



## Akshaya Suresh

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### Practice Areas

Corporate

### Sectors

Hospitality, Tourism and Retail

Life Sciences, Healthcare and Pharma

Technology, Media and Sports

Telecommunications and Broadcasting

Transportation and Logistics

### About

Akshaya has 17+ years of PQE. She focuses on technology laws, AI, privacy & data protection, corporate & commercial contracts, general corporate and employment matters. She is also a member of the POSH committees of various companies. She advises many early stage and growth companies on designing standard agreements, review and closure of global commercial agreements and general corporate matters. She also advises enterprises operating in various sectors on compliance with privacy and data protection laws. Akshaya is a DSCI Certified Data Protection Officer.

Prior to joining JSA, Akshaya was a Partner with a boutique law firm, Commercial Law Advisors (CLA), which merged with JSA, leading to JSA's expansion in the Chennai/South Indian market. Prior to CLA, she was Director-Legal and a key member of the leadership team at Freshworks. Prior to Freshworks, she was with JSA.

Akshaya is an alumnus of ILS Law College, Pune. Akshaya has mentored many startups in setting up their legal and privacy functions and has presented at various industry events and forums like MCCI, IACC and IAPP. She has been a regular mentor at the Techstars Start-up Weekend, Chennai.

## Experience

Some of the key assignments in these areas handled and being handled by Akshaya amongst others, cover the following: -

- Advised a data marketplace platform on guidelines around ethical AI for use in the healthcare sector
- Conducted a Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) for deployment of an AI suite in the banking sector.
- Advises a foundational LLM on AI governance and compliance.
- Routinely advises Application AI and Industry AI companies on review and closure of global commercial agreements, data vendor agreements and privacy and data protection.
- Advised Xcelerate Pte. Limited on privacy and data protection matters in its acquisition of a strategic equity stake in Carisma Solutions Private Limited, an Australia-focused business services provider in the financial, tax, and regulatory compliance space
- Conducted a Legitimate Interests Assessment for a buyer intelligence platform powered by AI and advised on Ethics and Governance Policy for its AI model.
- Routinely advises and assists many early stage and growth companies in the SaaS/PaaS spaces on drafting, review and closure of global commercial agreements, employment matters, policies, operational legal matters and privacy and data protection.
- Advised a cloud platform for salons, spas and med spas on implementing a global privacy framework, including the Digital Personal Data Protection Act, 2023.
- Advises a biopharmaceutical business on compliance with the Digital Personal Data Protection Act, 2023.
- Advises a retail chain on compliance with the Digital Personal Data Protection Act, 2023.
- Advised a global company providing cloud-based guidance and performance support for web applications on implementing a privacy framework for them, that can address privacy and data protection requirements in the EU, US, and India.
- Advised internationally renowned law firms on privacy and data protection regulations in India, including re: user behaviour analytics in India, processing HR data, operating search engines in India and setting cookies in compliance with Indian law.
- Advised a C-PaaS platform on their Data Retention Policy in India, employees' privacy at the workplace, SAR requirements and applicability of telecom laws in India to their products.
- Advised a leading end-to-end revenue management platform for businesses employing a subscription model on becoming compliant with regulations and notifications of Reserve Bank of India relating to payment systems and payment-related data.
- Advised a global provider of world-class, end-to-end supply chain services on implementing a privacy framework that addresses global privacy and data protection requirements.
- Advised a US Enterprise Customer Data Platform and a French marketing automation platform and issued a Transfer Impact Assessment (TIA) report on transfer of their customer data originating in the EU to their operations subsidiary in India.

## Awards and Recognition

Mondaq Thought Leading Author Award for Data Protection in India, 2025

Listed in the Forbes India Legal Powerlist, 2022 of top individual lawyers

## Memberships

Bar Council of Maharashtra and Goa

## Publications

Curio AI Series on AI & IP. [Read here.](#)

Enforcement And Penalties Under the Digital Personal Data Protection Act, 2023. [Read here.](#)

Privacy and Data Protection in AI. [Read here.](#)

Privacy in the time of social media. [Read here.](#)

Law on the heels of illegal deepfakes. [Read here](#)

Why regulating AI is the need of the hour. [Read here](#)

What can an Indic Framework for Regulating AI look like. [Read here](#)

Hits and misses of the latest legislative attempt to protect personal data in India. [Read here](#)

Aarogya Setu and privacy in times of a pandemic. [Read here](#)

## Education

BSL., LLB

## Languages Spoken

English

Hindi

Tamil

Marathi