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Ajit Warrier

Partner

Dispute Resolution

Ajit Warrier 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, Bengaluru, Ajit has been practising at the Bar since 1993. Ajit regularly appears before the Supreme Court of India, the Delhi High Courts, 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 2016-2026, 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 Warrier 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 & 21-22 and as 'Litigation Star' for Commercial & transactions by Benchmark Litigation, 2023-26. As per Chambers and Partners 2017, 'Ajit Warrier 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 has also been recognised as 'Distinguished Practitioner' for Dispute Resolution by Asialaw, 2024 and as 'India Lawyer of the Year' by Benchmark Litigation Asia-Pacific Awards, 2023. Ajit was also recognised as an 'Elite Practitioner' for 2025 'Southeast Asia's Top 15 Litigators' by Asian Legal Business 2023, and 'The Top 15 Disputes Lawyers' by Asian Legal Business India, 2019.

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

- **Elite Practitioner** for Dispute Resolution by asialaw, 2025-26
- **Ranked** for Dispute Resolution by Chambers Global and Chambers Asia Pacific, 2016-2026
- **Litigation Star** for Commercial & Transactions by Benchmark Litigation, 2023-26
- **Ranked** for Dispute Resolution by Chambers Asia Pacific and Chambers Asia Pacific, 2016-2025

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

Select Experience Statement

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

- Represented and acted for a leading real estate company in a special leave petition before the Supreme Court, where the question of law pertained to the powers of the Delhi Pollution Control Committee to levy penalty for alleged violation of the provisions of Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 and Water (Prevention and Control) Act, 1974.
- Successfully represented and acted for 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.
- Successfully represented and acted for a leading domestic commercial airline in a consumer 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.
- Successfully represented and acted for a leading public sector enterprise in a civil suit filed before the Delhi High Court seeking declaratory and injunctive reliefs against the continuance of an international commercial arbitration on the grounds that the proceedings have become vexatious, oppressive, unconscionable and contrary to the public policy of India.
- Successfully represented and acted for an former IT based subsidiary of a leading stock exchange in an application filed before the Madhya Pradesh High Court under the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996, seeking extension of time to make the Arbitral Award.
- Successfully represented and acted for a leading insurance broking firm in a writ petition before the Delhi High Court seeking quashing of certain coercive proceedings initiated against the client and its Chief Executive Officer by the National Commission for Scheduled Castes.
- Successfully represented and acted for a leading public sector enterprise in resisting enforcement proceedings filed before the Delhi High Court in respect of a foreign award rendered in favour of the counter party.
- Representing and acting for a leading health technology company in a writ petition filed before the Karnataka High Court ("Court"), challenging a demand notice for INR 249,21,81,721 issued by the concerned Regional Provident Fund Commissioner under the Employees' Provident Funds and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952.
- Representing and acting for a leading pharmaceutical company in writ proceedings before the Delhi High Court, challenging certain penalty orders passed by the National

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- **Distinguished Practitioner** for Dispute Resolution by asialaw, 2024
- **Southeast Asia's Top 15 Litigators** by Asian Legal Business 2023
- **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

Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority for alleged non-compliance of the Drugs (Price Control) Order, 2013.

- Successfully represented and acted for a Non Resident Indian in a suit filed before the Commercial Court in Delhi by Asian Hotels (North) Ltd. for recovery of USD 116,000 approx. and interest.
- Successfully represented and acted for the client in a winding up petition filed by a minority shareholder of the client before the National Company Law Tribunal on just and equitable grounds.
- Successfully represented and acted for 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.
- Successfully represented and acted for a leading domestic multiplex operator in a litigation filed by a competitor claiming an injunction for tortious interference.
- Successfully represented and acted for 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.
- Successfully represented and acted for 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.
- Represented and acted for 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.
- Represented and acted for 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.
- Represented and acted for a leading general insurance company before the Bombay High Court disputes arising out of re-insurance and co-insurance arrangements with other insurance companies.
- Represented and acted for 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.
- Represented and acted for a public sector statutory corporation and its Director in a writ petition challenging the appointment of the Director on the Board.
- Represented and acted for a leading foreign airline in writ petitions filed by travel agents' associations before various High Courts regarding payment of agent commission.
- Represented and acted for a leading telecom service provider in a challenge to a tender for smart poles issued by a municipal body of Delhi.
- Represented and acted for a leading passive infrastructure provider in litigation and arbitration against a leading telecom company in disputes arising out of contractual breach.

- Represented and acted for 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.
- Represented and acted for 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.