

Urvashi Salecha

PERSONAL DETAILS

Practice area: Dispute Resolution
Admission: Hong Kong – Solicitor (awaiting admission September 2021), India – Advocate (2017), 4 years PQE
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ACADEMIC CREDENTIALS

- Bachelors in Law** Indian Law Society's Law College, Savitribai Phule Pune University, India (2012 - 2017)
- **Integrated Dual Degree program** - Bachelors in Socio Legal Sciences & Bachelors in Law ("BSL LLB")
 - **Ranked amongst top 10** law students every year (*out of 4000+ students in University*)
 - **University Rank 1** (Year IV), **Rank 8** (Year III), **Rank 9** (Year V) | Graduated 1st Division
 - Recipient: **Shri V M Atre Award & Shri V S Deshpande Award** (*1 out of 4000+ students in University*)
- Diploma**
 - Human Rights law and International Relations (Highest Grade Achieved – A+)
- HSC (12th Grade)** Narsee Monjee College of Commerce and Economics, Mumbai, India (2012)
- 90.17% - *Awarded for academic excellence for securing above 90% (Top 1% amongst 14000+ students)*

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Harney Westwood Riegels – Legal Manager (Offshore Dispute Resolution) *Feb 2021 – Present (Hong Kong)*
Cross Border Insolvency Litigation & Restructuring

(Contentious): - Assisting in representing and/or advising the following clients

- Liquidators of a number of Pacific Andes entities connected with the group restructuring, involving concurrent proceedings in the US, Hong Kong and British Virgin Islands (BVI)
- Joint Provisional Liquidators (JPLs) of Hong Kong listed leading paper manufacturers in the proposed restructuring of the group and implementation of parallel schemes of arrangement in Hong Kong and Bermuda
- A leading PRC corn oil producer in the restructuring of its US\$ 200 million senior notes through a BVI incorporated company
- JPLs of China Oil Gangran Energy group in obtaining sanction of the scheme of arrangement in the Cayman Islands

(Non-Contentious)

- Assisted in drafting a legal opinion for a Singapore listed conglomerate on the procedure and considerations for a scheme of arrangement to be sanctioned in the Cayman Islands and the parallel schemes in Hong Kong, Singapore and Thailand
- Assisting in drafting of scheme documents for the proposed restructuring of the New York law governed US\$ 200 million senior notes of the BVI incorporated special purpose vehicle for the PRC corn oil producer group
- Assisted in drafting a legal opinion for the Receivers of a Hong Kong listed electric vehicle parts manufacturer on the scope of powers of Bermuda appointed Liquidators and implementing of a scheme of arrangement in Bermuda

Rochdale Spears Group – In House Legal Manager (Global) *June 2020 – Feb 2021 (Hong Kong)*

(Non-Contentious)

- Assisting in restructuring of the group companies to simplify structure and improve business operations
- Assisting in management of investor relations, reporting and presentation of team progress at board meetings, reviewing company documents, agreements, correspondence and communication with the investors
- Handling company secretarial work for various local Hong Kong and International companies of the group (BVI, US, UK, Dutch)
- Drafting and finalising various agreements for the group including but not limited to shareholder documents, loan documents, debt settlement agreements, business related distribution agreements, services agreements, hospitality projects supply agreements, designer agreements, lease and licence agreements for group properties
- Managing the group data protection regime and privacy and cookies policies for group website

(Contentious):

- Handling litigation matters globally, including representing the group in debt recoveries and debt settlement across North America, EMEA and Asia Pacific, regulatory court litigation in Hong Kong, accessibility and related claims concerning group's website in California, USA, IP infringement matters in Australia and UK and non-litigious matters such as internal fraud investigation and employment law issues within the group

Jal N. Karbhari & Co. (HK Law Firm) - Legal Clerk *Dec 2019 – June 2020 (Hong Kong)*

- Represented and advised several clients in insolvency, bankruptcy and winding-up matters in Hong Kong, assistance in research and drafting legal opinions concerning provisions of the Bankruptcy Ordinance (Cap. 6), Companies (Winding-up) Ordinance (Cap. 32) and allied rules
- Extensive legal drafting, research, client consultations and opinions on the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance (Cap. 622), Probate Ordinance (Cap. 10), Employment Ordinance (Cap. 57), Arbitration Ordinance (Cap. 609), Immigration Ordinance (Cap. 115), Matrimonial Ordinances (Cap. 179 and Cap. 192), contractual disputes, civil claims etc.

Khaitan & Co (Indian Magic Circle equivalent) – Associate *July 2017 - Sept 2019 (Mumbai)*

Commercial Dispute Resolution- Represented and/or advised the following clients:

- A High Net Worth Individual (HNI) against a leading global business conglomerate (with 9 listed companies) in negotiations, mediation concerning shareholder disputes, company mismanagement and unfair prejudice litigation

- Siemens Limited in arbitration against a leading cooling tower manufacturer defending claims for delay and liquidated damages at Mumbai Centre for International Arbitration (MCIA) (*Reported*)
- A leading infrastructure contractor in a Mumbai seated arbitration against a large housing construction company in relation to disputes arising out of a development contract for a housing project in Bangalore, India
- A leading infrastructure conglomerate to challenge an arbitration award against a public sector enterprise (owned by the Government of India, Ministry of Power) in relation to a Hydro-Electric Power Plant construction contract

White Collar Crime and Cross Border Litigation Advisory

- Represented an HNI on pending criminal investigation and cross border litigation before: i) INTERPOL, ii) Enforcement Directorate, Prevention of Money Laundering Act, India (**ED**) and other related courts/ investigation authorities iii) Commercial Affairs Department, Singapore (iv) Singapore High Court. Advice in relation to nuanced legal aspects of double jeopardy in transnational cases, mutual legal assistance procedures with several nations (including Hong Kong), extradition procedures, and extensive analysis of International Conventions on a) Transnational Organized Crimes, b) Prevention of Corruption c) Covenant on Civil and Political Rights for the matters
- Advised an MNC conglomerate (steel, power, shipping, etc.) on pending litigation against a leading private Bank before the ED
- Represented a leading pharmaceutical company on internal fraud investigation within the organization
- Advised a leading industrial conglomerate (tyres, power transmission, information technology etc.) on sovereign immunity and protections under Indian law including analysis of the Vienna Convention on i) Consular Relations and ii) Diplomatic Relations

General Corporate and Advisory

- Represented German Delivery Hero AG group held Foodpanda India in its acquisition by OLA, operated by ANI Technologies Pvt Ltd. Assisted with i) vendor due diligence ii) drafting of share purchase and share subscription agreement, deed of assignment of trademarks, disclosure letter, completion report etc. iii) drafting secretarial documentation including board resolutions, minutes of meetings, filings, share transfer forms etc. iv) extensive legal research on queries arising out of above (*Reported Deal*)
- MNC Professional Services firm in relation to detailed queries, opinion and product and banking manuals on structured products, wealth planning, fiduciary services and cross border e-banking

PRE-QUALIFICATION INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCE

Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas, Project Finance (Indian Magic Circle equivalent)

April- May 2016 (Mumbai)

Legal Research: Contract and commercial laws; Proofread and mapping of loan/financing agreements

Delivered a Presentation on the “Comparison of Chapter 11 US Bankruptcy Code and the Indian Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code”

AZB and Partners, Dispute Resolution (Indian Magic Circle equivalent)

Jan 2016 (Pune)

Advisory and assistance representing Honeywell Int. Inc. in an arbitration against electric manufacturers

Legal Research: E-commerce laws, property laws, succession laws and commercial laws; Reviewed agreements, MOUs etc.

Khaitan & Co; General Corporate – RECEIVED PRE-PLACEMENT OFFER in 2017

Nov 2015 (Mumbai)

Legal Research: Corporate and commercial laws; assisted in drafting a detailed legal manual on structured products for foreign investors.

Nishith Desai and Associates, Dispute Resolution Team

Jun 2014 (Mumbai)

Legal research: Arbitration and maritime laws; assisted in drafting a research paper on the international arbitration regime in Asia Pacific

Hon’ble Mr. Justice Manish Bhandari, Judicial Clerkship

Nov 2013 (Rajasthan High Court, India)

Assisted in legal research and drafting judgments pertaining to property disputes

NATIONAL CONFERENCES, RESEARCH PAPERS and LEGAL ESSAYS

- Delivered a presentation in the Conference & Interaction with the select committee Rajya Sabha (Legislative Council of States, India) on the “Real Estate (Regulation & Development) Bill, 2013” in Mumbai, 27 June 2015
- Delivered a presentation on “Judicial Intervention *vis a vis* Arbitration and Conciliation (Amendment) Act, 2015” in the National Conference on Arbitration, Institute of Advanced Legal studies, Pune, Aug 2016
- Research Paper on “Barricading Arbitration from Judicial Interference” published Abhivyakti Law Journal, 2016 ISSN 2348-5647
- Published articles on “Prior notice requirement under the Indian Arbitration Act is directory and not mandatory” (Feb 2018), “SC clarifies time period for filing application under the Arbitration Act” (Aug 2018), “Public property cannot be allotted to profit oriented educational institutions for free” (Dec 2018) and “Former employee not disqualified from being appointed as an arbitrator” (Jan 2019) [Mondaq/V-Lex]

AWARDS, CO-CURRICULAR AND EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Mooting:

- 24th Annual Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot, 2017, Vienna, Austria
- Charles University Annual Vis Pre-Moot, 2017, Prague, Czech Republic | CAM-CCBC Vis Pre-Moot, 2017, Hamburg, Germany – Winners
- Oxford IP International Moot Court Competition, UK, 2016 on Ambush Marketing Legislations (Ranked 22nd Globally)
- Surana and Surana National Trial Advocacy and Judgment Writing Competition, 2014 - Winners
- National S.P. Sathe Moot Court Competition, 2015 on Private International Law - Winners

Organizational/Leadership Experience:

- Mumbai Centre for International Arbitration India (MCIA): Young MCIA Member
- India International Model United Nations: Secretary (Executive Board) | Rotaract Club of NM College: Co-ordinator (Marketing Team)
- SVKM’S NMIMS, KP School of Law National Moot Court Competition, 2018 (Arbitration and commercial laws): Panel Judge

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Languages: English, Hindi, and French (Alliance Française - Level B1.2 | DELF (*Diplôme d'études en langue Française*) Diploma issued by Ministry of National Education, French Government- Level A2)

Music: Completed 4 Grades in Music Performance (Piano) from Trinity College, London
