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Ameya Gokhale

Partner

Dispute Resolution

Ameya Gokhale is a Partner at the Firm and specialises in Litigation, Arbitration, Dispute Resolution, and Insolvency & Bankruptcy.

Ameya has regularly advised various clients on complex legal issues concerning Banking & Finance, Corporate and Commercial matters, Constitutional matters/ Writ Petitions, Debt Recovery, Construction & Real Estate, Shareholder Disputes, Food Safety, Media and Advertising, Consumer Protection and Environment. Ameya is a part of the Firm's Insolvency & Bankruptcy practice which is doing pioneering work under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016.

Ameya advises the Firm's clients on advisory matters as well as legal strategy. He is also instructed by many of the Firm's clients to appear as a lead Counsel in a number of matters before the Supreme Court of India, Bombay High Court, Delhi High Court, National Company Law Tribunal, Securities Appellate Tribunal, Securities Exchange Board of India and before various Arbitral Tribunals.

Ameya has earlier been an independent practitioner and appeared as lead Counsel for his clients before various forums. He was also associated with another Tier-1, Indian Firm prior to joining SAM & Co. in 2015. Ameya has in the past appeared as one of the lead Counsel for the Petitioner in a major Constitutional matter before the Bombay High Court, which challenged an ordinance promulgated by the Government of Maharashtra granting 16% reservations to one particular community in government jobs and education institutions (*Sanjeet Shukla v. State of Maharashtra & Ors.*, (2015) 2 Bom CR 267).

Select Experience Statement

- **State Bank of India** before Gujarat High Court in the Writ Petition filed by Essar Steel India Limited challenging the RBI Press Release of June 2016 by which the RBI directed bankers to initiate insolvency proceedings against certain companies including Essar Steel India Limited. [See *Essar Steel India Limited v. Reserve Bank of India & Ors.*, 2017 SCC ONLINE GUJ 995.]
- **State Bank of India** before the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal and National Company Law Tribunal, Ahmedabad in the matter concerning corporate insolvency resolution Application filed against Essar Steel India Limited.

Location

- Mumbai

Education

- George Washington University Law School, Washington D.C (Thomas Buerghenthal Scholar) LL.M
- National Law School of India University, Bangalore, B.A. LL.B (Hons.)

Practices

- Dispute Resolution
- Insolvency & Bankruptcy

Professional Membership

- Bar Council of Maharashtra & Goa
- Bombay Bar Association

Awards & Recognitions

- **Client Recommendation** for Litigation by RSG India, 2019





- **Nestle India Ltd.** before the Bombay High Court in a Writ Petition filed to challenge the ban imposed on Maggi Noodles imposed by the FSSAI. In a landmark decision, the Bombay High Court allowed Nestle India Limited to commence production of Maggi Noodles subject to certain tests [See *Nestle India Limited v. The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India & Ors.*, 2016 (3) ALL MR 497].
- **IDFC Bank Ltd.** before the Bombay High Court in a winding up petition filed by the Bank against large public listed company in relation to loans exceeding INR 200 Crores [See *IDFC Bank Limited v. Ruchi Soya Industries Limited*, [2017] 201 Comp Cas 114 (Bom.)]; Writ Petition arising out of a matter concerning wilful defaulter circular issued by the RBI [See *Ruchi Soya Industries Limited & Anr. v. IDFC Bank Limited & Ors.*, Writ Petition No. 575 of 2017].
- **Coca Cola (India) Private Limited** in relation to Writ Petitions filed by the Plastic Industry Associations challenging the ban on manufacture and use of certain plastic items in the State of Maharashtra.
- **State Bank of India** before the Bombay High Court in a suit for defamation and damages for an amount of INR 1500 Crores filed against a large national daily newspaper.
- **Credit Suisse Trust Limited** in proceedings filed in the Bombay High Court under Admiralty Jurisdiction for enforcement of a judgement of an Australian Court.
- **Johnson & Johnson India Limited** in various matters concerning land revenue, advertising standards, disparaging advertisement, defamation and consumer protection.
- **Facebook India Pvt. Ltd.**, and *Whatsapp* in a series of Writ Petitions and defamation suits filed in the Bombay High Court and various civil courts in Mumbai.
- **Insolvency Resolution Professional of Innoventive Industries Limited (of the firm PricewaterhouseCoopers Private Limited)** before the National Company Law Tribunal, Mumbai Bench.
- **Insolvency Resolution Professional of Lanco Infratech Limited (of the firm Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu Limited)** before the National Company Law Tribunal, Hyderabad Bench.
- **Eicher Motors Ltd.** before the Securities Appellate Tribunal in a challenge to a SEBI order requiring Eicher to issue fresh shares to a person claiming that his shares were fraudulently transferred to an impersonator.
- **Ricoh Company Ltd.** in a proceedings for oppression and mismanagement before the National Company Law Tribunal, Mumbai Bench involving a refinancing of its India subsidiary to the tune of INR 11,000 Crore.

