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Practice Areas

Corporate

Disputes

Sectors

Energy – Power & Hydrocarbon;

Manufacturing;

Real Estate;

Transport & Logistics;

Investment funds and Asset Management;

Capital Markets & Securities;

Banking & Financial Services;

Insurance & Pension;

Construction and Engineering;

Hospitality, Tourism & Retail;

Technology, Media & Sports;

Non-Governmental Sector;

Services;

Urban Infrastructure, Smart Cities

Public Procurement

About

Farid's disputes practice extends to appearing in all Civil Courts, High Court, Consumer forums, Small Causes Court, Co-operative Court, Revenue Tribunals, and some of the Magistrate and Session Courts in Mumbai. As an Advocate on Record of the Supreme Court of India, Farid also regularly appears before the Supreme Court of India. Farid specializes in corporate, commercial litigation and arbitration and appears regularly for banks and business houses before the Debt Recovery Tribunal (DRT) and the National Company Law Tribunal as well. He also regularly appears before the authorities under the Real Estate (Regulation and Development Act) 2016. He has handled dispute matters for Banks and business houses, in Ahmedabad, Delhi, Chennai, Goa, Lucknow, Kolkata and Bangalore as well. He has also represented both the State Government and Central Government in international commercial arbitrations in London, proceedings before the High Court and the Supreme Court of India. He has also handled commercial litigations for banks and corporate houses before the Commercial Courts in London, United States of America and Zambia.

Farid also has extensive experience in handling real estate transactions from investigation of title to drafting transactional documents. He regularly advises business houses and relators in all aspects of real estate transactions and strategizing acquisition and sale of immovable property. Farid also advises on special laws relating to redevelopment of societies and slum rehabilitation. His clients which include some of the top relators, banks and high net individuals have engaged him on issues relating to SEZ's, townships, acquisition of agricultural land, setting up townships, slum rehabilitation, society development and has advised clients in some of the most complex real estate and conveyancing transactions. Farid also advises in succession planning, and general advise relating to various laws in India.

Farid has been practicing law since 2000. Before joining JSA, Farid was with Wadia Ghandy & Co., one of India's oldest law firms for 19 years and he was a partner there for 12 years. He has also been rated by ALB as one of the 50 Super Lawyers for the year 2020.

Experience

- Advocate on Record for the Government of India (proceedings before the Supreme Court of India against Reliance Industries, British Petroleum and Niko) in respect of disputes relating to gas pricing in the KGD6 reservoir;
- Government of Maharashtra (represented in proceedings before the Supreme Court, High Court and arbitration proceedings in London under the UNCITRAL Rules against Enron, GE and Bechtel) in respect of disputes relating to the Dabhol Power Project;
- Mumbai International Airport Pvt. Ltd. (represented before the City Civil Court, Sessions Court, High Court, Supreme Court, Small Causes Court, Revenue Tribunals, arbitration proceedings and doing their real estate work as well. Farid prepared the slum rehabilitation agreement entered into in 2007 between MIAL and HDIL with respect to slum rehabilitation of the airport slum dwellers. When later disputes arose with respect to this agreement, Farid successfully represented MIAL before the Bombay High Court and the Supreme Court of India as well as before the arbitral tribunal constituted for the disputes;
- HDFC Bank Ltd (represented the Bank's special operation unit before the DRT, Delhi, DRT Mumbai, Commercial Court London, NCLT at Mumbai, Goa and Ahmedabad, Bombay High Court at Mumbai and Goa and the Supreme Court of India;

- BSE Ltd (represented before the Small Causes Court, City Civil Court, Magistrate Court, High Court, National Commission at Delhi and Supreme Court of India;
- Tata Housing Ltd (representing them before the High Court) and transactional documents in real estate;
- Tata Sons and Tata Trust (real estate advisory and documentation)
- BNP Paribas (representing them before the DRT and City Court)
- Credit Agricole (representing them before the DRT)
- Lokhandwala Infrastructure Pvt Ltd (representing them before the Bombay High Court and Supreme Court of India and real estate transactions)
- Moraj Infrastructure Pvt Ltd (representing them in all their litigation, arbitration and real estate transactions)
- Bhumiraj Construction Pvt Ltd (representing them before the State Commission, National Commission, High Court and Supreme Court of India)

Memberships

Member of the Bar Council of Maharashtra and Goa as an Advocate in July 2000.

Member of the Bombay Incorporated Law Society as a Solicitor in January 2002

Advocate on Record of the Supreme Court of India in February 2012

Publications

Caution: Home buying in progress- The Times of India - Times Property dated 2nd August 2019

Precautions to take when you go on a house-hunt- Magic bricks dated 5th August 2019

Parent Trap- The Times of India - Times Property dated 6th September 2019

Property Agreements: Things to know Realty+ Magazine - Issue 3 November 2019

Laws that govern a minor's ownership of real estate- The Times of India - Times Property dated 23rd November 2019

Do parents have a right over their child's property- The Times of India - Times Property dated 14th December 2019

Real estate market in Mumbai is on a route to recovery-99 acres.com dated 14th January 2020

Major queries on a Minor's ownership of property, answered- The Times of India - Times Property dated 18th January 2020

The curious case of CC and OC- The Times of India - Times Property dated 28th February 2020

Small giveaways disappoint the Real Estate Market- EPC&I magazine dated 11th March 2020

Co-author of the Chambers Global Practise Guide in respect of India Law and Practise for the year 2020

Under extraordinary circumstances- The Times of India - Times Property dated 24th July 2020

Your legal checklist- The Times of India - Times Property dated 21st August 2020

Housing woes- The Times of India - Times Property dated 28th August 2020

Housing woes- The Times of India - Times Property dated 14th September 2020

Rental woes- The Times of India - Times Property dated 30th October 2020

Focus back on Force Majeure- The Times of India - Times Property dated 21st November 2020

Education

B.L.S., LL.B - Government Law College, Mumbai, 2000

Solicitor -Bombay Incorporated Law Society, 2002

Advocate on Record of the Supreme Court of India, 2012

Languages Spoken

English

Hindi
