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Ajit Warriar

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Ajit Warriar is a Partner at Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co, and specialises in Dispute Resolution and Commercial Litigation.

A graduate from the first batch of the premier National Law School of India, Bangalore, Ajit has been practising at the Bar since 1993. Ajit regularly appears before the Supreme Court of India, the Delhi High Court, other High Courts, tribunals and appellate bodies in Civil and Corporate litigations, at original and appellate levels. He has extensive experience in handling contractual, corporate and commercial disputes across a range of sectors – infrastructure, engineering, oil & gas and real estate, among others. He also advises clients on diverse issues such as contractual claims, shareholder and joint venture disputes, white collar crimes, debt recovery, consumer litigation, writ petitions etc.

Ajit has been involved in the successful resolution of complex litigations and international commercial arbitrations. He has extensive experience in alternative dispute resolution and has represented companies in ad hoc and institutional arbitrations, both domestic and before international bodies, such as SIAC, LCIA and ICA, among others. A number of the arbitrations so handled involved multi-jurisdictional claims in various sectors.

Ajit has been ranked for Dispute Resolution by Chambers Global and Chambers Asia Pacific 2020, which quotes - 'Market sources describe him as "*a pretty solid litigator*" and a "*very good, very dynamic disputes guy*".'

Chambers and Partners 2019 quotes, 'Ajit Warriar is valued by sources as a "*good advocate*." His wide-ranging experience encompasses commercial, corporate and contractual disputes.' He has also been recognised as a 'Dispute Resolution Star' (for Commercial & Transactions and Construction) by Benchmark Litigation 2019. As per Chambers and Partners 2017, 'Ajit Warriar is lauded as "*a standout person at the firm*" and a "*well-respected individual*". Clients appreciate his "*fighting spirit in any litigation matter*".' Ajit was also awarded the 'Disputes Star of the Year, India' by Asialaw Asia-Pacific Dispute Resolution Awards, 2015.

Ajit is a regular contributor to online publications such as Bar & Bench, Law Street India and Mondaq. Ajit has also co-authored the India Chapter of the Litigation and Dispute Resolution 2019 for Global Legal Insights.

Location

- Delhi

Education

- B.A. LL.B. (Hons.), The National Law School of India University, Bangalore.

Practices

- Dispute Resolution

Professional Membership

- Bar Council of Delhi

Awards & Recognitions

- Recognised for Dispute Resolution by Chambers & Partners Global Guide 2024
- **Distinguished Practitioner** for Dispute Resolution by Asialaw, 2024
- **Southeast Asia's Top 15 Litigators** by Asian Legal Business 2023





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Select Experience Statement

Ajit has successfully represented clients across several sectors as highlighted through some of his key matters listed below:

- A leading stock exchange in litigations filed by the counter party before the Supreme Court of India challenging its expulsion from the trading membership of the exchange.
- An IT based subsidiary of a leading stock exchange in a writ petition before the Delhi High Court, challenging a tender granted to the client for conducting online examinations.
- A leading domestic commercial airline in a litigation before the Supreme Court of India where the Court affirmed the limited duty of care of an airline in a case of 'gate no show' by a passenger after check-in.
- A leading domestic multiplex operator in a litigation filed by a competitor claiming an injunction for tortious interference.
- A consortium of banks in recovery actions brought against a corporate guarantor and secured a preliminary judgment on admissions by relying on financial statements of the counter party.
- A leading domestic commercial airline in a consumer litigation where the National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission upheld the limited liability of an airline for baggage loss of a passenger under the Carriage by Air Act, 1972.
- A leading BPM, Technology and Digital Services and Solutions Company in arbitration proceedings against a public sector insurance company in a dispute relating to a claim for employee fraud.
- A leading Insurance Company in a civil appeal before the Supreme Court of India in a dispute arising out of a claim under a contract of insurance.
- A leading general insurance company before the Bombay High Court disputes arising out of re-insurance and co-insurance arrangements with other insurance companies.
- A leading Digital and Information Technology Consulting, Services, Solutions and Products Company before the National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission in a dispute arising out of a professional insurance policy with global coverage.
- A public sector statutory corporation and its Director in a writ petition challenging the appointment of the Director on the Board.
- A leading foreign airline in writ petitions filed by travel agents' associations before various High Courts regarding payment of agent commission.
- A leading telecom service provider in a challenge to a tender for smart poles issued by a municipal body of Delhi.
- A leading passive infrastructure provider in litigation and arbitration against a leading telecom company in disputes arising out of contractual breach.

Awards & Recognitions

- **Ranked** for Dispute Resolution by Chambers Global and Chambers Asia Pacific, 2016-24
- **Litigation star** for Commercial & Transactions by Benchmark Litigation, 2023-24
- **India Lawyer of the Year** by Benchmark Litigation Asia-Pacific Awards, 2023
- **Dispute Resolution Star** for Commercial & Transactions and Construction by Benchmark Litigation, 2019 & 21-22
- Among **The Top 15 Disputes Lawyers** by Asian Legal Business India, 2019



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- A leading domestic textile manufacturer before the Supreme Court of India and the Delhi High Court in connection with an investigation by the CCI into alleged anti-competitive behavior.
- A leading biotech company before the Supreme Court of India and the Delhi High Court in proceedings in connection with an investigation by the CCI into alleged anti-competitive behavior.
- A leading telecommunications company in its challenge to acquisition proceedings by the authorities before multiple fora, which is presently pending before the Supreme Court of India.
- A Korean construction company before multiple courts in its disputes with the employer with respect to a residential project in one of the smart cities of India.

