

Gouri Puri

Partner Tax



Gouri Puri is a Partner in the tax practice of Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas. Gouri works closely on international tax planning matters and digital taxation.

She has over twelve years' experience advising prominent multinationals on cross-border tax issues including tax aspects of India focused mergers and acquisitions, structuring of foreign investments, establishment of funds and private capital arrangements, and conducting business operations in the Indian market.

Gouri has represented clients such as Walmart, Ctrip, Meta, Hutchison Telecommunications International Limited, Bata, Kagome, American Express, American Insurance Group, among others.

Gouri is actively involved in various thought leadership initiatives and policy advocacy through her collaboration with industry chambers, business, and legal media. She regularly contributes articles to leading business journals and publications including Mondaq, Indian Business Law Journal, Legal 500, Thomson Reuters, Economic Times, Financial Express, Mint, Financial Times, and Indian Express.

Gouri holds a master's degree in taxation laws from Harvard Law School. Gouri is admitted to the New York State Bar (non-practicing) and Bar Council of India. Prior to Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas, she worked as a tax associate with Lakshmikumaran and Sridharan.

Select Experience Statement

- Advised Walmart on its USD 16 billion acquisition of Flipkart's e-commerce business.
- Advised Électricité de France (EDF), a pioneer in the French nuclear sector, in respect
 to the signing of an exclusive agreement with General Electric group (GE) for the
 takeover of GE Steam Power's nuclear activities connected to the conventional island
 of nuclear power plants.
- Advised Singapore Airlines (SIA) on tax aspects of the merger of the businesses of Air India Limited (Air India) and TATA SIA Airlines Limited (Vistara).
- Advised Ctrip on its USD 1.3 billion acquisition of Nasper's stake in Make my Trip.
- Advised **Technology companies** on taxation of their digital goods and services in India.
- Represented **Abu Dhabi National Oil Company** in negotiations and settlement India's first energy agreement in crude oil.

Location

Delhi

Education

- LL.M (Taxation), Harvard Law School
- BBA LL.B, Symbiosis Law School

Practices

Tax

Professional Membership

- New York State Bar
- Bar Council of Delhi

Awards Recognitions

- India's Future Legal Leader by India Business Law Journal 2024
- Global Leader for Tax -Controversy by WWL Corporate Tax 2023 report
- Recognised in Public Policy and Regulatory Affairs by Lexology Client Choice Awards 2024



- Advised Apollo Group on sale of its majority stake in Apollo Munich Health Insurance Company to Housing Development Finance Corporation Limited.
- Advising Prodigy Finance Limited on its financing and securitization business involving Indian borrowers.
- Advised Kagome in the sale of its indirect investment in Tasty Bites to Mars International.
- Advised Hutchison in connection with the tax controversy on the indirect sale of Hutchison's telecom business to Vodafone.
- Advised diplomatic missions and international financial institutions such as US embassy, UK Government, UNICEF, Asian Development Bank, New Development Bank, International Finance Corporation on issues relating to tax privileges and immunities.
- Advised Dassault on supply of goods and provision of services to the Ministry of Defense, Indian Government.
- Advised American Insurance Group and Blackstone on structuring back office operations.
- Advised Stadler, Reunert, World First, Babilou and Airborne Inc. on structuring investments and joint venture agreements in India.
- Advising **Government of Guernsey** on matters pertaining to exchange of information with India.
- Advised Verlinvest, Rabo and Tencore on setting up of fund structures.
- Advised Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited on Indian tax aspects of acquisition of OQ's stake in Bharat Oman Refinery Limited for an aggregate consideration of approximately USD 318 million.
- Advised Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation on Indian tax aspects of the sale of their sake in 1 MG Technologies Private Limited to Tata Digital Limited.
- Advised ZF Friedrichshafen AG and ZF International UK Limited on Indian tax aspects
 of the sale of their stake in Brakes India limited for a deal value of USD 300 million.