

## Representative Legal Matters

Ashish Chugh

Ashish's recent experience prior to joining the Firm includes the following:

### **Commodities disputes**

- Acting for a leading Indian commodities trader in five arbitrations in relation to claims in excess of USD 10 million arising from the repudiation of contracts for the sale of iron ore to a Chinese purchaser. The arbitrations are seated in Hong Kong under the HKIAC Rules.
- Acted for a major carbon black manufacturer based in India in relation to claims in excess of USD 5 million following the repudiation of an agreement for the supply of carbon black oil to a Chinese purchaser. The arbitration was seated in Singapore under the SIAC Rules.
- Acted for a state-owned Indonesian trading consortium in relation to claims in excess of USD 10 million following the repudiation of contracts for the supply of coal to a Chinese purchaser. The arbitration was seated in Singapore under the SIAC Rules.
- Acted for a Thai coal distributor in relation to contractual breaches committed by an Indonesian coal vendor under a coal purchase and supply contract. The value of the dispute was in excess of USD 5 million and the arbitration was seated in Singapore under the SIAC Rules.

### **Disputes concerning termination of commercial contracts**

- Acted for a global software payment solution provider against its Indian distributor with respect to claims in excess of USD 15 million concerning contractual breaches and wrongful termination of a distributorship agreement. The arbitration was seated in Singapore under the SIAC Rules.
- Acting for a leading agricultural equipment company in relation to claims of approximately USD 10 million arising from the termination of a dealer agreement on account of the fraud and corruption committed by its agent in Indonesia. The consolidated arbitrations are seated in Singapore under the SIAC Rules.
- Acted for the exclusive European agent of a global rubber trading company in relation to claims in excess of EUR 50 million following the termination of the exclusive agency agreement. The arbitration was seated in Singapore under the SIAC Rules.
- Acted for a leading Hong Kong office stationery supplier in relation to claims made by its US and European distributors in excess of USD 100 million following the termination of a global distribution and supply agreement. The arbitration was seated in Singapore under the SIAC Rules.

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- Acted for a major Chinese printing and packaging manufacturer in relation to claims made against a leading German financial institution in excess of USD 20 million following the termination of the senior and convertible loan agreements. The arbitration was seated in Hong Kong under the ICC Rules.
- Acted for a leading Indian software licensing company in relation to claims for unpaid fees and royalties in excess of USD 5 million following the termination of a licence agreement with a leading financial institution in Vietnam. The arbitration was seated in Singapore under the ICC Rules.

## **Disputes concerning fraud and corruption**

- Acting for a leading agricultural equipment company in relation to claims of approximately USD 10 million arising from the termination of a dealer agreement on account of the fraud and corruption committed by its agent in Indonesia. The consolidated arbitrations are seated in Singapore under the SIAC Rules.
- Assisting in the conduct of an internal investigation for a Southeast Asia-based, publicly-traded, global manufacturer of marine and offshore integrated solutions into allegations of corrupt payments to government officials and others in Brazil, in connection with “Operation Car Wash” as well as advising on the restructuring of the corporate affairs of the group of companies.
- Acted for an international school company in relation to the enforcement of a SIAC arbitral award exceeding USD 60 million in addition to disputes concerning allegations of fraud and conspiracy levelled against a leading global private equity and asset management firm, which were dealt with and resolved by mediation under the SIMC Rules.

## **Intellectual Property disputes**

- Advising a US biotech company which produces oncology pharmaceutical products in relation to potential claims in excess of USD 5 million arising from the cancellation of a work order and termination of a master service agreement by a leading Indian contract research and manufacturing organisation.
- Advising a molecular diagnostics and life sciences company based in Singapore in relation to potential claims in excess of USD 10 million arising from a licence agreement with the research department of a leading UK university.
- Acted for a leading Indian software licensing company in relation to claims for unpaid fees and royalties in excess of USD 5 million following the termination of a licence agreement with a leading financial institution in Vietnam. The arbitration was seated in Singapore under the ICC Rules.
- Acted for a major Hong Kong office stationery supplier against a German file manufacturer in relation to claims in excess of USD 10 million for unpaid fees and royalties under an



assignment of a patent license agreement. The arbitration was seated in Hong Kong under the ICC Rules.

### **Investment treaty disputes**

- Advised and acted for a group of foreign investors in a claim in excess of USD 100 million against the Arab Republic of Egypt under the US - Egypt bilateral investment treaty for expropriation of foreign investment as a result of a number of governmental measures taken in the Egyptian cotton industry.
- Advised a German award-creditor as to the enforcement of an arbitral award in excess of EUR 30 million against the Kingdom of Thailand pursuant to the Germany-Thailand bilateral investment treaty arbitration.
- Part of the legal team on behalf of the Indian state entities which defended claims in connection with the Dabhol power project in India that were pursued by foreign investors General Electric, Bechtel and Enron under the India-Mauritius bilateral investment treaty in excess of USD 4 billion in addition to commercial claims which were dealt with in an LCIA arbitration seated in London and shareholders' disputes which were dealt with in an ICC arbitration seated in New York.