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### PROFILE

Karan Singh Chandhiok heads the competition law practice group at Chandhiok & Mahajan. His practice focusses on advising companies on mergers and acquisitions, strategic alliances, investigations, complex litigations, and competition law counselling. Karan's diverse range of clients include some of the largest domestic and multinational corporations such as Google, Intel, Hyundai, Michelin, Panasonic, HP, Bain Capital, Hellman & Friedman, and Indorama.

In 2021, Karan represented Intel in the successful closure of a four-year investigation into allegations of abuse of dominance. In the same year, he secured immunity for Trident Limited – this was the first time that a leniency application was granted immunity after the initiation of an investigation. Karan also represented for Fab Hotels in securing a rare injunction against MakeMyTrip. Karan is currently advising Google in the CCI investigation into its app-store payments policy.

Karan is the co-chair of the National Council on Competition Law and the Treasurer of the Competition Law Bar Association.

### EXPERIENCE

- Represented Google at CCI against GPay Application and Google Play Store
- Advised Bain Capital and Hellman & Friedman on their USD 17 billion acquisition of Athenahealth.
- He acted in obtaining unconditional clearance for Clariant's divestment of its Pigments business to Heubach and SK Capital Partners.
- Regularly providing strategic advisory to Meta (formerly Facebook), MG Motors, Kia Motors Corporation and many other large multinational corporations in matters relating to competition law.
- Successfully represented FabHotels against abuse of dominance by an online travel aggregator and anti-competitive vertical arrangements.
- Represented Honda Motorcycle and Scooters India Limited against allegations challenging the distribution arrangements.
- Secured immunity for Panasonic Corporation and PECIN in the dry cells batteries cartel cases.
- Successfully defended Hyundai Motor India Limited in NCLAT against a finding of resale price maintenance.

## SECTORS

Automotive	Insurance	Manufacturing & Industrials
Consumer	IT/ITeS	Private Equity
Fintech	Luxury, Fashion & Beauty	Real Estate
Hotels and Leisure		Retail

## THOUGHT LEADERSHIP

Co-author, The Hits and Misses of the Report by the Standing Committee on Finance (2022-2023) of the Competition (Amendment) Bill, Bar & Bench, 2022

Co-author, Interoperability and data portability not market power busters, IBLJ, 2022.

Author, CCI's penalty orders need guidance, consistency, IBLJ, 2022.

Author, Are territorial restrictions anti-competitive? IBLJ, 2021.

## QUALIFICATIONS

### BAR QUALIFICATIONS

Advocate, India, 2006

Solicitor, England & Wales

### EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATION

BCL, University of Oxford, 2007

LL.B., Amity University, 2006

### MEMBERSHIPS

Bar Council of Delhi

International Bar Association - India Working Group

## RECOGNITION

Notable Practitioner, IFLR1000

GCR 40 under 40 Top Young Antitrust lawyer in the world,

Global Leader & Thought Leader, Who's Who Legal

Competition Lawyer of the Year, LegalEra Magazine

## Testimonials

*"Karan's expertise and knowledge, specifically his knack for thinking ten steps ahead, helps us stay ahead of the curve. His out-of-the-box yet considerate approach helps to arrive at innovative solutions for novel issues. I constantly rely on his excellent insight and ability to provide reliable regulatory assessments."*

*Chambers & Partners*

*"Karan is a well-known name in the competition space"*

*"He is a prominent lawyer with a diverse clientele"*

*"Mr Chandhiok is insightful and has very impressive experience"*

*Who's Who Legal*