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Practice Areas

Corporate

Sectors

Technology

Knowledge based industries (IT/ITES)

Real Estate, Construction and Engineering

Manufacturing

Education

Hospitality, Tourism & Retail

Life Sciences, Healthcare and Pharma

Services

Agriculture & Forestry

About

Gaurav's practice covers mergers & acquisitions, private equity, corporate structuring and restructuring, and general corporate commercial matters (including data privacy and white-collar crime investigations).

He is a transactional lawyer with over 10 (ten) years of experience - representing multinational companies in cross-border transactions, advising on foreign direct investments, and outbound investments.

He also advises clients on setting up and day-to-day business operations in India.

Experience

Some of the key assignments in these areas handled/ being handled by Gaurav, amongst others, include the following: -

- Roark Capital group, an Atlanta-based private equity firm, in its global acquisitions;
- Nokia India entities - in a composite scheme of arrangement;
- Keywords Studios PLC on the India leg of its global merger with Helpshift Inc;
- Department of Investment and Public Asset Management, Government of India, in: (a) the demerger of iron and steel plant from NMDC Limited to NMDC Steel Limited; and (b) listing of NMDC Steel Limited;
- Lupin Limited in the acquisition of: (a) portfolio of 343 brands from Anglo French Drugs & Industries Limited and its associates; and (b) legacy brands in strategic therapy areas from Menarini;
- OCS Group Limited, in its sale of Cannon Hygiene business to Rentokil Initial UK Limited;
- Emaar Properties PJSC, a Dubai based company, in the re-organisation (through a demerger) of its joint venture company, Emaar MGF Land Limited;
- vivo Mobile India in the bidding process for retaining the Indian Premier League's title sponsorship;
- Yum Restaurants India Private Limited (KFC, Pizza Hut brands) in its investment in Devyani International Limited;
- ICRA Limited for sale of the entire stake in its wholly owned subsidiary, ICRA Techno Analytics Limited, to Nihilent Technologies Limited;
- Taco Bell Corporation in a downstream investment in Burman Hospitality Private Limited (a Dabur Group of companies);
- MPS Limited in purchase of: (a) Tata Interactive Systems; (b) 100% shareholding of Tata Industries Limited in its wholly owned subsidiaries based in Switzerland and Germany;
- Nokia Corporation in the India leg of its global acquisition of Alcatel-Lucent;
- Quattro group in a global acquisition;
- Ragus Healthcare (Sugarfit) in the Series A investment by MassMutual Ventures Southeast Asia III LLC and other investors; and
- Avis India, Adobe India, Sony India, Fanatics India, Lots Wholesale India, Sobha India, SAP India, Mercer India, Dole Fruits India, Ultimate Kronos Group, Lupin India, and several other clients on corporate law and regulatory requirements.

Awards and Recognition

Recognized as ALB India Rising Star 2023 by Asian Legal Business, Thomson Reuters

'Impact Deal of the Year' by Asialaw, 2023

Memberships

International Bar Association – Officer and National Representative (India)

Bar Council of Delhi, India

Publications

Some of the relevant publications of Gaurav, amongst others, include the following:

“The Legal 500: Investing In Comparative Guide”, Exclusive Contributor for the India Guide, January 2024.

“Cross-border M&A transactions in emerging economies: international legal harmonization and the viability of an international corporate legal order” in Corporate and M&A Law Committee’s publication, International Bar Association, January 2024.

“Investment opportunities and challenges vis-a-vis ESG regulation: Tracing India in the global canvas” in Financial Express, December 2023.

‘The employability of artificial intelligence in the legal sector: should robots aid or call the shots?’ in Technology Law Committee’s publication, International Bar Association, July 2023.

‘Shareholder empowerment in India: SEBI’s proposal makes shareholders’ nod more crucial than ever’ in Corporate and M&A Law Committee’s publication, International Bar Association, April 2023.

‘Absence of special categories of personal data in India’s digital personal data protection bill, 2022 simplicity at the cost of efficacy?’ in Indian Express’ Express Computer, March 2023.

‘Data protection in Metaverse: Ascertaining privacy in the ever-expanding virtual world’ in Economic Times’ ET Edge, December 2022.

‘Regulating algorithms through data protection laws: Reigning the unruly horse’ in Economic Times’ ET Edge, October 2022.

‘Non-Personal Data Vis-À-Vis Data Protection Regime: Determining The Viability of India’s Inclusive Approach’ in Economic Times’ ET Edge, September 2022.

‘Accommodating MedTech within Data Protection Laws: Regulating AI based medical devices and medical data in India’ in Economic Times’ ET Edge, July 2022.

‘Overseas Listing through SPACs in India: Retrospection, Evolution and Prospection’ in Mondaq, April 2022.

‘Online Gaming Laws in India: An Obstruction In Path Of Prospective Investment’ in Business World Gaming World, February 2022.

‘Need for data protection framework for Edtech sector’ in The Times of India, October 2021.

‘New FDI norms in E-Commerce: Government caught between the Devil and Deep Sea’, [2019] 104 taxmann.com 417.

‘Mergers and Acquisitions: Some Digital Issues’ in Corporate Law Adviser, Wolters Kluwer Business Publications, ISSN 0970-8987, Volume 118, Part 4.

'Tech Mergers and Acquisitions: Rise Against the Tide' in Taxmann's Corporate Professionals Today, ISSN 0972-818X, Volume 30, Issue 1.

'Company Law Settlement Scheme, 2014: An Analysis' in Company Law Journal.

'RBI's Wailful Defaulter Circular: An Analysis of Ionic Metalliks v. Union of India' in Taxmann's Corporate Professionals Today, ISSN 0975-9948, Volume 31, Issue 2.

'SEBI Order and Satyam Scandal: Much Needed Impetus' in Taxmann's Corporate Professionals Today, ISSN 0975-9948, Volume 30, Issue 8.

'Acceptance of Deposits and the Companies Act, 2013: Stricter Regime' in Corporate Law Adviser, Wolters Kluwer Business Publications, ISSN 0970-8987, Volume 121, Part 3.

'FDI in Retail E-Commerce: Way Forward' in Taxmann's Corporate Professionals Today, ISSN 0975-9948, Volume 29, Issue 6.

'Corporate Social Responsibility: New Mantra Gets Crystallised' in Corporate Law Adviser, Wolters Kluwer Business Publications, ISSN 0970-8987, Volume 119, Part 3, 2014.

'Corporate Contribution to Political Parties and the Companies Act - Democracy Realized or Defeated' in Taxmann's Corporate Professionals Today, ISSN 0975-9948, Volume 29, Issue 8.

'Cross Border Mergers: Implications under the Competition Act, 2002' in IBLs E-Commerce and Tax Law Journal, ISSN 2154-6347, Volume 1 Issue 6.

'Competition Law and Intellectual Property Laws: Friends or Foes' in the book titled 'Consumer Activism, Competition and Consumer Protection', ISBN 978-8190809-0-3.

'Search for the Perfect Legislation to control Cyber Crime in India' in IBLs E-Commerce and Tax Law Journal, ISSN 2154-6347, Volume 1 Issue 8.

'Comparative Advertisements and Infringement of Trademarks' in International Journal of Research in Commerce and Management, ISSN 0976-2183, Volume 2 Issue 11.

'Criminal Liability of Corporations' in the book titled 'Selected Essays on Criminal Law', ISBN 978-81-920809-3-2.

'Jurisdictional Issues in Cyber Crime: Whose Space is Cyber Space' in the book titled 'Selected Essays on Criminal Law', ISBN 978-81-920809-3-2.

Education

B.A., LL.B. (Hons.) (2008-13), Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab (Gold Medalist)

Languages Spoken

English, Hindi, and Punjabi
