

# DATA PROTECTION, PRIVACY & Security Profile

# About Us

Veritas Legal is a law firm consisting of experienced professionals. Our team brings together the experience of lawyers who have worked in India's leading law firms. Our aim is to provide clear client-focused legal advice and solutions based on an in-depth knowledge of the legal, regulatory and commercial environment in India. Our clients benefit from our past experience, blended with the personal attention and streamlined advice that we provide.

# DATA PROTECTION, PRIVACY & SECURITY

Our firm brings in significant expertise with its wide-ranging experience in advising domestic and international companies operating across various industries such as pharmaceuticals, healthcare, banking, insurance, consumer goods, internet service providers etc. Our team has attained thorough understanding of the workings of these industries and their complex aspects and issues pertaining to data protection and privacy.

Our services include advising clients on issues involving transfer of sensitive data, security breaches, developing pro-active measures to address data privacy issues, drafting and negotiating agreements and consent forms, advising on special IT settings, such as cloud storage and data warehousing services. We also prepare tailor-made privacy and security breach policies for Indian subsidiaries of international companies.

### WE HAVE REPRESENTED FOLLOWING CLIENTS IN SOME KEY TRANSACTION:

- JP Morgan: advised on the applicable information technology and data privacy laws in relation to their global data processing and outsourcing centres in India.
- Partners Group: advised and prepared their privacy policies; advised on reporting requirements in relation to cyber security incidents.
- **Barclays:** advised on the confidentiality and disclosure requirements for banks under Indian law, and the procedure for an Indian bank to disclose data to foreign regulators and government agencies to assist investigations.
- BNP Paribas and UBS: advised on the enforceability of "audit rights" in contracts with counterparties in India.
- Pfizer India: advised and prepared their privacy policies.
- ANZ Bank: advised on data privacy aspects relating to their digital banking proposition and associated queries relating to storage of data in servers overseas.
- Verifone: advised on anonymization of data and methods to minimize risk and ensure compliance with Indian data privacy laws.



## OUR TEAM



#### Abhijit Joshi

Abhijit Joshi, the Founding & Managing Partner is one of the country's leading lawyers with a noteworthy career spanning over 3 decades. He specializes in Corporate/M&A, Private Equity and Private Client Practice. He has represented various multinational companies on inbound M&A in India as well as Indian companies on outbound M&A. He brings his rich experience given his noteworthy work on various landmark deals.

Abhijit has been recognized by Asian Legal Business as one of Asia's Top 15 M&A Lawyers. He has also been recognized as an 'Icon' in the "A" List of top 100 lawyers and Legal Icons (India) by India Business Law Journal, recognized as a 'Thought Leader for M&A by Who's Who Legal, ranked in the top tier for Corporate/M&A, Private Client Practice by Chambers & Partners. In addition to the above, he has received various accolades including 'Elite Practitioner' for Corporate/M&A and Private Equity by Asialaw Leading Lawyers, 'Highly Regarded' lawyer by IFLR1000 for M&A, 'Recommended Lawyer' for Corporate and M&A by RSG, 'Recommended Lawyer' by Legal 500 for M&A, Private Equity, Private Client Practice and White-Collar Crime, 'Acritas Star Lawyer' by Acritas (Thomson Reuters) and recommended by International Who's Who Legal for Corporate Governance, Mergers & Acquisitions and Private Client Practice. He has procured the Financial Times Innovation Award (Asia Pacific) for a complex merger transaction.

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#### Manav Raheja

Manav Raheja specializes in M&A, Private Equity, Venture Capital, Corporate Advisory and Commercial Disputes with an experience of over 15 years. He has represented strategic and financial investors on acquisition and sale transactions in the technology, manufacturing, financial services, infrastructure and other sectors. He is also presently the National Representative for India at the International Association of Young Lawyers, Brussels. Manav has been recognised as a 'Recommended Lawyer' for Corporate/M&A, Private Equity and Investment Funds by Legal500 and also as a 'Notable Practitioner for M&A (India) by IFLR1000.

He has been recognised as a 'Recommended Lawyer' for Private Equity by Legal500, for Corporate and M&A by RSG India and for M&A and Private Equity also by RSG India. He has also been recommended as "diligent and reliable" for Corporate/M&A by Asialaw and commended "for understanding business needs and for his swift delivery" by IBLJ Indian Law Firm Awards.

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### Somrita Chatterji

Somrita Chatterji focuses on Private Equity, Mergers & Acquisitions, General Corporate Advisory, Retail and E-commerce and has an experience of over 10 years. She has acted and advised on various cross border and domestic corporate-commercial transactions including investments, acquisitions, business transfers, joint ventures, and divestments. Somrita regularly works on foreign investment transactions across various business sectors and represents private equity investors and strategic clients.

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#### Rohini Jaiswal

Rohini Jaiswal is a member of the Dispute Resolution team and has over 6 years of experience in advising clients on a variety of matters, with a focus on civil and commercial litigation. She has advised clients in issues relating to data protection and privacy matters, and litigations arising therein. She has assisted clients in drafting privacy policies and has also assisted clients in reporting data breach incidents to the regulatory authorities. She also represents clients in disputes arising from matters relating to company law, white collar crime, real estate law, testamentary law, pharmaceuticals laws, intellectual property laws and labour laws.

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# ACCOLADES

#### Forbes India

- Recognized as a 'Top Law Firm' (below 10 years of experience) for Life Sciences & Pharmaceuticals, Mergers & Acquisitions, Joint Venture, Private Equity & Venture Capital, Real Estate & Construction, White Collar Crime and Family in the Legal Powerlist 2021.
- Recognized as a 'Top Law Firm' (below 10 years of experience) for Life Sciences & Pharmaceuticals, Mergers & Acquisitions and Private Equity & Venture Capital in the Legal Powerlist 2020.

#### **RSG INDIA REPORT**

- Ranked 15 in the Top 50 India Ranking 2019.
- Ranked 27 in the Top 40 India Ranking 2017.

### Chambers & Partners Asia-Pacific Guide

- Ranked in Band 2 for Corporate/M&A: The Elite (India) in 2022.
- Ranked in Band 3 for Private Equity (India) in 2022.
- Ranked in Band 4 for Real Estate (India) in 2022.

### Chambers & Partners Global Guide

- Ranked in Band 2 for Corporate/M&A: The Elite (India) in 2022.
- Ranked in Band 3 for Corporate/M&A (India) in 2019 to 2021.

#### Legal500 Asia Pacific Guide

- Ranked in Tier 2 for Private Client and White-Collar Crime (India) in 2021 and 2022.
- Ranked in Tier 3 for Anti-trust and Competition (India) in 2022.
- Ranked in Tier 3 for Corporate/M&A (India) in 2021 and 2022.
- Ranked in Tier 4 for Private Equity and Investment Funds (India) in 2021 and 2022.
- Recognized as 'Firms to Watch' for Real Estate and Construction (India) in 2022.

#### IFLR1000

- Ranked in Tier 4 for Mergers and Acquisitions (India) in 2022.
- Awarded 'Rising Star Firm of the Year' by IFLR1000 India Awards 2020.
- Recognized as a 'Notable Firm' for Mergers and Acquisitions (India) in 2019 to 2021.
- Ranked in Tier 3 for Private Equity (India) in 2020 to 2022.

#### Asialaw Profiles

- Recognized as a 'Recommended Firm' for Corporate/M&A and Private Equity (India) in 2022.
- Recognized as a 'Notable Firm' for Competition and Real Estate (India) in 2022.
- Named as a 'Recognized Firm' for Dispute Resolution (India) in 2022.
- Recognized as a 'Notable Firm' for Pharmaceuticals and Life sciences, Technology and Telecommunications (India) in 2021 and 2022.

### Asian Legal Business

- Recognized as 'Boutique Law Firm of the Year' by ALB India Law Awards 2021.
- Recognized as a 'Tier 2 Firm' in M&A Rankings in 2019 to 2021.



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### Asian Legal Business

- Recognized as 'India Firms to Watch' by Asian Legal Business 2021.
- Awarded 'Rising Law Firm of the Year' in the ALB India Law Awards 2020.

#### India Business Law Journal

- Awarded 'Winning Law Firm' for Private Client Practice in the Indian Law Firm Awards in 2021 and 2022.
- Recognized for 'Corporate & Commercial' in the Indian Law Firm Awards in 2019 and 2020.

### Benchmark Litigation Asia-Pacific

- Ranked in Tier 3 for Commercial & Transactions in 2022.
- Ranked in Band 4 for Commercial & Transactions in 2020 and 2021.
- Recognized as a 'Notable Firm' for International Arbitration and Government & Regulatory in 2022.
- Recognized as a 'Notable Firm' for Construction in 2020 to 2022.
- Recognized as a 'Recommended Firm' for White Collar Crime in 2020 to 2022.

### Business World

- Awarded 'Private Equity Law Firm of the Year' in the BW Legal World Global Legal Leaders Awards 2021.
- Awarded 'Pharma & Life Science Law Firm of the Year' in the Business World Legal Leaders Awards 2019.

#### Legal Era

• Awarded 'Most Promising Law Firm of the Year (3 years & above)' in the Legal Era Indian Legal Awards 2019 to 2020.

# League Table Rankings

#### Mergermarket

• Ranked No. 8 by deal count in the Mergermarket M&A (India) Legal Advisory League Table 2021.

#### Bloomberg

• Ranked No. 7 by deal count and No. 13 by deal volume for India Announced Deals in the Bloomberg Global M&A Legal Rankings 2021.

#### Venture Intelligence

- Ranked No. 9 by deal value and No. 10 by deal count in the Venture Intelligence M&A League Table 2021.
- Ranked No. 11 by deal value and No. 20 by deal count in the Venture Intelligence Private Equity League Table 2021.
- Ranked No. 9 by deal value and No. 10 by deal count for Healthcare & Life Sciences in the Venture Intelligence M&A League Table 2021.
- Ranked No. 9 by deal value and No. 10 by deal count (M&A) and Ranked No. 11 by deal value (PE) for Hotel & Resorts in the Venture Intelligence League Table 2021.
- Ranked No. 11 by deal value for Food & Beverages in the Venture Intelligence Private Equity League Table 2021.

#### Refinitv

- Ranked No. 16 (Asia Pacific Advisors) in the Refinitiv Global Private Equity and Venture Capital League Table 2021.
- Ranked No. 20 (Asia Pacific Advisors) in the Refinitiv Global Small-Cap M&A Legal Advisory League Table 2021.

