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PROFILE

Rahul has over 19 years of experience and specialises in dispute resolution. He is the head of C&M's Dispute Resolution Practice.

He is an Advocate on record with the Supreme Court of India since 2011 and acts as an Arbitrator as well. He has represented clients across various courts and tribunals across India and in international arbitrations. His practice focuses on complex litigations and arbitrations, regulatory investigations, white collar defense and data protection and privacy.

Represented and advised leading private, public, and governmental companies across various sectors such as automobile, aviation & hospitality, banking & finance, consumer durables, information technology, pharmaceutical, renewable energy, oil and gas, shipping and ship breaking, real estate & construction, and telecommunication, media & broadcasting.

Rahul qualified in 2004 and read for the B.C.L at the University of Oxford. He is also qualified in England and Wales. He has previously worked with AZB & Partners in New Delhi and Herbert Smith Freehills in London.

He frequently participates as a panellist, lecturer, or moderator in seminars, roundtables, and conferences on a wide range of legal, strategic litigation, cross-border trade, and privacy-related topics.

EXPERIENCE

- Rahul has represented and advised leading private, public, and governmental companies across various sectors such as automobile, aviation & hospitality, banking & finance, consumer durables, information technology, pharmaceutical, renewable energy, oil and gas, shipping and ship breaking, real estate & construction, and telecommunication, media & broadcasting.
- Rahul has been involved in many landmark cases involving complex issues of public law such as the 9 Judge bench judgement in *KS Puttaswamy v. Union of India* that recognised the right to privacy, and laid down the foundation for data protection. Other matters include *Janhit Abhiyan v. Union of India*, *Anuradha Bhasin v. Union of India*, *ML Sharma v. Union of India*, *Supriyo v. Union of India*, *Joseph Shine v. Union of India*, *RIT Foundation v. Union of India*, *SG Vombatkere v. Union of India* and others.

In the last year Rahul successfully:

- Defended the Centre for Policy Research against a 19 crore claim filed by the Airports Authority of India before the Hon'ble Delhi High Court.
- Upheld an Arbitration Award arising from a maritime arbitration representing the Charterer before the Hon'ble Delhi High Court in a claim of about 5 Crores.
- Obtained an Order from the Supreme Court setting aside duty and penalty of one crore against a client, which was wrongfully denied the benefit of an SSI exemption.
- Defended a prominent neurosurgeon against allegations of medical negligence before the Hon'ble Supreme Court.
- Defended a ship breaking co from a claim for refund of excess customs duty payable. Invoked the clean slate principle to protect a subsequent purchaser under the IBC process from old dues before the Supreme Court.
- Author, "Fake News, Free Speech and Democracy" in The Future of Democracy in the Shadow of Big & Emerging Tech (2021, CCG & FNF)
- Author, "Surveys, Searches and Seizures: Some Constitutional Dimensions," LiveLaw, February 22, 2023.
- Author, "MPs and MLA's have special rights to free speech for a valid reason", LiveMint, December 4, 2022.
- Author, "Capital Disadvantages", Times of India, August 24, 2021.
- Co-author, "Constitutional Blackholes", Cambridge Companion to the Constitution of India, July 10, 2022.
- Authored "Hijab: Let the liberty of individual conscience prevail, LiveMint [Oct. 19, 2022]
- Co-authored, "The upcoming crisis in Indian federalism", The Hindu, July 14, 2021.
- Big Brother Requires Finger Scans, New York Times, April 17, 2018
- E-tailers sellers face challenge, Business Standard, July 20, 2020
- Policing the Internet, India Business Law Journal, April 22, 2021

BAR QUALIFICATIONS

Advocate, India, 2004

Solicitor, England and Wales, 2010

Advocate-on-Record, Supreme Court of India

EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATION

BCL, Oxford University, 2005

LL.B., Gurugovif singh IP , 2004

MEMBERSHIPS

Trustee, Supreme Court Advocates Welfare Trust

Member, Editors' Guild of India committee for press freedom