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Ritu Bhalla

Partner

Dispute Resolution

Ritu Bhalla is a Partner at the Firm and in the capacity of a co-chair of the practice group, oversees the Firm's practice in corporate and commercial litigation, arbitrations and regulatory litigation.

Ritu specialises in Mergers, Public & Administrative Judicial Review, Insolvency-related Disputes, Shareholder Disputes, Domestic and International Commercial Arbitrations, Corporate and Commercial Litigation, Banking and Finance, Infrastructure Litigation including Building Contracts, White Collar Crimes and Extradition-related Action. She has extensively represented multinational as well as domestic shareholders in their inter se disputes in joint ventures, including Board room strategies

For over three decades, Ritu has been a focal point in the firm's litigation practice and has worked on many fiercely contested matters across jurisdictions including before the Supreme Court of India, High Courts of various States, and other Specialised Quasi-Judicial Tribunals. Her strength in litigation rests on her ability to formulate and execute legally sound and tactical strategies on behalf of major multinationals, domestic corporates, banks, public enterprises, commercial and financial institutions involved in complex disputes.

Ritu has represented shareholders of American, Japanese and several domestic companies in shareholders disputes, She represents the investment arm of the Russian Federation in an ongoing International Commercial Arbitration and has successfully obtained an Interim Award of INR 135 crores (approx.) in favour of her client. She has been a part of several marquee cases representing TATA, Getit Info Services Pvt. Ltd., Biological E Ltd., ETA Group of Dubai, IL&FS Transportation Networks Limited, Navyuga Engineering Company Limited, Indian Oil Corporation and Indian Paints Association et al and was part of the team advising the Government appointed Board of Satyam Computer Services Ltd. (SCSL) following the confession of its promoter and was actively involved in the proceedings involving SCSL before the Company Law Board.

According to Chambers and Partners 2020, "Ritu Bhalla is an esteemed practitioner in New Delhi, advising clients on a wide range of contentious matters including insolvency-related and shareholder disputes and international commercial arbitrations. Market sources indicate that "her reputation is good and has been increasing over the last couple of years." One of the client testimonials states, "Clients across segments have relied upon Ms Bhalla's ability to strategise and navigate through most challenging and intricate commercial disputes."

Location

- Delhi

Education

- B.A [hons] Political Science
- L.L.B.

Practices

- Dispute Resolution

Professional Membership

- Supreme Court Bar Association
- Delhi High Court Bar Association
- International Bar Association

Awards & Recognitions

- Among the **Top 100 Individual Lawyers** in the Forbes, India, Legal Powerlist, 2020
- **Distinguished Practitioner** for Dispute Resolution by Asialaw Profiles, 2020 & 22





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Ritu is an accredited Mediator from London School of Mediation and an Associate Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CI Arb) London.

Ritu's deep involvement with commercial litigation and arbitration goes beyond courts and tribunals and extends to formulating valued litigation strategy. Ritu has been associated with conferences and seminars on contemporary legal issues and is an active member of the Supreme Court Bar Association and Delhi High Court Bar Association.

Ritu has long been a champion for measures that push against the glass ceiling and improve professional opportunities for women lawyers. She has played a key role in articulating the Firm's policy against sexual harassment and in setting up a grievance redress cell for women. Ritu is much sought as a commentator on Commercial issues and women's rights and has been frequently quoted on gender issues in the media.

Awards & Recognitions

- **Band 2** for Dispute Resolution by Chambers and Partners, 2017-19
- **Best in Commercial Arbitration** at Euromoney Legal Media Group Asia Women in Business Law awards 2019.
- **Expert in Litigation** by Expert Guides.

