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Dorothy Thomas is a Partner at the Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co and is ranked as one of the leading corporate lawyers in Tamil Nadu.

Dorothy focusses on General Corporate, especially FDI into the State of Tamil Nadu, and Real Estate. She holds an impressive track record of over 19 years of hands-on experience in India, UK and USA and has served as lead consultant for several Fortune 500 companies based in North America and Europe.

Dorothy has demonstrated the ability to lead corporations investing in India on a variety of competitive industries and diverse sectors of business and also represents some of the largest corporate houses within the State of Tamil Nadu. Recently, she advised **L&T Construction** in its acquisition of fifty per cent stake in L&T-Ramboll Consulting Engineers Ltd held by Ramboll Denmark, advised the **Ikya Group** on its acquisition of Hofincons Infotech & Industrial Services Private Limited, advised **Eurovia Group** on its sale of NAPC Limited and related regulatory matters, and assisted **Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone Limited** in relation to the proposed demerger of the ports division (Katupalli Port) of L&T Shipbuilding Limited.

Dorothy has authored Op-Eds and Columns for leading publications in India and the US. Some important publications include: "*Legal aspects of Doing Business in India*" – *British Consulate, Chennai; "Software Technology Parks in India"; "Legal Outsourcing"* – Column, Business Line; "*Indo – Singapore Tax Treaty*" – Column, The Hindu; "*Is your Company Legally Compliant*?" – Column, Business Line; "*They still get in*" – Op-Ed, The Hindu; "*Combating Global Disputes*" – Op-Ed, The Hindu; "*Doing Business in India Entry strategy options*" – Column, Indo American Chamber of Commerce; "*Entry Strategy options of doing business in India*" – NASABA, Atlanta. Contributed chapter on Entry Strategy options and Visa Regulations in a recently released book titled 'Corporate Counsel's Guide to Doing Business in India' published by Thomson West. Authored the *Country Handbook for India* for Thomson West publications. Profiled by Business Line, Dinamani and Vikitan leading magazines in the state of Tamil Nadu as '*Leading Corporate Attorney*'.

Select Experience Statement

- **Edpulse Education Technology Private Limited** on the acquisition of the business of Report Bee Edusys Private Limited by Xseed Education Pte Limited.

Location

- Chennai

Education

- LL.B, Symbiosis Law College, Pune University

Practices

- General Corporate

Professional Membership

- Member of the Bar Council of Tamil Nadu

Awards & Recognitions

- **Notable Practitioner** for Corporate and M&A by asialaw Ranking 2024-26
- **Band 1** Lawyer for Corporate/Commercial in Chambers and Partners, 2023-26
- **Leading Lawyers** for Corporate & M&A, Real Estate & Construction at the Legal Era Awards, 2023
- **Leading Lawyers** for Corporate & M&A, Labour & Employment and Real Estate & Construction at the Legal Era Awards, 2022

- **Casagrand Builder Private Limited** on the acquisition of 2.2 million sq.ft. pre-leased warehousing assets by Logos India for US$ 100 million.
- **LogicValley Technologies Private Limited**– engaged in design, build, testing and implementation of field force and mobile solutions on its acquisition by Marston (Holdings) Limited, UK.
- **Updater Services Private Limited** in its acquisition of a controlling stake in Matrix Business Services India Private Limited, a company that provides people, product and process assurance services for enterprises across different industry segments for better compliance and risk mitigation.
- **Fuji Electric Co., Limited** on the 100% acquisition of Consul Neowatt Power Solutions Private Limited for US$ 100 million.
- **Kansai Nerolac Paints Limited** in its joint venture with Polygel Industries Private Limited and the acquisition, as a going concern on a slump basis, the adhesives, and construction chemicals and sealants business of Polygel Industries Private Limited.
- **Mohan Mutha Polytech Private Limited** in the sale and transfer of its flexible packaging business on a debt-free basis by way of a slump sale to Huhtamaki PPL Limited.
- **L&T Construction** in its acquisition of fifty per cent stake in L&T-Ramboll Consulting Engineers Ltd held by Ramboll Denmark.
- **Ikya Group** on its acquisition of Hofincons Infotech & Industrial Services Private Limited.
- **Eurovia Group** on its sale of NAPC Limited and related regulatory matters.
- **Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone Limited** in relation to the proposed demerger of the ports division (Katupalli Port) of L&T Shipbuilding Limited.
- **Dr. Agarwal's Healthcare Limited** and D**r. Agarwal's Eye Hospital Limited** in order to identify key legal issues in relation to a potential investment into AHCL.
- **Warburg Pincus** on its investment of US$ 169 million for a 10 per cent stake in Kalyan Jewellers.
- **Bharath Building Construction India Limited** in relation to a proposed acquisition of Breeze Hotel Limited.
- **Avenue Ventures Partners** with respect to their various investment in Casa Grande.

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- **Band 3** Lawyer for Corporate/M&A in Chambers and Partners, 2021-22
- **Band 2** Lawyer for Corporate/M&A by Chambers & Partners, 2019-20