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Practice Areas

Disputes

Sectors

Construction and Engineering

Energy: Power and Hydrocarbons

Technology, Media and Sports

About

Dhirendra is a leading disputes lawyer with 30 years of experience in corporate commercial disputes.

He commenced practice as a litigation lawyer in 1993 in New Delhi. He joined JSA in 2002 and has been a partner of the firm since 2010.

Dhirendra has acted in over 75 high stake arbitrations, both ad hoc and administered, and has successfully led his team from the front. Having a sharp eye for detail and having the excellent ability to strategize even in the most complex cases, Dhirendra has consistently achieved a very high rate of success (more than 95%). Clients have regularly sought Dhirendra to lead in assignments over a number of years.

Dhirendra also acts as an arbitrator.

Construction & Engineering, Oil & Gas and Information Technology sectors are Dhirendra's focus practice areas. He also regularly advises clients in joint venture and shareholder disputes.

Experience

Dhirendra has led several arbitrations relating to –

Energy

- Construction of hydro-electric dams
- Construction of thermal power plants
- Construction of captive power plants (coal and multi-fuel)

Railways

- Construction of greenfield railway tracks
- Construction of high-altitude railway tunnels

Metro

Construction of viaducts and stations

Oil & Gas

Exploration, development, production, transport of petroleum and construction of refineries

Highways

- Construction of greenfield highways
- Strengthening and broadening of existing highways
- Toll collection

Urban infrastructure

- Rehabilitation of river
- Laying and setting up infrastructure for high voltage cables

Commercial

- Share purchase and shareholders agreements
- Joint venture agreements
- Hotel management agreements

IT & ITeS

- Setting up and maintenance of IT infrastructure of statutory corporation with nation-wide offices, clinics and hospitals
- Setting up and maintenance of IT infrastructure for tax collection and management for a State Government
- Setting up of State-wide network infrastructure

Key Assignments

Some of the recent key assignments handled by Dhirendra include:

- Successfully represented a leading construction company in arbitration proceedings arising under a contract for construction of a high-altitude railway tunnel which was terminated by the respondent. The tribunal awarded an amount of about Rs 200 crores in favour of the claimant on account of wrongful termination. Respondent's counterclaims of about Rs. 419 crores were also rejected by the tribunal.
- Successfully represented a leading infrastructure company in arbitration proceedings relation to disputes under an EPC contract for the construction of a Captive Power Plant. The tribunal awarded about Rs. 115 crores which was withheld by the respondent as 'price discount' for delay in completion.
- Successfully represented a leading infrastructure company in arbitration proceedings arising under an EPC Contract for civil works for setting up of a thermal power project. The tribunal held that the contract was validly terminated by the contractor/claimant and awarded Rs. 1000 crores for various claims raised by the claimant. Respondent's counterclaims of about Rs. 1200 crores were also rejected by the tribunal.
- Successfully represented a leading IT/ITES company in arbitration proceedings against a statutory body in relation to disputes arising out of its contracts for implementing e-governance. The tribunal awarded an amount of more than Rs. 550 crores in favour of the claimant towards the payments due under the contract. Respondent's counterclaims of more than Rs 200 crores were also rejected by the tribunal.
- Successfully represented an oil and gas exploration and production company in an international commercial arbitration seated in Kuala Lumpur arising out of a Joint Operation Agreement for development and production of oilfield in India. The tribunal awarded USD 3.2 million (and declaratory relief) in favour of the claimant and rejected all counterclaims raised separately by each of the three respondents.

Recent Speaking Engagements

SIAC Gujarat Conference

Demystifying the value of Institutional Arbitration

Panellist

California Arbitration Week

Inclusion, Access, Community and Elimination of Bias in International Dispute Resolution in California and Abroad (Presented by ICDR-AAA)

Panellist

Perception of an Expert's role in India and the UK

(Presented by MCIA-Online)

Panellist

International Arbitration Law Update [California, India, Mexico]

(Presented by ICDR-AAA)

Panellist

Smart Cities & Urban Development

(Presented by Consulate General of India, Kansai Economic Federation & Osaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry)

Co-Speaker

ICC-FIDIC Conference

The ubiquitous Disputes Board in Asia: An Indian perspective

Speaker

ICC India Arbitration Conference

Arbitration in India – (still) a quagmire or learning from the past?

Panellist

ICC India Arbitration Day

The Non-Responsive Respondent! – Taking arbitration forward and how?

Panellist

Memberships

Bar Council of Delhi

International Bar Association

Society of Construction Law

Publications

International Arbitration - Trends and Developments (India): Chambers Global Practice Guides

Interim measures in support of arbitration in India: LexisNexis

Challenge to jurisdiction and anti-suit injunctions in India: LexisNexis

More action needed to ease contractors' Liquidity Crisis: IBLJ

Lessons from GMR's Maldives episode: Hindu Business Line

Education

B.Sc., University of Delhi

LL.B., University of Delhi

Languages Spoken

English

Hindi
