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FIRM PROFILE

Chambers of Rajan & Indraneel
About Us

Chambers of Rajan & Indraneel (“CRI” or “Firm”) is a premier full service Indian law firm headquartered at New Delhi, India. As the name suggests, the Firm represents amalgamation of vast experiences and practices of two eminent lawyers. Indranil Ghosh is highly reputed as a disputes lawyer. He was a senior partner and head of litigation practice in one of the oldest Indian law firms Fox Mandal for several decades before setting up his own practice. Rajan D Gupta is a rank holder Chartered Accountant turned Corporate Lawyer who has been associated with internationally renowned big law firms in past and has held senior level positions in firms like PwC, Fox Mandal, Khaitan & Co. and SRGR Law etc before starting the Firm.

The Firm has access to network of high quality experienced lawyers in all major commercial cities of India. As such, the Firm in well placed to service the requirements of its clients across India in all fields of law as well as adequately equipped to handle cross-border transactions.

The lawyers and other professionals of CRI collectively present significant and diverse professional experiences in the legal fields. The senior members of the Firm possess professional qualifications in law, accountancy, company secretarial practices and management and have achieved international class experience and expertise in their respective practice areas by working with world class large advisory firms including Big-4 accounting firms and large law firms of international repute for a considerable period. The Firm focuses on providing high quality, business oriented, innovative and cost-effective legal solutions to clients.

CRI offers a wide range of expert legal services in the areas of corporate and commercial laws and specializes in representing major foreign and domestic corporations with diverse business interests in India. With the pool of lawyers, company secretaries and other professionals, the Firm is professionally equipped to handle large sized and complex corporate transactions like Mergers & Acquisitions, Corporate Restructuring, Joint Ventures, Inbound & Outbound Investments, Private Equity and Venture Capital Investment Transactions, Real Estate Transactions, Infrastructure Projects, Project Finance, Power Projects, Non-Conventional Energy Projects, Highways & Road Projects, Corporate Taxation, etc.

The Firm also offers proven capabilities in litigation and dispute resolution practice areas, especially in handling international and domestic arbitrations as well as litigation in the Supreme Court, various High Courts of India and various judicial and quasi-judicial tribunals/forums including at National Company Law Tribunal, Appellate Tribunals, Tax Tribunals, Competition Commission, Electricity Tribunal, Telecom Disputes Tribunal, Designated Authorities and other adjudicatory bodies.

The Firm has extensive experience in handling high profile corporate insolvency and bankruptcy matters. The Firm has a team of qualified Insolvency Resolution Professionals, company secretaries and lawyers. We offer strategic advice to corporate debtors, creditors and other stakeholders during the insolvency proceedings and provide professional services required during the process and represent them in court/tribunal proceedings.
OUR VISION

To be a premier Indian law firm commanding trust, respect and everlasting professional relationship from clients globally.

OUR MISSION

To provide effective and innovative legal solutions to our clients in a time bound manner adhering to internationally acceptable standards of quality.

OUR VALUES

To attain professional excellence.

To always act with fairness, integrity, ethics, diligence and social responsibility.

To have passion to resolve clients’ problems and exceed clients’ expectations.
Practice Areas

Corporate, Commercial and Contracts

CRI has an excellent Corporate, Commercial & Contracts Law Practice. Our expert corporate lawyers, chartered accountants, company secretaries and other professionals enjoy high reputation in matters related to all corporate & commercial laws of India and are adept in handling complex commercial and corporate legal matters, advising on entry strategies, risk identification, structuring, planning and documentation. We have been advising several MNCs in India on their myriads of day to day business activities and legal issues.

Our team combines its expertise over relevant corporate & commercial laws along with its comprehensive understanding of clients’ industry and business. This holistic approach enables our Firm to offer its clients proactive legal solutions which are business oriented, pragmatic and workable in real business environment.

We assist our clients in:

1. Understanding legal and regulatory aspects of investing in India and doing business in India;
2. Developing an appropriate entry strategy for setting up business in India;
3. Seeking approvals from various authorities wherever required;
4. Incorporation/setting up of suitable entity like Company, LLP, Branch Office, Representative Office, etc.;
5. Drafting and execution of legal documentation like shareholders agreement, joint venture agreement, collaboration agreement, technology transfer agreement, IPR license and assignment agreements, etc.;
6. Undertaking applicable legal and regulatory compliances; and
7. Setting up of office and advising clients on Real Estate issues, drafting of agreements for acquisition of land/office/buildings.

In addition, Firm’s lawyers offer top class professional expertise and experience in structuring, negotiation, drafting and closing of the business critical contracts which include:

1. EPC Contracts and Construction Contracts – which may be very large and complex in nature;
2. Project Management Contracts/Project Development Contracts;
3. Offshore and Onshore Supplies and Services Contracts;
4. Project Finance Documentation;
5. Asset Purchase Agreements;
6. Business Transfer Agreements;
7. Share Purchase/Shares Subscription Agreements;
8. Lease Agreements for large commercial properties;
9. Conveyance and Mortgage Documents;
10. Sales Agreements;
11. Distributorship Agreements;
12. Franchise Agreements;
13. Trade practices, Advertising and Promotions related agreements;
14. Technology Agreements;
15. Software Agreements including End-User Agreement, Joint Development Agreement, Service & Repair Agreements, Disclaimers;
16. Labour and Employment Agreements.

Mergers & Acquisitions

CRI enjoys formidable professional reputation in Merger & Acquisitions (M&A) practice area and the Firm and its partners have acted for many
Indian and multinational corporations. The firm advises its clients on all legal and regulatory aspects of M&A.

Our Firm offers a core team of professional experts comprising of considerably experienced M&A lawyers, chartered accountants and company secretaries who are dedicated to provide expected level of professional services on a timely basis. Firm’s core M&A Practice Group is assisted by experts from other related key areas such as employment laws, environment regulations, antitrust/competition law, intellectual property, real estate and taxation etc.

Our M&A Practice Group is well adept in handling the following important aspects of M&A transactions for its clients:

**Due Diligences:** We conduct extensive Due Diligences, both from legal and commercial perspectives, in order to ascertain the assets and liabilities of the target company/business/asset, based on the underlying records. This includes visiting data rooms, undertaking extensive review of the relevant documents for the relevant past period, conducting interviews with personnel of target company/business and preparing comprehensive DD reports for clients.

**Risk Identification, Analysis & Mitigation:** Firm’s counsels identify risks involved (legal, financial as well as commercial) in the proposed transactions. This activity involves determination of any contingent liabilities, pending litigation, incomplete documentation or reporting, any pending commitments of the target company not recorded in the books of accounts etc. The Firm then advises clients on possibility of formulating an appropriate risk mitigation strategy from legal and regulatory points of view and suggests remedial measures and/or steps to rectify the shortfall or deficiencies on the part of the target company, in complying with the statutory requirements.

**Approvals:** We offer adequate professional expertise and experience in drafting Scheme(s) of Arrangement under Companies Act and obtaining approval from concerned Court(s) /Tribunals, in case the client undertakes a ‘court approval’ route of merger/de-merger. In addition, we actively assist clients in obtaining necessary approvals from Competition Commission, DIPP, RBI, SEBI, administrative ministries and other government/statutory authorities in M&A transactions wherever such approvals are required.

**M&A Documentation:** Counsels at our Firm have extensive experience in structuring and negotiating the relatively complicated transaction documentation involved in M&As, including Schemes of Arrangement, Project Finance Documentation, Asset Purchase Agreements, Business Transfer Agreements, Share Purchase/Shares Subscription Agreements, Shareholders Agreements, Joint Venture Conveyance and Mortgage Documents, Franchise Agreements, Technology/IPR Agreements, License and Assignment Agreements, etc. The Firm also provides end to end legal support in negotiating and finalization of the documents required to close the deals.

**Closing of M&A Transactions:** The Firm has a team of experts who negotiate and provide end to end legal support in closure of the M&A transactions, including reviewing and advising on closing documents.

**Transaction Taxes and Stamp Duty Advice:** Our M&A team also include tax experts to advise clients on tax planning and other related issues. Stamp duties may pose significant costs on M&A transactions and our team of experts is adept in advising clients on stamp duty laws.

**Post-Closing Activities & Compliances:** We also advise with respect to post closing compliances including drafting and filing of the necessary documents before the concerned ROC, DIPP, RBI, SEBI and in case of requirements sending intimations required under the various contracts.

**Management & Operational Support:** CRI has vast experience in advising clients on the managerial and operational controls including methods of acquiring and exercising management control, representation on Board and management, etc.
CRI practices utmost strict internal code with respect to conflict of interest and confidentiality expected in handling M&A transactions.

**Insolvency & Restructuring**

Dealing with restructuring of debts & securities and insolvency has become very challenging with the enactment of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code in 2016. The Government of India is taking every possible step to ensure effective implementation of the Code. The Firm has extensive experience in handling high profile corporate insolvency and bankruptcy matters. The Firm has a team of qualified Insolvency Resolution Professionals, company secretaries and lawyers who offer strategic advice to corporate debtors, creditors and other stakeholders during the insolvency proceedings and provide professional services required during the process and represent them in court/tribunal proceedings. Our experienced lawyers can handle complex cases involving companies with distressed assets both from the legal and the business side in an effective manner.

**Private Equity (PE), Venture Capital & Funds**

In this era of strict commercial compliance, private equity funds and private companies must comply with a myriad of increasingly complex regulations. From fund formation to structuring and documenting complex deals, our Private Equity Practice counsels and assists in the entire spectrum including structuring and making equity investments, negotiating bridge and debt financing for portfolio companies, structuring follow-on investments and disposing of investments through private or public offers for sale. We represent private equity players in their formation and fund raising activities as well as with all phases of their venture investment activities. We also represent emerging companies who seek venture capital business.

Our funds practice team advises domestic and offshore private investment funds, including hedge funds, private equity funds, venture capital funds, real estate funds and mutual funds on all aspects of fund organization, structuring and offer a broad array of legal know-how to support the formation and ongoing operations of our fund clients. It is the combination of our corporate, leveraged finance, securitization, mezzanine, and high-yield and full range of other finance expertise that makes us unique.

With a dedicated team as well as close links with our Finance, Corporate and Tax practices, we can quickly assemble and provide local and industry focus with international perspective to provide practical, integrated legal advice for all our clients’ capital markets activities.

Our advice covers the whole financing life cycle, including:

- Conducting a legal due diligence exercise in the context of the disclosure to be made by the issuer in the Red Herring Prospectus/ Information Memorandum/ Listing Circular/ registration statement etc.
- Assisting the issuer company to comply with all listing requirements including overseas in case of ADR/GDR/ FCCB/ Euro Notes.
- Advising clients on issues relating to the raising of debt/ issuance of equity / equity linked instruments including the Indian regulatory approvals required.

**Employment Laws & Industrial Relations**

CRI’s Employment-Labour Laws practice covers broadly the following services:

Preparation of Work Regulations / HR Manual / Staff Handbook / Standing Orders: Drafting and documentation of conditions of service, social benefits, rules and regulations, code of ethics, disciplinary and grievance matters, leaves, benefits and various other policies.

Conducting Audit / Due Diligence/ Compliance Review of Labour Laws: Inspection of records, highlighting discrepancies and advising remedial
measures. Conducting on-spot physical inspection of factories and establishments.

**Preparation of Employees Code of Conduct, Sexual Harassment Policy Etc:** Drafting a policy/ manual/ code of fair ethics and good conduct applicable to employees at workplace and outside workplace for strengthening the image/brand of the company and minimizing the risk of violation of the applicable laws. We also assist companies in framing suitable policy and procedure to prevent and deal with sexual harassment of women employees at work place.

**Advice on Social Security and Insurance Benefits:** Advising on Social Security Laws and compliance requirements as well as various social security issues and providing assistance to the management for complying with the health and safety issues.

**Severance and Retrenchment Laws:** Advising management on various policies regarding Indian retrenchment laws and compliance thereof, wrongful dismissal, handling redundancy claims.

**Social Benefits:** Advising on Maternity Benefit Act for ensuring compliance of the provisions of maternity and other benefits to the women employees. We also help clients by advising and drafting of anti-harassment policies. We also advise Clients on various legislations relating to Bonus, Gratuity, Employees State Insurance, Provident Fund, etc. to ensure compliance of the provisions envisaged therein.

**Contracts:** Advising and drafting business transfer agreements wherein employees are transferred to another company, drafting of Employment Contracts, Retainership Agreement, Termination Letter, Probation Clauses, Non-Disclosure Agreements, Confidentiality Agreement, Secondment Agreement (inbound/outbound), etc.

**Contract Labour and Regulations:** Advising on registration of establishments, maintenance of registers and other records, hiring of contract labour, licensing of contractors and ensuring compliance of the applicable laws. We also advise management for ensuring compliance with applicable provisions relating to welfare, health, safety and conditions of service of contract labour.

**Trade Union Laws and related activities:** Advising the management in handling and negotiating with trade unions, laws applicable and their compliance thereof.

**Workplace accident and fatal accident compensation Law:** Advising the management on employer’s liability (civil and criminal) for compensation payable to an employee involved in an accident fatal or otherwise and ensuring compliance with applicable laws.

**Factories Law:** Advising the management on registration and licensing of factories, health and safety safeguards to be maintained, and welfare and other such conditions of service and ensuring compliance of the applicable laws.

**Environment Laws:** Advising the client on National and International treaties and legislations. Pollution Control in any environmental medium, construction related environmental issues, environment implications on the acquisitions and/ or sale of business and regulatory compliances. Counseling the client on issues in relation to eco-auditing and eco-assessment. Assisting in obtaining environmental clearances for infrastructure projects as well as environmental audits.

**Infrastructure (Power, Highway, Road, Railways, etc.), Energy & Projects**

Our Infrastructure Practice Group provides assistance and advice to clients on all legal and regulatory aspects relating to projects in Road Transport, Power, Urban Water, Railways, and Airports Sectors.

Firm’s partners have successfully represented and advised numerous clients in the roads & highways, power, airports, and railways sectors. We have advised various stakeholders (owners, developers, investors, lenders, contractors etc.)
in the infrastructure sector. The experience of
the firm with regard to infrastructure projects
ranges from acting as a legal adviser to
financiers of projects and the preparation and
negotiation of the financing documentation,
inter-creditor arrangements and trust and
retention documents, to the carrying out of due
diligence on the project contracts and preparing
and negotiating project documentation for
stakeholders. Our lawyers have considerable
professional experience in advising clients on
matters of concession agreements, bid
documents, bidding, project finance documents,
securitization, EPC contracts, Construction JV
Agreements etc.

Our services include advice related to
structuring of project company, tax structures,
advice on legal, regulatory and transactional
issues at the various stages of project conception
and execution. Our counsels provide the client
complete legal solutions and advice from pre-
qualification stage to bidding, to the tender
process to final execution of documents.

**Project Finance & Banking Laws**

Large-scale projects are subject to a range of challenges, including structuring and financing
issues, government regulations; construction and
other contractual issues; local law coordination
and other elements. We provide business,
strategic and cultural advice in assisting our
clients in structuring, negotiating and
documenting the full array of project and
financing agreements tailored to each client's
needs.

Our lawyers collectively enjoy considerable
professional experience with regard to projects
finance from acting as a legal adviser to
financiers and developers of projects and the
preparation and negotiation of the financing
documentation, inter-creditor arrangements and
trust and retention documents, to the carrying
out of due diligence on the security assets,
project contracts and preparing and negotiating
securitization and project finance
documentation. We provide regular service and
advice on all types of commercial, financial and
other banking transactions, including
negotiations, loan agreements and other
documentations to leading corporations in India
and abroad.

**Real Estate & Construction**

Real estate is the world's largest asset class and
our work for organizations active in the sector,
whether they’re lenders, borrowers, investors,
developers or occupiers, gives us a deep
understanding of the industry and the way it
operates.

Real estate deals are becoming ever more
complex and with the introduction of the Real
Estate (Registration & Development) Act 2017,
housing project developers as well as agents
have to comply with new rules as prescribed and
the Firm can assist in the registration process as
well as development and planning of projects
and construction, risk identification and
appraisal, representation and liaising with
regulators and Government authorities, tax,
finance and re-financing, securitization, real
estate investment fund formation, structuring
and joint ventures, and real estate mergers and
acquisitions.

CRI provides comprehensive services in all
aspects of property and real estate transactions
including title due diligence, sale-purchase,
leasing, construction-development, mortgage
and litigation in respect of industrial,
commercial and residential property.

Besides, serving clients on the traditional sale
and purchase transactions, our Firm has multi-
faceted areas of real estate practice which
includes the following:

- **Entry Level Strategy Planning:** Entry level legal
advice and structuring of FDI for individual
foreign investors, foreign companies, WOS,
Foreign Institutional Investors and NRIs/PIOs.

- **Location & Site Analysis and Title Due
Diligence:** Legal Assistance for finalizing most
favorable/preferred location and other allied
searches including vetting of documents and
verification of title.
Due Diligence: Carrying out thorough and exhaustive client specific and also client specified (in particular instances) Due Diligences and similar exercises before advising clients.

Legal Risk Identification and Appraisals: Identification of legal risks and arriving at appraisals through experts for real estate transactions, development projects and infrastructure projects.

Finance and Re-financing: Legal assistance and advice for arranging project finance and also for arranging re-finance on existing projects.

Auctioning/Bidding: Legal assistance and advice for auctioning, bidding and contesting for deals

Representation and Liaisoning with Government Authorities: For securing various clearances from various Government authorities.

Tax Structuring and Planning: Legal advice in structuring taxation strategy for Real Estate Projects (Income-Tax, GST etc.) and Tax Planning for the same.

Transactional Compliance: Assistance in mandatory legal compliances for various transactions.

Joint Ventures and Joint Developments: Advice on structuring of domestic as well as cross-border joint ventures and Joint Development Agreements.

Real Estate Legal Advisory & Litigation: Our Firm is adept in handling advisory and litigation in real estate related projects including the following work-

1. Lease related Legal Assistance and Administration.
2. Construction and Development of projects and related contracts.
3. Complete legal procedural advice for regular Pre/Post Purchase/Sale and all relevant documentation including, Issuance of Letter-of-Intent, Public Notice, Agreement-to-Sale, Sale Deed etc.

4. Appointment of Broker, Project Manager, Architect, Interior Decorator, Certified Surveyor, Certified Valuer, Civil Contractor and other Contractors and Sub-Contractors for the entire/part transaction/deal/project.

5. Dispute Resolution and Litigation including Landlord/Tenant Proceedings: CRI’s Litigation Practice Group handles, represents and advises client concerns in litigation and Dispute Resolution on a case-to-case basis vis-à-vis Landlord/Tenant, Buyer/Seller, Lessor/Lessee matters.

Competition Law & Anti-Trust
The centre of gravity in antitrust law has shifted with the globalization of regulation and enforcement. Clients seek the advice of our antitrust lawyers and count on our experience in litigation against governmental authorities or private parties and counseling on delicate questions.

Our lawyers have vast experience in all aspects of competition law matters, including devising compliance programs relating to competition law and requisite regulatory filings in this regard. Our core competition law practice group is assisted by in-house experts from other related key areas such as M&A, corporate compliances, intellectual property, litigation etc.

Firm represents both companies and senior executives under investigation by national and transnational authorities such as the Competition Commission of India and other governing bodies focused on trade restrictions, unfair competition and antitrust. We advise clients on pragmatic risk management strategies, compliance policies, crisis management and litigation exposure assessment. Our extensive economic and commercial understanding and depth of cross border experience is well suited to advising companies on international trade matters and on issues relating to cartels and behavioral investigations by governing authorities.

International Trade Laws and WTO
Government actions increasingly affect companies involved in the global trade of goods and services. International trade and investment compliance rules can result in the imposition of onerous restrictions on businesses. Violations can lead to substantial risks, including fines, penalties, loss of business, reputational harm, and a variety of associated costs which can be difficult to quantify.

We have a specialized practice handling WTO, International Trade and Antidumping matters in India as well as assisting in these matters overseas. The Firm has retained top experts in this field as Off-Counsels, and in association with them, has been handling numerous antidumping petitions, at the Directorate of Anti-Dumping, Tribunal, High Courts and Supreme Court levels, both for domestic industry as well as for exporters/importers. We also provide in-house specialized economic analysis and accounting expertise needed for antidumping matters.

**Anti-bribery Laws**

The firm has vast experience in all aspects of anti-corruption matters, including devising compliance programs relating to anti-bribery, anti-corruption laws/rules and requisite regulatory filings in this regard. Our anti-bribery practice group is assisted by in-house experts from other related key areas such as corporate compliances, due diligences, litigation etc.

**Intellectual Property & Information Technology**

We offer a full range of legal services for the acquisition, commercialization, and enforcement of intellectual property and technology assets in the areas of Patents, Trademarks, Designs and Copyright. We advise clients on commercial contracts relating to the exploitation of IP rights including strategic licensing, joint venture and collaboration documentation, Distribution, agency, supply, sponsorship and other commercial agreements.

**Tax**

In the ever-changing economic environment, tax regimes similarly evolve. Today, governmental efforts to increase or maintain tax revenue levels pose new and difficult challenges for tax planning and dispute resolution.

Our Tax Practice effectively addresses disputes under both direct and indirect taxes nationally. We represent clients at all stages from assessments to administrative and appellate remedies to resolve disputes. Our tax litigation practice draws effective synergies out of cutting edge combination of court craft of counsels and tax planning and advisory skills of seasoned tax advisors. The Firm gets involved with clients from proactive planning and compliance stages and assists till dispute resolution stage. Our Firm’s in-house tax counsels and chartered accountants have rich experience in handling national and multinational clients, their international structuring of transactions, their transfer pricing policies and documentation, their connected assessments and dispute resolution.

Tax efficiency, risk reduction, avoidance of tax controversy, and the successful resolution of an unavoidable dispute are goals that can best be met where the tax team possesses strong national and cross-border experience. We effectively and efficiently partner with our clients to meet these goals.

**Litigation (White Collar Crimes/Dispute Resolution/Arbitration)**

Litigation is a very complex and time taking process in India demanding patience and robust strategic approach. CRI is handling litigation matters throughout India including the Supreme Court of India and various High Courts. Our Lawyers are members of Supreme Court Bar Association, High Court Bar Association as well as other Associations of Bars.

Our litigation team is adept in effectively handling following categories of cases:
1. Civil Litigation including recovery cases;
2. Corporate Litigation; and
3. Criminal Litigation

We handle litigation arising out of following:
1. Civil Suits, including recovery suits and suits of various other nature.
2. Corporate & Commercial Disputes.
3. Contractual Dispute.
4. Consumer and Service related disputes.
5. Trade Mark/ Patent/ Copyright/ Design Infringement.
6. White Collar Criminal Matter including fraud etc.
7. Dispute resolution in various judicial and quasi-judicial tribunals/forums including at National Company Law Tribunal, Appellate Tribunals, Tax Tribunals, Competition Commission, Electricity Tribunal, Telecom Disputes Tribunal, Designated Authorities and other adjudicatory bodies.

Our team of lawyers handle the most complex civil dispute such as Suit for Recovery of Money, Suit for Damages, Mandatory and Permanent Injunctions, Declaration Suits, Commercial and Contractual disputes, Eviction Suits, Property Suits, Employee/Employer claims etc. In addition, CRI’s litigation team regularly handles a variety of issues ranging from recovery of payments, consumer laws, employment law, product liability, medical negligence, environmental litigation, construction disputes, matrimonial matters, disputes involving contracts and property, IP-related litigation including trade secrets and brand protection on the internet, infrastructure and telecommunications, taxation etc.

International & Domestic Arbitration: We also have significant experience of conducting arbitration proceedings and well informed of all the key institutional rules, including those of the LCIA, ICC, HKIAC, SIAC and ICSID, as well as the UNCITRAL Rules.

Mediation & Conciliation: We actively advise and represent clients in matters undergoing mediation or conciliation proceedings.
Our Leaders

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Indranil Ghosh heads the Dispute Resolution & Litigation practice areas of the Firm.

Indranil was enrolled with the Indian Bar in 1989. He is a seasoned and highly regarded lawyer and enjoys excellent command in appearing before various Courts, strategizing litigation cases and providing exhaustive litigation strategic advice, drafting all pleadings, supervising cutting edge research work, case preparation, planning optimum and result oriented procedures to be followed in each and every case and in briefing Senior Counsels.

Besides being a technical master, Indranil possesses an outstanding ability to withstand great amount of pressure and at the same time thinking practically to work out the situation at hand. Replete with self-confidence and superior organizational skills and a knack for developing and channelizing human resources, Indranil provides ready, swift and honest solutions to wide-ranging complex legal matters.

List of Laurels

- Nominated as “The International Who’s Who of Commercial Litigators 2007”.

- Won the Queen’s Award.

- Nominated as one the Leading Lawyers in the field of Dispute Resolution by Asia Pacific Lawyers for the year 2007 and then again in 2008.

- Scroll of Honour for the year 2009 presented by International Council of Jurists; All India Bar Association; All India Sr. Advocates Association & Indian Council of Jurists.
Indranil is a trusted legal advisor and counsel to the prestigious clients like GAIL (India) Limited, HDFC Bank Ltd., Rail Land Development Authority (RLDA), Technology Information, Forecasting and Assessment Council (TIFAC) & Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL).

Indranil’s extensive professional experience spanning three decades can be summed up as follows:

**Arbitration & Mediation**

- Has extensive experience in Domestic and International Arbitration.
- Represented various clients in International Commercial Arbitration before institutional arbitral tribunals like ICC, SIAC, etc.
- Represented Client in International Mediation Proceedings under JAMS Mediation Rules regarding dispute between parties litigating in multiple jurisdictions.
- Appeared before arbitral tribunals consisting of Retired Chief Justices and Judges of Supreme Court and various High Courts, Senior Advocates and International Jurists in Arbitration matters.
- Represented various International clients dealing with issues arising out of International and Domestic Arbitration Agreements with regard to the applicability of Part I and Part II of the Indian Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 before various High Courts and Supreme Court of India.

**Dispute Resolution Before Judicial Forums/Courts**

- Handled various matters before the Hon’ble Supreme Court of India and various High Courts of Judicature at Delhi, Kolkata, Mumbai, Andhra Pradesh, Allahabad, Patna, Gauhati, Jodhpur, Hyderabad, Jaipur, Chandigarh, Nainital; as well as various Tribunals, etc.
- Appearing regularly before various Tribunals like Debt Recovery, Electricity & Tribunals, Consumer Commissions, Telecom Regulatory Authority, Company Law Board, Adjudicating Authority under Prevention of Money Laundering Act 2002, Director General Foreign Trade, BIFR.
- Worked closely with various International Law Firms from Europe, Asia including Middle East and Australia.

**Corporate Commercial Advisory**

- Have been advising large clients extensively on complex legal matters under a variety of corporate & commercial laws.

**Areas of Expertise**

- Arbitration and Alternate Dispute Resolution
- Civil and Commercial Litigation
- Criminal matters of white color nature
- Electricity, Telecom, Consumer & Product Liability Disputes
- Banking & Finance
- Company and Corporate Matters
- Real Estate
- Regulatory Approvals and Compliances

Before taking up Partner position with our Firm, Indranil was associated with the following firms in senior equity partner capacity: **Fox Mandal & Co., FoxMandal Little and IG & Associates.**

**Indranil holds following prestigious professional affiliations:**
- Member of Supreme Court Bar Association
- Member of Delhi High Court Bar Association
- Life Time Membership of Indian Council of Arbitration

*A list of significant assignments / cases handled by Indranil in recent past can be provided on request.*
Rajan heads the Corporate / M&A and taxation practice areas of the Firm. Besides, he is responsible for Tax Litigation practice as well.

Rajan is a Corporate Lawyer as well as a Rank Holder Chartered Accountant with over 20 years’ professional experience in Corporate & Commercial laws, M&A transactions, Taxation, Legal & Tax Due Diligence etc.

Besides, Rajan is also a qualified Insolvency Resolution Expert.

Rajan has extensive experience of working on M&A Transactions/Corporate Structuring, Joint Ventures & Collaborations, Private Equity Transactions, structuring, negotiation and drafting of various types of Commercial Contracts/Agreements including EPC/Concession Contracts, Project Finance Documentation, Due Diligences, FDI matters, advising/strategizing/briefing on corporate/commercial litigation matters etc for various large transnational and Indian clients. He has advised clients from various sectors like - Real Estate & Construction; Hospitality; Roads & Highway; Private Equity; Oil & Gas; Manufacturing; FMCG; Professional Services; Print, Electronic & Digital Media; NBFC; Logistics; IT and ITES etc.

Besides, Rajan also has extensive experience of working on indirect tax and international taxation advisory projects, litigation support and tax reviews/due diligence for various large multinational and Indian clients. He has top quality experience of appearances before tax adjudication and appellate authorities including ITAT, CESTAT, High Court and Supreme Court.

During years 2008-10, Rajan lead an advisory team of lawyers (from law firm Fox Mandal) which advised Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Government of India on various aspects of undertaking reforms in Indian corporate insolvency/bankruptcy & security enforcement laws and laws regarding closing of business in India which has now culminated in new Insolvency & Bankruptcy Code. During the advisory assignment, conducted comprehensive study of international best practices, prepared concept notes, conducted presentations before the Committee of Secretaries and assisted the MCA in formulating the overall Conceptual Framework of proposed integrated insolvency/bankruptcy code. Also provided
assistance in drafting of winding up/insolvency related provisions in the Companies Bill which was later enacted as Companies Act 2013.

Before taking up Partner position with our Firm, Rajan was associated with the following firms in senior partner capacities: MBC Counsels & Advocates, SRGR Law Offices, Fox Mandal, Khaitan & Co., PricewaterhouseCoopers, Vaish Associates, Advocates.

Pro Bono Work & Others

- Helped the ICAI in preparation of background materials in Indirect Taxes for its various Continuing Professional Education (CPE) Programmes.
- Reviewed many tax articles written by various authors for publication in ICAI Journal.
- Addressed several TV programmes on various TV channels on tax and corporate issues.
- Authored and co-authored various published Articles on taxation and corporate law issues.
- Conducted various workshops on Corporate Laws, M&A, Insolvency & Restructuring and Taxation etc. for clients and industry associations including ICAI, International Indian Bar Association, PwC, CII, National Law University Jodhpur, Jindal Global Law School, Khaitan & Co., Fox Mandal Little, Convention-Pro, Singapore, Accenture Japan, etc.

Rajan holds following professional memberships/ accreditations

- Fellow Member of Institute of Chartered Accountants of India
- Enrolment with Bar Council of Delhi
- Qualified Insolvency Resolution Professional
- Member of Delhi High Court Bar Association

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