
TARUNIMA VIJRA

EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

LL.M (2016-2017): Geneva LL.M in International Dispute Settlement ('MIDS').

- **Thesis Title:** 'Constitution of an International Tribunal for Investment: Best Practices to be adopted from Existing International and National Legal Systems' (Supervised by Prof. Gabrielle Kaufmann-Kohler).

B.A. LL.B (Hons.) (2006-2011): The West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences, Kolkata, India.

Class XII, ISC, Science Stream (2005): The Hyderabad Public School, Hyderabad, India.

Class X, ICSE (2003): The Hyderabad Public School, Hyderabad, India.

BAR QUALIFICATION

Admitted to practice law in India: Enrolled with the Bar Council of Delhi, 2011.

Registered with the Brussels Bar: B-List.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND**I. Hanotiau & van den Berg, Brussels**

(Counsel: April 2024 – present)

(Associate/Senior Associate: October 2017 – March 2024)

Scope of Practice: I sit as arbitrator, tribunal secretary and assistant to arbitral tribunals in international commercial and investment arbitrations, both *ad hoc* and under a variety of institutional rules (ICC, LCIA, MCIA, SCC, ICSID, CEPANI, NAI, DIFC-LCIA) and also act as counsel in international arbitrations and in court litigation related to setting aside and enforcement of arbitral awards.

My experience covers a range of industry sectors, including aviation, banking, broadcasting, construction and infrastructure, energy, food and beverage, luxury and leisure, mining, oil and gas, payment cards, retail, shale gas, steel, telecommunications and third-party funding, and agreements, including concession agreements, distributorship agreements, investment treaties and contracts, loan agreements and other financial instruments, joint venture agreements, sale contracts and shareholding and share subscription agreements.

II. Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co., New Delhi¹

(Associate/Senior Associate: July 2011 - July 2016)

Scope of Practice: I acted as counsel in commercial and civil litigation before the Supreme Court of India, High Court of Delhi, Delhi District Courts, Electricity Regulatory Commissions and the Appellate Tribunal for Electricity and in domestic and international commercial arbitrations seated in India.

Selective Arbitration Experience:

1. Acted as an intervenor for the *Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC)* before the Supreme Court of India in the case of *Bharat Aluminium Company vs. Kaiser Aluminium Technical Services Inc.* (2012) 9 SCC 552, for placing on record the position of Singapore courts qua foreign arbitrations and foreign awards. This was a constitutional reference with respect to the scope of intervention by Indian Courts in foreign arbitrations and awards.
2. Represented *Zuari Cements Limited* (subsidiary of the Italian Company - Italcementi) in arbitration proceedings in connection with its disputes pertaining to the construction of a cement plant.
3. Advised and represented one of the largest global hotel chains in arbitration proceedings in connection with disputes pertaining to construction of one of its hotels in India.

¹ Formerly known as Amarchand & Mangaldas & Suresh. A. Shroff & Co.

4. Advised and represented the Indian subsidiary of a leading Korean construction company in arbitration proceedings in connection with its claims on account of wrongful termination of a construction contract.
5. Represented *Indian Oil Corporation* in an institutional arbitration (under the Indian Council of Arbitration Rules) instituted in connection with its disputes arising out of a fuel supply agreement with Duncan Industries Limited.
6. Represented a leading readymade garment retailer in India in arbitration proceedings in connection with its claims arising out of delay in lease of a commercial shopping space.

Selective Litigation Experience:

1. Advised a multinational bank on criminal and regulatory aspects, in a multi crore fraud perpetrated by its ex-employee.
2. Advised and represented a consortium of five leading banks in India before the High Court of Delhi in connection with their disputes with the National Highways Authority of India in relation to the financing provided by them, towards construction of a toll plaza on the Delhi-Gurgaon Expressway on a BOT basis. The project was the first of its kind Public-Private Partnership project in the road and highway sector in India.
3. Represented three major oil and gas companies in India before the High Court of Delhi in a challenge to the jurisdiction of the Competition Commission of India to examine issues governed by the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board Act, 2006.
4. Advised and represented the leading electricity distribution companies in Delhi across various fora in connection with their disputes with generating companies and consumers.
5. Advised *Hassad Food Co.*, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Qatar Investment Authority, in connection with a fraud perpetrated against it with respect to its acquisition of majority stake in Bush Foods Overseas Pvt. Ltd., a Delhi based leading basmati rice and ready-to-eat products maker.
6. Advised a UK based intelligence, law enforcement and security boutique firm in connection with a fraud perpetrated against it by an Indian company.
7. Advised one of the largest private equity funds in relation to one of its investments in the hospitality industry in India.

PUBLICATIONS

1. Co-authored a chapter titled '*India*' for the book 'Arbitration World—Institutional & Jurisdictional Comparisons', published by Thomson Reuter, The European Lawyer Reference, 4th edition, 2012.
2. Co-authored an article titled '*Inroads into party autonomy: arbitration clauses in agreements with telecom providers*' published by The In-house Lawyer, 2013. Available at: <http://www.inhouselawyer.co.uk/index.php/legal-briefing/inroads-into-party-autonomy-arbitration-clauses-in-agreements-with-telecom-service-providers/>
3. Contributed a chapter titled '*Women and Crime: What Every Woman Should Know*' in the book, 'Laws affecting Women in India: A Ready Reckoner', prepared by Amarchand & Mangaldas & Suresh A. Shroff & Co. and published by the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry, 2014.
4. Co-authored an article titled "*The (ir)relevance of an arbitrator's nationality*" for the Liber Amicorum, 50th Anniversary of CEPANI, published by Wolters Kluwer, 2019.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

1. Member, Young MCIA Steering Committee, 2023-2025.
2. Mentor, Young ITA Mentorship Programme: 2021-2022, 2022-2023; Facilitator: 2020-2021.
3. Member, ARBinBRIEF, a practical video guide on arbitration issues.
4. Guest Lecturer at the National Law University, Delhi for the Course on International Investment Law and Investment Arbitration: May 2021.