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Partner
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Shashank Mishra advises on all aspects of the Technology, Media and Telecommunications (TMT) sector from a regulatory, disputes and policy perspective.

These include intermediary liability, privacy and data protection, content regulation, e-commerce, consumer protection, AI and machine learning, gaming, telecom and broadcast licensing, space and satellite communications, OTT regulation, cybersecurity, surveillance and law enforcement data access, net neutrality, M2M communications, election regulations, sports, media and entertainment law, Aadhaar regulations, and deployment of emerging technologies. Some key clients he has advised include WhatsApp, Meta, Uber, Inshorts, OpenAI, Vodafone, IndiaMart, Alibaba, Amazon and Jiostar. He:

- represents clients before Courts and tribunals across India, advises on litigation strategy, and carries out end-to-end litigation management of litigation dockets;
- undertakes product counselling, including risk analyses, impact assessments and devising compliance strategies in relation to technology product launches;
- devises policy positions for clients on new laws and regulations impacting their businesses, including making submissions to regulators and governments, training them for engagement with various Legislative or Executive bodies, and undertakes impact assessments of new laws and regulations for clients; and
- helps draft and negotiate transaction documents for IT and telecom services, transfer of telecom assets and conducting due diligences for identifying sectoral risks and issues in transactions.

He advises TMT clients on their market entry and consolidation strategies for India. He has handled a variety of issues for clients at various stages of their business cycles from incorporation and foreign investment, consolidation and expansion to market exits.

Shashank has advised corporate clients from across key geographies such as the US, Europe, Singapore, China, and Japan, apart from India. He has also advised Indian public sector corporations, state agencies and non-profits on TMT sectoral issues, including pro bono advisory. He has seconded at erstwhile Vodafone India's Mumbai offices and handled transactions and regulatory issues for their enterprise business. He possesses an eMasters Degree in Economics, Finance and Public Policy from the Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur, and is a member of the Internet Society.

Select Experience Statement

- Represented an **Internet messaging platform** before Courts across India on issues of data protection and privacy; content regulation and intermediary liability; law

Location

- Delhi

Education

- B.A. L.L.B. (Hons.), Gujarat National Law University

Practices

- Dispute Resolution

Professional Membership

- Bar Council of India

Awards Recognitions

- **Top 40 under 40** lawyer by Benchmark Litigation Asia-Pacific Awards 2026
- **Future Star** for Technology, Data and Privacy by Benchmark Litigation Asia-Pacific Ranking 2026
- **Rising Star** for Technology and Telecommunications by asialaw 2025-26
- **Rising Star** for Technology and Telecommunications by asialaw 2024-25
- **Gennext Leading Lawyers** for TMT by Legal Era 2024-25
- **Key Lawyer** in TMT and Dispute Resolution: Litigation by

enforcement and data access; fintech and data localisation; OTT regulation; invoking constitutional rights against private actors; and consumer protection.

- Advised a **social media conglomerate** and its affiliates on all legal and regulatory aspects of its operations in India, including conducting product reviews from an intermediary liability, e-commerce, AI and machine learning, law enforcement access, payments regulations, telecom regulations, gaming laws and privacy perspective.
- Advised a **news and content aggregator** and social media platform on intermediary liability, data protection and technology law issues, pre-litigation disputes, and represented them before various courts in India on these issues.
- Advised a **technology transportation and logistics platform** on regulatory and disputes issues, such as data protection, consumer protection, intermediary liability, and motor vehicles regulations.
- Advised multiple **automobile manufacturers** in India on various mobility technology issues such as enabling connected cars and telematics solutions, data protection and law enforcement risks, and telecom licensing and regulation.
- Managed transactions for a **global telecom operator**'s enterprise business, by reviewing, drafting and negotiating transaction documents on telecom services, sale/lease/transfer of telecom assets and other business objectives.
- Represented a **domain name registrar** on intermediary liability, proactive monitoring and intellectual property issues before the High Court and district courts in Delhi.
- Advised multiple corporations on data protection, privacy, cybersecurity and law enforcement issues in India, including by drafting and reviewing privacy policies, consent flows, product UI/UX and other operational and policy aspects, and helping clients respond to and appear before regulators and law enforcement agencies.
- Advised multiple telecom operators and enterprise customers on compliances under telecom regulations for application services business, including call centres and network operation centres.
- Advised several **media and OTT platforms** on issues pertaining to digital addressable systems; broadcast licensing; foreign investment in news media; sports broadcast; publisher liability and compliances; net neutrality; radio regulations and other legal and policy issues.
- Advised multiple telecom operators and potential investors on telecom regulatory issues such as spectrum trading and sharing; payment of AGR dues; licensing requirements; telemarketing regulations; satellite Internet; in-flight Wi-Fi and other emerging technologies.

Awards Recognitions

- **Key Lawyer** in TMT by Legal500 2025
- Nominee for **Young Lawyer of the year** by ALB India Law Awards, 2025