



**VERITAS LEGAL**  
ADVOCATES & SOLICITORS

WHITE COLLAR CRIME  
PRACTICE PROFILE

# ABOUT US

Veritas Legal is a law firm consisting of experienced professionals. 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.

## WHITE-COLLAR CRIME PRACTICE

Veritas Legal has represented individuals and multinational companies across sectors, addressing complex and sensitive issues pertaining to economic offence, fraud, anti-corruption, money-laundering and whistle blower complaints. Our team has extensive experience in advising clients on preventative measures designed to reduce the risk of civil and criminal prosecutions.

**In this regard, the firm and its members have among others been involved in following:**

- i. Advised and represented Deloitte Haskins & Sells LLP, who were the statutory auditors of several entities of the I&FS Group since inception in various investigations and proceedings before multiple Fora. This matter included several parallel proceedings and investigations, both civil and criminal.
- ii. Advised and represented large corporate houses, as well as multi-national companies, in respect of money laundering cases and investigations before the Enforcement Directorate and Economic Offences Wing;
- iii. Represented MIAL in respect of certain investigations initiated by the Enforcement Directorate and the Central Bureau of Investigation.
- iv. Represented and advised certain International companies in respect of FCPA related and other issues that were raised by whistleblowers in respect of their Indian counterparts.
- v. Representing certain vaccine manufacturers against known and unknown persons in respect of false claims of being appointed exclusive agents for the purpose of selling COVID-19 vaccines.
- vi. Represented the key managerial personnel of the large retail company in respect of a false claim of physical intimidation and assault.
- vii. Representing and advising a multi national corporation in respect of recovery of stolen data including the conducting of search and seizure operations as well as forensic audit of data.
- viii. Represented clients during the conduct of investigations and enquiries by the police, the customs department and other regulatory authority;
- ix. Filed and appeared in matters in respect of private criminal complaints filed directly before the Magistrate in respect of white collar offences;
- x. Advised and represented clients in respect of violations of the Foreign Exchange Management Act and anti-corruption laws;
- xi. Advised and assisted clients with compliance investigations under The Companies Act and FCPA;
- xii. Advised and assisted in investigations and criminal and enforcement matters initiated by the government.

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# OUR RESOURCES



## AHMAD JAVED

Ahmad Javed retired as the 39th Commissioner of Police, Mumbai and previously also served as the Indian Ambassador to Saudi Arabia. Mr. Ahmad, in his role as the chief advisor to Veritas Legal for this practice area, is guiding the team on setting up a market leading white-collar practice. Given his depth and breadth of experience, Mr. Ahmad brings to the table both preventive and strategic measures to be followed during the course of investigations and assists in mitigating exposure to investigations and prosecution.

Mr Ahmad has been closely involved with supervising and maintaining the law & order and prevention and detection of crime. He was closely associated with a project involving a change in working of the police department in collaboration with McKinsey & Co. He has been associated with many landmark cases such as the serial bomb blasts in Mumbai through 2002 – 2003.

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## ABHIJIT JOSHI

Abhijit Joshi, our founding partner is one of the country's leading corporate lawyers with a noteworthy career spanning over 27 years. Given the breadth of his practice, Abhijit is uniquely positioned to strategize for and advise a broad range of clients, including organizations and individuals, on a variety of complex regulatory matters, investigations, and disputes arising under Indian laws.

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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## RAHUL DWARKADAS

Rahul Dwarkadas leads the Dispute Resolution practice for the firm with an experience of over two decades. He handles a broad variety of disputes spanning across multiple industries such as media, pharmaceutical, real estate, corporate and banking, forensic investigations as well as white collar complaints, FCPA, employment and anti-bribery related matters. He represents a range of corporates (domestic and international) in commercial litigation and arbitration. He has a considerable experience in Supreme Court and High Court cases, as well as appearing before various tribunals across India.

Rahul has been recognized in the Top Disputes Lawyers (India) by Asian Legal Business. He has been recognized as a 'Litigation Star' for Commercial and Transactions by Benchmark Litigation Asia-Pacific, 'Recommended Lawyer' for White-Collar Crime by Legal500, 'Recommended Lawyer' for Litigation by RSG, 'Notable Practitioner' for Dispute Resolution by Asialaw Leading Lawyers and 'Acritas Star Lawyer' by Acritas (Thomson Reuters).

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## NEVEILLE MUKERJI

Neveille Mukerji is a Partner working with the firm with an experience of over 12 years. He handles a broad variety of disputes spanning across multiple practice areas, courts, tribunals, authorities and quasi-judicial authorities. He represents clients in matters relating to economic offences and white-collar crime. In particular, he specializes in appearances before magistrates, tribunals and investigative agencies including the police. He also advises clients in relation to allegations pertaining to sexual harassment, fraud and misconduct by senior officials and theft of confidential and proprietary information.

Neveille has been recognised in the Asia Super 50 Disputes Lawyers and India's Top 30 Disputes Lawyers by Asian Legal Business.

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## PRACHI DHANANI

Prachi Dhanani has over 10 years experience in handling matters relating to Commercial Litigation, Dispute Resolution and White Collar Crime before various fora around the country. She advises and represents clients in both institutional and ad hoc international and domestic arbitrations. She has also acted for clients in connection with disputes arising from real estate, wills and succession, pharma industry regulations and intellectual property matters.

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

## CHAMBERS & PARTNERS HIGH NET WORTH GUIDE

- Ranked in Band - 2 for Private Wealth Law (India) in 2022.

## 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.

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## ASIAN LEGAL BUSINESS

- Awarded 'M&A Deal of the Year (Mid-size)' by ALB India Law Awards 2022.
- 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.
- 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.
- Recognized as a 'Notable Firm' for International Arbitration, Government & Regulatory in 2022.
- Ranked in Tier - 4 for Commercial & Transactions in 2020 and 2021.
- 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 Firm of the Year' by the Business World Global Legal Summit and Legal Leaders Awards 2021.
- Awarded 'Pharma & Life Science Law Firm of the Year' by 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 2019-2020.

# 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.

## REFINITIV

- 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.

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