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Best Overall Law Firms in India.

India Business Law Journal (IBLJ)

Ranked as one of the top 10 most innovative firms in APAC.

FT - Asia-Pacific Innovative Lawyers

Ranked as one of the top 5 law firms in India.

RSG India Report

National Law Firm of the Year and India Client Service Law Firm of the Year.

Chambers Asia-Pacific Awards
ABOUT TRILEGAL

Trilegal is one of India’s leading law firms with offices in four of India’s major cities - Mumbai, New Delhi, Bangalore and Gurgaon. We represent clients on a large number of the most complex and high value transactions in India.

We believe that the combination of our firm’s culture, the depth of our transactional experience, the wide range of our expertise and the quality and energy of our lawyers, allows us to offer a level of client service that is unique in the Indian legal market. We take a commercial perspective of the issues our clients face with the aim of developing a solution-oriented approach.

Our areas of expertise include mergers and acquisitions; strategic alliances and joint ventures; private equity and venture capital; energy and infrastructure; banking and finance; restructuring; capital markets; telecoms, media and technology; dispute resolution; regulatory; competition law; labour and employment; real estate; and taxation.

Our client roster includes many of the world’s leading corporations. We provide our clients seamless, efficient and integrated service across a broad spectrum of practice areas.
“Trilegal’s broad practice has particular expertise in cross-border financial and investment disputes, and also handles regulatory inquiries and criminal matters in the aviation, power and oil and gas sectors. Clients include Tata Power, Standard Chartered and Mumbai International Airport.”

Asia-Pacific Legal 500
Our emphasis is on aligning litigation strategy with the commercial interests of our clients. We understand time is of the essence for most strategic litigation, and so our objective is to provide effective remedy efficiently. We bring in significant domain knowledge and expertise. Our dispute resolution lawyers frequently work with our other teams such as tax, corporate, banking and finance, intellectual property, information technology, infrastructure and energy lawyers to provide accurate and efficient advice.

Our dispute resolution lawyers have rich experience in cross border financial and investment disputes before courts and arbitral tribunals. We regularly work with lawyers in other jurisdictions to provide a comprehensive cross border strategy for their disputes. A large part of our clientele comprises of large multinational corporations, leading to domestic corporate houses, international financial institutions and funds. We are also market leaders in regulatory matters in power, aviation and oil and gas, where we represent and advise utilities and operators. In addition, we advise clients on statutory and regulatory inquiries, as well as criminal proceedings arising out of economic offences. Since a large part of our clientele consists of large multinational corporations, we regularly deal with inquiries and criminal matters spread across various jurisdictions. Our lawyers are specially trained to identify and deal with the sensitivities involved in statutory/regulatory inquiries and criminal proceedings arising out of economic offences.

Our clients appreciate our expertise and experience and reward us by returning to us for our services.
Among the top six firms, Trilegal was the only one with a client satisfaction score above the market average of 8.2.

The Times of India

They understand the client’s business requirements and exceed the client’s expectations.

Chambers Asia-Pacific
WHY CHOOSE OUR DISPUTE RESOLUTION GROUP

COMPREHENSIVE ASSISTANCE
Trilegal has a market leading dispute resolution practice. We handle a wide variety of corporate-commercial and regulatory disputes in diverse sectors. We have specialized teams with deep sector knowledge who are providing strategic advice to the clients right from the pre-dispute stage. We like to ensure that the approach to dispute resolution is closely aligned with the clients’ commercial and business objectives.

DIVERSE PRACTICE
We are one of the foremost names for regulatory disputes and our experience ranges in sectors like electricity, airport, oil and gas, coal, highways and telecommunications. We also have extensive experience in handling complex commercial disputes and have advised and represented clients on a range of disputes relating to equity and debt investment, foreign currency bonds and other hybrid instruments, intellectual property rights and on bi-lateral investment treaty disputes. In addition, the team has vast experience in handling domestic and international commercial arbitrations. This diverse expertise has enables us to provide our clients with cross-sectoral perspectives.

We also represent clients in some very high-profile matters dealing with white-collar crimes. The matters primarily involve corruption and other irregularities in doling out of state largesse entailing consequences in the contractual, criminal law and public law spheres. In addition to a commercially sound approach, our clients depend on the mature and sophisticated strategies that we provide, which are key to handling matters of a sensitive and politically charged nature. We are well equipped to advise on and conduct the volume of litigation that such matters generally give rise to, across diverse forums, including arbitration.

MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL EXPERTISE
Our lawyers have represented clients before various regulators both at central and state level as well as appellate tribunals constituted under various statutes. We have represented clients in almost all the high courts as well as the Supreme Court of India. We have a strong network of local counsels who assist us in attending to the disputes in a wholesome and efficient manner. Our clients benefit from our ability to attend to matters in any jurisdiction, and seamlessly adopt local practices and procedures in handling any matter.
"Trilegal's disputes team has built up a thriving practice that consistently receives compliments for 'good corporate litigation'."

Benchmark Asia-Pacific
DISPUTE RESOLUTION
WORK HIGHLIGHTS

CORPORATE COMMERCIAL LITIGATION

TerraForm Global, Inc. and its Indian subsidiaries in a London seated ICC governed arbitration with Wind World (India) Limited in a dispute concerning operation and maintenance of wind power projects in India.

China Light and Power and Sembcorp in disputes with their respective operations and maintenance contractors at various wind power projects in India.

AgustaWestland in the arbitration proceedings against the Ministry of Defence (MoD) challenging inter alia the wrongful termination of the contract for the supply of 12 AW-101 VVIP helicopters by the MoD on unsubstantiated allegations of corruption and bribery.

A consortium of Tata Power and Statkraft in relation to a commercial arbitration arising out of issues pertaining to development of a large hydro power project in Himachal Pradesh.

Mitsubishi Hitachi Power Systems, Ltd. (MHPS) and other MHPS entities before the Madras HC in disputes arising under the terms of certain joint venture agreements. The primary allegation against the MHPS entities was that they had induced the breach of non-compete obligations under these joint venture agreements.

General Motors in Chevrolet’s exit from India and settlement of claims and related litigious threats from car dealers across the country.

Shriram Properties Pvt. Ltd. and Sun-Apollo Investment Holding LLC in disputes with a foreign investor investing in the JV Company set up by the client. The disputes pertained to exercise of put option in respect of Compulsorily Convertible Debentures issued to the investor by the JV Company.

Tata Communications Limited on their dispute in relation to NTT DoCoMo’s exit from Tata Teleservices Ltd.

Tata Communications Limited in relation to Enforcement Directorate proceedings under the foreign exchange law.

Axis Trustee and Standard Chartered Bank in a winding up petition filed against Tulip Telecom Limited for default in payment for Non-Convertible Debentures.

Telenor ASA in disputes with JV Partner before the Company Law Board, Delhi HC and multiple arbitration proceedings.

Abu Dhabi National Energy Co. PJSC (TAQA) in a SIAC arbitration arising from its investment and taking over of a hydropower project in Himachal Pradesh.

Telenor Asia Pte. Ltd. and Telenor Mobile Communications AS in a SIAC arbitration arising from disputes with its Indian minority partner over rights issue and indemnity claims.

Axiom Telecom in a SIAC arbitration and proceedings before the Bombay HC against the Future Group.

JSC Cryogenmash in an ICC arbitration with the Steel Authority of India Limited arising from a construction contract to build an Air Separation Unit at the Bhilai Steel Plant.

Cairn Energy in an ICC arbitration against the Government of India and ONGC under operation agreements and production sharing contracts for its Rajasthan oil fields.

Corsair Capital and its affiliate companies in their dispute in connections with acquisition of shares of an Indian banking company.

Noble Group in arbitration proceedings, before the Supreme Court, Bombay HC and Karnataka
“Trilegal is commonly recognised as a ‘break-through’ firm in India that has gathered extensive market share in India since its establishment in 2000.”

Asialaw Profiles

“The ‘dynamic’ Trilegal is building a strong name for itself for its track record in a broad range of corporate and commercial disputes for both international and domestic clients.”

Asia-Pacific Legal 500
Supreme Court and the National Company Law Tribunal.

ICICI Bank in various insolvency proceedings before multiple benches of National Company Law Tribunal.

Tata Communications Limited in relation to its operational debts against certain telecom companies, including in submission of proofs of claim before the interim resolution professional.

A German aircraft engine leasing and maintenance company in pursuing insolvency proceedings against an airline based out of India, in relation to debts arising out of aircraft engine lease and maintenance agreements.

WHITE COLLAR CRIMES AND INTERNAL INVESTIGATIONS

Embraer in an investigation by India’s Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) for corruption in a defense aircraft supply contract with the Indian Air Force.

Cognizant Technology Solutions in an internal investigation following a voluntary declaration by Cognizant of bribery in India to law enforcement agencies in the United States of America.

CoStar Group, Inc. in a multi-jurisdictional legal action against Xceligent and its Asian affiliates for large-scale data theft from the client’s online database of high-resolution street maps and photographs of metropolitan cities in the United States of America.

Statkraft in the pre-acquisition anti-corruption diligence of a hydroelectric power project in India.

Instalaciones Inabensa S.A. in an investigation into the bribery of public officials and fraud with the government in a contract for electrification of India’s railway network. Successfully represented the client in judicial review of a five-year debarment order issued by the ministry of railways.

Vesuvius PLC in a CBI investigation into bribery of officials at government owned steel plants.

Akzo Nobel in an investigation by Mumbai Police into the bribery of public officials at Navi Mumbai Municipal Corporation to suppress property tax demand in the industrial area.

Telenor in criminal proceedings arising out of allegations of corruption in allocation of 2nd generation telecom licenses.

AgustaWestland in various proceedings arising out of allegations of corruption and bribery. The allegations include...
They are highly client-oriented and go out of their way to accommodate challenging timelines and to ensure the client's interest is adequately protected.

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commission of offences of corruption, cheating and breach of trust.

Chemtura Corporation and Chemtura Chemicals India Pvt. Ltd. in conducting an investigation into the allegations of mismanagement and defalcation of money by senior officials of the company.

eBay India in criminal proceedings initiated under provisions of the Information Technology Act, 2000 and the Indian Penal Code, 1860.

BG Exploration and Production India Ltd. in a criminal proceeding arising out of defalcation of money by the company’s employee.

REGULATORY

Electricity

GMR subsidiaries in disputes before the Supreme Court of India and Electricity Regulatory Commissions, including in relation to a dispute pertaining to determination of date of commencement of open access and challenge to wrongful levy of open access charges, and for recovery of escalated costs due to change in law and force majeure events.

GMR Chhattisgarh Energy Limited (GECL) in relation to its rights, obligations and liabilities in respect of two coal blocks allocated to GCEL under the Coal Mines (Special Provisions) Act, 2015 (CM Act) and the Coal Mines (Special Provisions) Rules, 2014 (CM Rules).

Association of Power Producers before the Delhi HC challenging the CERC (Terms and Conditions of Tariff) Regulations, 2014.

AES Solar before the Gujrat Electricity Regulatory Commission, the APTEL and the Supreme Court in relation to proceedings initiated by Gujrat Urja Vikas Nigam Ltd. over the tariff parameters specified in the Gujarat Electricity Regulatory Commission’s generic tariff order for solar power projects.

Azure Power in pursuing change in law petitions for various solar projects developed by Azure Power or its subsidiaries, including under the National Solar Mission, on account of introduction of GST.

Acciona Group before the Karnataka High Court in challenging a direction from the Government of Karnataka and an order passed by the Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission, inter alia affecting the tariff and control period of an existing tariff order pursuant to which wind power projects were being developed.

Orange Renewables before the APTEL inter alia on issues pertaining to wrongful delay in grant of commissioning certificate and applicability of tariff order in respect of a large wind power project located in Madhya Pradesh.

CLP Group before various judicial fora, including the Supreme Court in a gamut of disputes, including disputes relating to reimbursement of Minimum Alternate Tax by Karnataka Discoms under the PPA, and on various regulatory and contractual issues under the power purchase agreement and fuel supply agreement for its coal fired mega power project in Haryana.

Power Grid Corp of India Ltd., in over 60 mandates before the CERC and APTEL.

Sterlite Power Grid Ventures Limited’s subsidiaries in several mandates before the CERC and APTEL, including in disputes relating to force majeure and change in law claims; impact of the promulgation of the GST Laws; the declaration of Commercial Operational Date (COD) of a transmission project; and creation of security interest over transmission assets.

Talwandi Sabo Power Ltd., wholly owned subsidiary of Sterlite Energy Ltd., in relation to a dispute over coal supply arrangements for its 1980 MW thermal power project and making claims for necessary amendments to the PPA in view of shortage of coal supply.
‘They know our history, ethics and values and our specific cases,’ says a client. The firm has an ‘ability to work intensively and raise required resources.’

India Business Law Journal
National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) on issues concerning Gross Calorific Value (GCV) on coal; extension of term of PPAs; change in law and change in law affecting the Badarpur Thermal Power Station (BTPS) together with petitions from Delhi Discos demanding the closure of certain units of BTPS; force majeure in respect of the Farakka Super Thermal Power Station and tariff matters for Rihand Thermal Power as well as Aravali Power Corporation Pvt. Ltd.

Tata Power Company Ltd. (TPCL) before judicial fora located across the country, including before the Supreme Court, in several matters.

Essar Power Subsidiaries including Essar Power Transmission Company Ltd. and Essar Power Ltd before the CERC in matters pertaining to challenge of a tariff order disallowing certain components of capital costs including right of way costs; and challenging termination of Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) and encashment of bank guarantee.

Meenakshi Energy, a subsidiary of ENGIE (France), before the CERC and the APTEL on disputes over force majeure, change in law and its consequences on the enforceability of the Bulk Power Transmission Agreement; grid discipline and gaming, metering and scheduling; and in a change in law claim for imposition and subsequent increase in clean energy cess on imported coal.

OPGS Power before the Gujarat High Court and thereafter before the the Supreme Court of India challenging the Gujarat Open Access and Multi-Year Tariff Regulations, which result in the discriminatory levy of transmission charges. We have also represented the company before State Electricity Regulatory Commissions in Maharashtra and Gujarat on issues pertaining to grant of open access and metering scheme of power project.

Odisha Power Generation Corporation Ltd. (an investee company of AES Inc., USA) before the Odisha Electricity Regulatory Commission (OERC), the APTEL and the Supreme Court of India on the legal approach to be adopted and parameters to be applied in determining tariff based on terms of a power purchase agreement approved by the OERC; and on the approach to measuring the Gross Calorific Value of Coal ought for the purpose of computing energy charges.

Reliance Infrastructure before the APTEL on the revocation of distribution licence of its group company in the state of Odisha.

Kanchanjunga Power Transmission Company Limited before the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission and the Supreme Court in disputes relating to terms and conditions of use of a transmission line constructed by AD Hydro.
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