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PROFILE

Independent Counsel and Arbitrator based in New Delhi with eighteen years of practice. Head of the Chambers of Saurabh Seth, established 2013. Standing Counsel (Senior Panel) for the High Court of Delhi, Standing Counsel for the New Delhi Municipal Council, and Panel Counsel for the Delhi High Court Legal Services Committee. Empanelled arbitrator with the India International Arbitration Centre (IIAC), domestic and international panels, and the Delhi International Arbitration Centre (DIAC). Recognised in the Forbes India Legal Powerlist 2021, 2022 and 2023 (Top Individual Lawyer, Arbitration & Commercial Disputes) and the recipient of the Global Lex Falcon Award 2021 for Arbitration and Commercial Litigation. Counsel of record in over two hundred reported decisions and sitting arbitrator in a growing portfolio of institutional and court-referred matters. Earlier associated for six years (2007–2013) with the chambers of Rajiv Nayar, Senior Advocate.

PRACTICE AREAS

Domestic and international commercial arbitration; arbitration-related court proceedings under the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 (Sections 9, 11, 14, 16, 17, 34, 36, 37); civil and commercial litigation; shareholder and boardroom disputes; defamation; property and tenancy; constitutional and regulatory proceedings; white-collar criminal litigation; intellectual property disputes.

ARBITRAL APPOINTMENTS — SOLE ARBITRATOR

Court-referred and institutionally administered. Selected matters:

- *Vinod Kundra & Ors. v. ABL Workspaces & Anr.* — Delhi High Court, Arb. P. 569/2022 (26.05.2022)
- *Cars24 Services P. Ltd. v. Ranjeet Singh Jindal & Anr.* — Delhi High Court, Arb. P. 432/2023 (17.04.2023)
- *Shri Balaji Projects v. The Mother Dairy CGHS Ltd.* — Delhi High Court, OMP (T) Comm. 59/2023 (24.07.2023)
- *Bharat Aggarwal & Ors. v. Mukesh Miglani & Anr.* — Delhi High Court, OMP (T) Comm. 52/2023 (28.08.2023)
- *Hitachi Systems P. Ltd. v. Acer India P. Ltd.* — Delhi High Court, Arb. P. 1422/2022 (08.02.2024)
- *S. Harpreet Singh v. Payal Bansal* — Delhi High Court, Arb. P. 921/2023 (21.02.2024)
- *SPG Infraprojects P. Ltd. v. Sigma Electricals* — Delhi High Court, Arb. P. 215/2024 (24.07.2024)
- *Trans Image Corporation v. Prasar Bharti Broadcasting Corporation of India & Ors.* — Delhi High Court, OMP Comm. 52/2021 (07.08.2024)
- *Kotak Mahindra P. Ltd. v. Anita A & Anr.* — DIAC (Chairperson), DIAC/7756/02-24
- *Jeetu Broadband and Network Solutions v. Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd.* — DIAC (Chairperson), DIAC/5967/02-23
- *Moneywise Financial Services P. Ltd. v. Hindstone Industries* — DIAC (Chairperson)
- *EGCPL Consultants P. Ltd. v. Couture Class* — DIAC (Chairperson), DIAC/10134/01-25
- *Kanchan Dhall v. Jai Narayan* — DIAC (Chairperson), DIAC/10234/01-25
- *ANK Hotels P. Ltd. v. Hi View Construction P. Ltd.* — DIAC (Chairperson)
- *Colours Unlimited v. Scholar Alley P. Ltd.* — DIAC (Chairperson), DIAC/9554/11-24
- *Axis Finance Ltd. v. Rohit Sang & Anr.* — Delhi High Court, Arb. P. 142/2025 (07.07.2025)
- *Adlakha Associates P. Ltd. v. Delhi State Industrial & Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd.* — Delhi High Court, Arb. P. 1026/2025 (27.08.2025)
- *Sumita Banu v. Lalita Rathi* — Delhi High Court, Arb. P. 1918/2025 (23.01.2026)
- *Pouring Pounds Pvt. Ltd. v. Shoogloo Network Pvt. Ltd.* — Delhi High Court, Arb. P. 1885/2025 (28.01.2026)

EMPANELMENTS & AFFILIATIONS

- Standing Counsel (Senior Panel), High Court of Delhi

- Standing Counsel, New Delhi Municipal Council (Delhi High Court)
- Panel Counsel, Delhi High Court Legal Services Committee (DHCLSC)
- Empanelled Arbitrator, Delhi International Arbitration Centre (DIAC)
- Empanelled Arbitrator, India International Arbitration Centre (IIAC) — Domestic Panel
- Empanelled Arbitrator, India International Arbitration Centre (IIAC) — International Panel
- Empanelled Counsel, NBCC (India) Ltd.
- Empanelled Counsel, National Internet Exchange of India (NIXI)
- Nominated Counsel, Basketball Federation of India
- Nominated Counsel, Friends Club Ltd.
- Member, Mumbai Centre for International Arbitration (MCIA) — since 5 January 2025
- Member, Young SIAC (Singapore International Arbitration Centre)
- Member, International Council for Commercial Arbitration (ICCA)
- Member, Supreme Court Bar Association
- Member, Delhi High Court Bar Association

AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

- Forbes India Legal Powerlist 2023 — Top Individual Lawyer (Arbitration & Commercial Disputes)
- Forbes India Legal Powerlist 2022 — Top Individual Lawyer (Arbitration & Commercial Disputes)
- Forbes India Legal Powerlist 2021 — Top Individual Lawyer (Arbitration & Commercial Disputes)
- Global Lex Falcon Award 2021 — Arbitration & Commercial Litigation

APPOINTMENTS AS AMICUS CURIAE (DELHI HIGH COURT)

- *Kartar Singh v. Union of India*, W.P. (C) 13531 of 2018
- *Mohd. Hasmudeen v. State*, Crl. A. 786/2018
- *Aarti v. State (NCT of Delhi)*, Crl. A. 558/2020
- *Pappu v. State (NCT of Delhi)*, Crl. A. 831/2018
- *Avanish Jangid v. Govt. of NCT of Delhi & Anr.*, W.P. (C) 776/2026

REPORTED LITIGATION — SELECTED

Counsel of record in more than 200 reported decisions before the Supreme Court of India, the Delhi High Court, and various tribunals. Representative matters:

- *ICC Development (International) Ltd. v. New Delhi Television Ltd.* — 2012 SCC OnLine Del 4919
- *Binu Anand Khanna v. Ratan Tata* — 2013 SCC OnLine Del 6434
- *Value Source Mercantile Ltd. v. Span Mechnotronix Ltd.* — 2014 SCC OnLine Del 3313
- *Havells India Ltd. v. Amritanshu Khaitan* — 2015 SCC OnLine Del 8115
- *TRF Ltd. v. Energo Engineering Projects Ltd.* — 2016 SCC OnLine Del 2528
- *Allied Blenders & Distillers Pvt. Ltd. v. R.K. Distilleries Pvt. Ltd.* — 2016 SCC OnLine Del 4097
- *Indian Hotels Company Ltd. v. New Delhi Municipal Council* — 2016 SCC OnLine Del 5006
- *University of Oxford v. Rameshwari Photocopy Services* — 2016 SCC OnLine Del 5128
- *Chancellor, Masters & Scholars of University of Oxford v. Rameshwari Photocopy Services* — 2016 SCC OnLine Del 6229
- *Ardee Infrastructure (P) Ltd. v. Anuradha Bhatia* — 2017 SCC OnLine Del 6402
- *HPL (India) Limited v. QRG Enterprises* — 2017 SCC OnLine Del 6955
- *Antrix Corporation Ltd. v. Devas Multimedia Pvt. Ltd.* — 2017 SCC OnLine Del 12791
- *Arun Jaitley v. Arvind Kejriwal* — 2017 SCC OnLine Del 12175
- *Mala Sahni Seth v. New India Assurance Co. Ltd.* — 2019 SCC OnLine Del 12090
- *Vijay Kumar Munjal v. Pawan Munjal* — 2022 SCC OnLine Del 499

- *Smriti Zubin Irani v. Pawan Khera* — 2022 SCC OnLine Del 2310
- *Uddhav Thackeray v. Election Commission of India* — 2022 SCC OnLine Del 3902
- *SAIL v. Uniper Global Commodities* — 2023 SCC OnLine Del 7586
- *Akshay Tanna v. John Doe* — 2024 SCC OnLine Del 1444
- *Ministry of Defence (Navy) v. Navayuga-Van Oord JV* — 2024 SCC OnLine Del 6682

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- **LexisNexis UK:** *Arbitrator's Non-Disclosure and Interim Relief in Foreign-Seated Arbitration: Engineering Projects (India) Ltd v MSA Global LLC (Oman)* https://www.lexisnexis.co.uk/legal/news/arbitrators-non-disclosure-interim-relief-in-foreign-seated-arbitration-engineering-projects
- **LexisNexis UK:** *Revisiting Functus Officio: Supreme Court of India Allows Post-Expiry Extensions in Arbitration* https://www.lexisnexis.co.uk/legal/news/revisiting-functus-officio-supreme-court-of-india-allows-post-expiry-extensions-in-arbitration-rohan
- **Bar & Bench:** *Striking at the Root: The Evolving Legal Landscape of Anti-Arbitration Injunctions in India* https://www.barandbench.com/view-point/striking-at-the-root-the-evolving-legal-landscape-of-anti-arbitration-injunctions-in-india
- **Bar & Bench:** *Modifying Arbitral Awards: Judicial Conundrum* https://www.barandbench.com/law-firms/view-point/modifying-arbitral-awards-judicial-conundrum
- **Bar & Bench:** *Enforcing Jurisdictional Agreements: Key Insights from India's Landmark Anti-Enforcement Ruling* https://www.barandbench.com/law-firms/view-point/enforcing-jurisdictional-agreements-landmark-anti-enforcement-ruling
- **Bar & Bench:** *Unconditional, Unchecked, Unfair? Rethinking Injunctions against Bank Guarantees* https://www.barandbench.com/view-point/unconditional-unchecked-unfair-rethinking-injunctions-against-bank-guarantees
- **Bar & Bench:** *Navigating the 2019 Amendment: The Impact on the Introduction of Additional Evidence in Challenging Arbitral Awards* https://www.barandbench.com/law-firms/view-point/navigating-the-2019-amendment-the-impact-on-the-introduction-of-additional-evidence-in-challenging-arbitral-awards
- **Bar & Bench:** *The Great Retention War: Legalities of Employment Bonds, FnF, and Exit Traps* https://www.barandbench.com/leading-questions/the-great-retention-war-legalities-of-employment-bonds-fnf-and-exit-traps
- **Bar & Bench:** *The Delhi High Court's Decision on Removal of Arbitrator under Section 11 of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act: A Welcome Step* https://www.barandbench.com/columns/delhi-high-court-decision-removal-of-arbitrator-under-section-11-arbitration-act
- **Bar & Bench:** *Judicial Interference in Determining the Existence and Validity of an Arbitration Agreement* https://www.barandbench.com/law-firms/view-point/judicial-interference-in-determining-the-existence-and-validity-of-an-arbitration-agreement
- **Bar & Bench:** *Indiscriminate Use of Look Out Circulars: A Threat to Personal Liberty* https://www.barandbench.com/law-firms/view-point/indiscriminate-use-of-look-out-circulars-a-threat-to-personal-liberty
- **SCC Online:** *Retrospective Operation of the Benami Laws: The Confusion Remains* https://www.scconline.com/blog/post/2021/01/21/retrospective-operation-of-the-benami-laws-the-confusion-remains/
- **Law Street:** *Removal of Arbitrator under Section 11 of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996: A Welcome Step* https://lawstreet.co/vantage-points/removal-of-arbitrator-saurabh-seth/
- **Legal Blog:** *Amendment Conundrum* https://www.legalblog.co.in/2019/08/amendment-conundrum.html

SPEAKING & PANEL ENGAGEMENTS

- Dubai Arbitration Week 2025 — Speaker and Moderator on the panel "Navigating Multiparty and Cross Border Disputes in Mega Project Arbitration", Ritz Carlton DIFC, Dubai, 14 November 2025 (hosted by Lexster Law LLP and Agarwal Law Associates). Shared the dais with Hon'ble Mr. Justice Sanjiv Khanna (Judge, Supreme Court of India), Mr. Mukul Rohatgi (Senior Advocate, Former Attorney General of India), HE Essam Al Tamimi (Chairman, Al Tamimi & Company), Ms. Anne K. Hoffmann (International Arbitrator) and Ms. Soraya Corm-Bakhos (International Arbitrator).
- Delhi Arbitration Weekend 2025 (Third Edition, 18–21 September 2025) — Compère, hosted by the Delhi International Arbitration Centre, with sessions at the Supreme Court of India and the High Court of Delhi. Comperéd two sessions on Day 2 (20 September 2025):
    - Session 1 — *"Arbitration 2.0: Integration of Artificial Intelligence and other technologies to enhance the efficiency of arbitration"*. Chair: Hon'ble Mr. Justice Vikram Nath (Judge, Supreme Court of India). Speakers: Hon'ble Mr.

Justice N. Anand Venkatesh (Judge, Madras High Court); Mr. Tushar Mehta (Solicitor General of India); Mr. Mark Dempsey SC (Independent Arbitrator); Mr. Tim Lord KC (Brick Court Chambers, London).

- Session 3 — *"Appointment of Arbitrators: Party Autonomy Conundrum"*. Chair: Hon'ble Mr. Justice J.K. Maheshwari (Judge, Supreme Court of India). Speakers: Hon'ble Mr. Justice Anand Pathak (Judge, High Court of Madhya Pradesh); Professor Maria Chiara Malaguti (President, UNIDROIT); Mr. D. Seshadri Naidu (Senior Advocate); Ms. Sapna Jhangiani KC (Blackstone Chambers, London).

- India ADR Week 2025 — Moderator of a panel on "Non-signatories in Contracts and the Group of Companies Doctrine", with Hon'ble Ms. Justice (Retd.) Indu Malhotra, Mr. Rajiv Nayar (Senior Advocate), Mr. Saurav Agrawal, Dr. Sanjeev Gemawat (Group General Counsel, Essar Group) and Mr. Ooi Huey Miin (Partner, Raja, Darryl & Loh).

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2013 – Present | Counsel, Chambers of Saurabh Seth, New Delhi

Independent arguing counsel before the Supreme Court of India, the Delhi High Court, and various tribunals and statutory bodies. Practice spans commercial and civil litigation, constitutional challenges, property and tenancy, defamation, regulatory proceedings, and public law. Counsel of record in over 200 reported decisions. Standing Counsel for the High Court of Delhi (Senior Panel), Standing Counsel for the New Delhi Municipal Council and Panel Counsel for the Delhi High Court Legal Services Committee. Appointed Amicus Curiae by the Delhi High Court in matters of institutional significance.

2007 – 2013 | Associate, Chambers of Rajiv Nayar, Senior Advocate

Associated with one of the leading senior counsel at the Delhi High Court. Worked on a wide variety of arbitration matters and assisted in several landmark proceedings.

EDUCATION

BA, LLB (Hons.) | Amity Law School, New Delhi | 2002 – 2007

Schooling | Modern School, Vasant Vihar, New Delhi | 1989 – 2002

LANGUAGES

English, Hindi, Punjabi.

BAR ENROLMENT

Bar Council of Delhi — Enrolment No. D/1380/2007, enrolled 15 September 2007.