy and cybersecurity, including at the Economic Times Masterclass and IAPP KnowledgeNet Chapter sessions.

Supratim also regularly engages with regulators and is routinely consulted in the legislative process as well as in closed-door discussions. He provides inputs and recommendations to the Government of India on its legislative initiatives, especially on the digital laws front. He is amongst a select few individuals in the country from whom the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, Government of India, had specifically sought comments during the bill stage deliberations of the now enacted Digital Personal Data Protection Act 2023.

As one of India's leading data privacy lawyers, Supratim has been recognized as a 'Leading Individual' in the Legal500 edition for Data Protection in India and as a Notable Practitioner in IFLR1000 rankings year on year. He has been chosen as the exclusive winner of the prestigious Lexology Client Choice Award 2022 for Data Privacy & Protection in India. Also, Supratim has been recognised in ALB's Super 50 TMT Lawyers in Asia year on year and by the Economic Times in their prestigious 40 under Forty List for India's brightest young business leaders in 2023. He has also been recognised by Who's Who Legal: Data 2024 as one of the world's leading data privacy and protection practitioners. Additionally, he has been featured as an Innovative Practitioner in the Financial Times Asia-Pacific Innovative Lawyers Report.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

Few leading matters that Supratim has represented and advised on are as following:

- Provided end-to-end support to several **global multi-national companies** in addressing and responding to show-cause notices issued by the Indian Computer Emergency Team (CERT-In) for non-compliance with the cybersecurity and incident reporting direction (CERT-In Direction).
- Provided end-to-end support to a leading global insurance company on two consecutive cybersecurity incidents affecting the organization, including responding to queries and liaising with multiple regulators involved as a result.
- Acted as legal representative for an online ticket booking platform in responding to a data access request received from law enforcement authority.
- Liaised with law enforcement agencies for filing a First Information Report (FIR) and engaged in correspondence with intermediary platforms to combat identity theft involving family member of a prominent founder of an Indian conglomerate.
- Advised a leading tech conglomerate and conducted a detailed analysis of the Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) cybersecurity direction's impact on the client's compliance system. Also, delivered tailored compliance solutions and assisted in drafting a customized incident reporting manual to meet the requirements outlined in the cybersecurity and incident reporting direction (CERT-In Direction).
- Advised Axis bank in relation to its acquisition of Citi Bank, on migration of customer data and other data privacy issues.
- Provided end-to-end support to a **global tech conglomerate** in launching a social media intermediary platform as part of their existing user interface. As part of this mandate, assistance was provided for creating a roadmap for addressing content takedown requests from users and legal notices from law enforcement agencies. Also, thorough assistance was provided in drafting curated compliance checklists and suggesting practical compliance solutions to comply with India's intermediary laws.

Few Other Notable Clients

- Supratim has advised several eminent clients such as Clubhouse, Mondelez, Telegram, Porsche, PwC, Maersk, Ola, Telegram, TATA AIG, Xiaomi, Warner Music, Dun & Bradstreet, Axis Bank, Amex, Facebook, General Motors, Rolls-Royce Power Systems, Synopsys, Mattel, Sony Network, United Health Group, Dell, Toshiba, Caterpillar, Co-operative Bank UK, ZS Associates Ecolab and Sun Pharma.

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Supratim is very active in the publication space and is regularly quoted in leading national newspapers. His publications include:

- **"Top 10 operational impacts of India's DPDPA - Comparative analysis with the EU General Data Protection Regulation and other major data privacy laws"** published by International Association of Privacy Professionals (IAPP).
- **"Decoding India's draft DPDPA Rules for the world"** published by International Association of Privacy Professionals (IAPP).
- **"Comparative analysis with the EU General Data Protection Regulation and other major data privacy laws"** published by International Association of Privacy Professionals (IAPP).
- **"India: Comparing the Digital Personal Data Protection Bill, 2022 and the GDPR"** published by OneTrust DataGuidance (January 2023).
- **"Data Protection in India: Overview"** published by Thomson Reuters - Practical Law Data Privacy Advisor (May 2023).
- **"Data Protection Authority Registration & Data Protection Officer Requirements for Data Controllers in India"** published by Thomson Reuters - Practical Law Data Privacy Advisor (May 2023).

Supratim has also been a speaker on various reputed forums, including:

- ET Masterclass on Streamlining Data Breach Reporting
- IAPP Knowledgnet Chapter (India) on Navigating Uncertainty: A Hands-On Workshop on Data Breach Notification
- US-India Business Council on legal developments pertaining to data privacy, cybersecurity and intermediary liability;
- Indo-German Chamber of Commerce;
- Cybersecurity session in collaboration with IFCCI, the French Embassy and Thales;
- UIA International Association of Lawyers on digital transformation and digital platform economy;
- Indo-French Chamber of Commerce & Industry, French Embassy;
- Global Data Privacy Leadership Meet organized by the Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India; and
- NCIIPC (Govt. of India) and Centre of Excellence, West Bengal Government on cyber security awareness.