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Practice Areas

Corporate

Sectors

Energy

Transportation

Mines & Minerals

Construction and Engineering

Urban Infrastructure, Smart Cities and Public Procurement

About

Kartikeya specializes in projects, regulatory and policy related work in the infrastructure sector. He advises domestic and international clients (including developers, investors, banks, multilateral agencies, governments, and government authorities) on diverse matters spanning contractual, transactional and regulatory issues. His areas of focus include energy (electricity and renewable energy), transportation (roads, airports, railways, and ports), mines and minerals (including critical and transmission minerals), construction and engineering, and urban infrastructure (metro railways, sanitation, and water).

His work involves drafting, negotiating, and reviewing various contractual arrangements, including concession agreements, tender documents, power purchase agreements, transmission service agreements, EPC arrangements, and O&M arrangements. His experience covers public private partnerships (on both the buy-side and sell-side) in multiple infrastructure sectors. He also assists government authorities in drafting and reviewing primary and subordinate legislation.

He is a frequent contributor of articles on the infrastructure sector in notable publications. He has also been recognised as a 'Rising Star – Partner' by the IFLR1000 2023-24 (33rd edition), and as a 'Rising Star' by Asian Legal Business in 2022.

Experience

Some of the key assignments in these areas handled and being handled by Kartikeya are, amongst others:

- Advised **Airports Authority of India** on the successful award of the concessions for brownfield development of the Ahmedabad, Guwahati, Jaipur, Lucknow, Mangaluru and Trivandrum airports.
- Advising **various State Governments** on the successful auction of mineral concessions for major minerals (mining leases, composite licences, and exploration licences) and minor minerals.
- Advising **Government of Odisha** on the award of concession for the development, operation and maintenance of the greenfield Sri Jagannath International Airport on a DBFOT basis.
- Advised **Pune Metropolitan Region Development Authority** on the successful award of the concession for developing the Pune Metro Line III (Hinjewadi-Shivajinagar) Project on a DBFOT basis.
- Advised **National Highways Authority of India** on the successful award of concessions on the InVIT and TOT modes as part of its asset monetization initiative.
- Advised **The World Bank** and **Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, Government of India** on the bid documents for award of seabed leases for development of offshore wind energy facilities.
- Advised **IndiGrid** on its successful acquisition of transmission and generation assets, including undertaking legal and regulatory due diligence and reviewing/ finalising the transaction documents.
- Advised **various IPPs** and **off-takers** on structuring and negotiating their power supply arrangements, including captive offtake arrangements.
- Advised **Energy Efficiency Services Ltd** and **Asian Development Bank** on rolling out 'convergence' business envisaging seamless integration of new and emerging technologies (including energy storage).
- Advised **Envision Wind Power Technologies India Pvt Ltd** on the successful settlement of disputes arising out of the engineering, procurement and construction contracts for wind projects in Gujarat.
- Advised **ACME Cleantech Solutions Ltd** on standardizing its operation and maintenance agreements for solar photovoltaic plants.
- Advised **Hero Future Energies** on successful investment by Masdar and IFC, including undertaking a vendor due diligence of its entire renewable energy portfolio (solar, wind and solar-rooftop).
- Advised **PowerGrid Corporation of India Ltd** on the successful transfer (by way of slump sale) of its telecommunications business to its wholly-owned subsidiary, PowerGrid Teleservices Ltd.
- Advised **Government of Manipur** on the successful unbundling of the Electricity Department, Government of Manipur in accordance with the Electricity Act, 2003.

- Advised **Ministry of Finance, Government of India** on drafting the proposed Public Contracts (Resolution of Disputes) Bill, 2016, and Public Private Partnership Rules.
- Advised **Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, Government of India** on drafting the proposed Renewable Energy Bill, 2016.
- Advised United Nations Development Programme and Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India on developing an emissions trading scheme for India.

Awards & Recognition

Recognised as 'Rising Star – Partner' by the IFLR1000 2023-24 (33rd edition)

Recognised as 'Rising Star' by Asian Legal Business in 2022

Key mention in Legal 500 Asia Pacific directory

Memberships

Bar Council of Delhi

International Bar Association

Publications

"Courts worldwide increasingly recognise climate action as a human right" published in the *Economic Times* in April, 2024 (Co-written with Mr. Amit Kapur)

"India – Law & Practice" published in *Chambers & Partners Mining Global Guide 2024* in January, 2024 (Co-written with Mr. Vishnu Sudarsan and Ms. Ayushi Chaudhary)

"India – Law & Practice" published in *Chambers & Partners Alternative Energy & Power 2023* in July, 2023 (Co-written with Mr. Vishnu Sudarsan, Ms. Sugandha Somani Gopal and Ms. Asmita Maan)

"Rail Transport - India" published in *Lexology Getting the Deal Through – Rail Transport 2020* in October, 2019 (Co-written with Mr. Vishnu Sudarsan and Mr. Ashish Suman)

Education

B.A. LL.B. (Hons.), Gujarat National Law University (2011)

Master of Public Policy, University of Edinburgh (2016)

Languages Spoken

English

Hindi

Telugu
