



Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas



# Pallavi Shroff

Managing Partner

National Practice Head - Dispute Resolution

**Pallavi S Shroff is the Managing Partner at Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas and heads the Dispute Resolution Practice at the Firm. She is also the Chief Mentor for the Competition Law Practice.**

Ms. Shroff has been a driving force in further enhancing the positioning of SAM & Co. as India's premier full service law firm ever since she took over as a Managing Partner in 2015. Under her guidance, the firm has grown to become more than a 100 Partners entity, diversified practice offerings, accelerated pan-India presence with offices in seven cities and embraced technology initiatives such as use of Artificial Intelligence to transform the way the firm works.

With over 37 years of extensive and highly regarded experience, Ms. Shroff's expertise spans across Dispute Resolution, Competition Law and White Collar Crime. Focused on commercial dispute resolution, Ms. Shroff advises clients on large trials in formal proceedings but also actively evaluates new or alternative resolutions to disputes at an early stage, including counselling them during the life cycle of projects to restrict issues from developing into disputes and, if that does happen, to ensure the clients have the best legal advice and are well prepared in the event of litigation or arbitration.

With regards to White Collar Crime, Ms. Shroff has deep experience in advising clients across multijurisdictional investigations, including matters involving allegations of bribery and corruption under the FCPA and other anti-bribery laws. She has represented companies and individuals in investigations involving simultaneous enforcement actions by government agencies.

Ms. Shroff is also a well-renowned advocate for competition law cases before the Competition Commission of India and the Competition Appellate Tribunal. As a sought after legal expert, she has contributed to various international competition law publications and regularly speaks at national and international forums. Taking cognizance of her standing and expertise, the Government of India nominated Ms. Shroff a member of the Competition Law Review Committee constituted to ensure that the enacted legislations are in tune with the changing business environment.

Chambers and Partners has called Ms. Pallavi Shroff "a widely acknowledged stalwart in the field of competition law best known for her handling of cartel, abuse of dominance and other contentious issues, but increasingly active providing strategic oversight on very large-scale, multi-jurisdictional merger control mandates" while 'Who's Who Legal of Commercial Arbitrators' has rated Ms. Shroff, "as one of three leading practitioners involved with arbitration".

## Education

- B.A (Eco. Hons), University of Delhi
- Master of Management Studies (i.e. MBA) from Jamnalal Bajaj Institute of Management Studies
- LLB from Government Law College, Mumbai

## Practices

- Dispute Resolution
- Arbitration
- Competition Law

## Industries

- Dispute Resolution
- Arbitration
- Competition Law

## Professional Membership

- Supreme Court Bar Association
- Delhi High Court Association

## Directorship

- Ms. Shroff is presently a Director on the Boards of prestigious companies such as:
  - One97 Communications Ltd (Paytm)
  - Apollo Tyres
  - Trident Group
  - Juniper Hotels Ltd.



Ms. Shroff is a director on the boards of prestigious Indian companies and advises them on governance law and regulations. Apart from her professional commitments, Ms. Shroff is actively involved and guides the many corporate responsibility initiatives across the firm, in the education, women empowerment and other focus areas.

### Important Representation & Engagements:

- Has been a key member of the high-powered SVS Raghavan Committee, which contributed to formulating the legal framework for the new Competition Law and a draft of the New Competition Act.
- As a member of the Committee set up by the Government of India to advise the Government on Compliance with Article 39.3 of the TRIPS, Ms. Shroff played a pivotal role in formulating and drafting of policy documents necessary for the continuing efforts to establish India's first 'Zero Piracy Zone' for the state of Karnataka, and for developing an anti-piracy advocacy program for the Indian judiciary.
- Under Ms. Shroff's leadership, the Firm was engaged by FICCI and CII to represent the entire Indian Industry in the Presidential Reference proceedings (Special Reference 1 of 2012) being heard by a five Judge Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court. The Judgment passed by the Constitution Bench is one of the most famous and compelling rulings in India on methods of disposal of natural resources in India.
- Ms. Shroff regularly represents several companies such as Nestle, General Electric, Havells, Vale Australia, Vodafone, BHEL and ONGC on matters of vital importance.

### Awards & Recognitions:

- Conferred the 'Lifetime Achievement Award' at the Chambers India Awards 2019
- Ranked 'Band 1' for Competition Law & Dispute Resolution by Chambers and Partners 2019
- 'Market Leading Lawyer' by Asialaw Profiles 2019
- Recognized as a 'Thought Leader' for Competition and Litigation by Who's Who Legal 2019
- 'Leading Lawyer' for Dispute Resolution by Legal 500, 2018
- Recognized in the C-Suite Women edition of Business World titled 'The Expert Arbitrator' and as one amongst "The Professionals – High motivation levels, focus on goals and working for the greater good"
- Fortune India recognised Ms. Shroff as one of 'The Most Powerful Women in Business, 2018'
- Recently, Business World recognized Ms. Shroff as the one of 'The Most Influential Women in India' for her exceptional contribution in the field of law.
- Conferred the 'Lifetime Achievement Award' at the Legal Era's Indian Legal Awards 2017-18
- Awarded 'India Managing Partner of the Year' by Asian Legal Business Asia Law Awards 2017
- 'Disputes Star of the Year', India by Asialaw Asia-Pacific Dispute Resolution Awards, 2017.
- Recognized as one of the Most Powerful Women in Indian Business by Business Today, six years in row (2013-18)