



Anshuj Dhingra *Law Offices*

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FIRM OVERVIEW:

ANSHUJ DHINGRA LAW OFFICES (ADLO), is a full service law firm providing a comprehensive range of legal services across all cities in India, and has core competencies in Litigation & Arbitration, Corporate and Commercial law, Intellectual property related issues and matters relating to Banking and Shipping.

The firm's multi-lingual capabilities, alliances with associates lawyers and firms, both in India and overseas, provides it with a competitive edge and enables it to address the legal concerns of the clients.

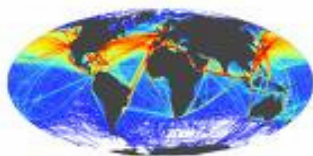
The lawyers of the firm have fair exposure and experience of working with global corporations, domestic companies and business groups. The knowledge and understanding of both the Indian and the cross border cultures bridges the practical impossibilities, and the strong alliances and affiliations of the firm with other lawyers and firms, both in India and globally, provides the firm with a competitive edge, and drives to deliver solutions.

The professionals of the firm work together as a dedicated team to provide the highest quality legal services to its clients. The lawyers and attorneys are specialists in their respective fields enabling them to provide the best legal service and advocacy.

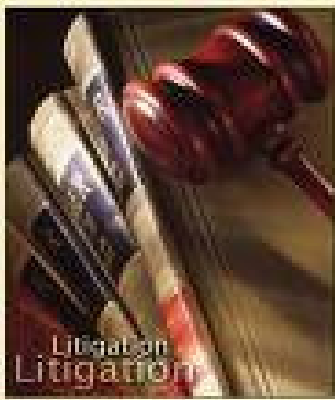
Why Us

We are provide a highly professional and understandable road map to the clients' complex and intricate legal issues, and delivering the highest value for the money spent. The firm strives to inject warmth into the legal process, maintain a collegial team atmosphere and provide its clients with a close, personal service, and possess:

- ✚ Professionals with In-depth knowledge and understanding of the objectives, issues and concerns of the clients;
- ✚ Proficiency in Laws, and experience in practice before various Courts and Tribunals in India, with sufficient exposure to International transactions;
- ✚ Strong, diverse and multi-lingual network with Lawyers and Law Firms in most of the cities in India, and affiliations with overseas firms;
- ✚ Practical knowledge of the Global markets coupled with awareness and experience of business practices and regulatory procedures, allowing the firm to identify realistic solutions.



*“Justice is an Essential
Human Value.”*



Litigation & Arbitration

The Firm has a strong Litigation & Arbitration Group consisting of lawyers with significant experience in handling dispute resolution in diverse jurisdictions. The Litigation group of the firm handles vast and complex matters for some of the prominent Multi National Companies, Public Sector Undertakings, and top corporations. We helps its clients in all fields ranging from civil and criminal litigation and ranging to all types of litigation instituted and prosecuted within India and abroad, including Suits for Recovery, Real Estate Disputes, Commercial discords, Consumer disputes, Infringement of Intellectual Property Rights, Constitutional Matters, Matrimonial Disputes, Service Matters, Banking Claims, Insolvency cases, Criminal matters and other disputes

The Dispute Resolution group entertains matters predominantly in most of the Courts in India, including District Courts, Tribunals, Commissions, Forums, High Courts and the Supreme Court of India. Our lawyers help the clients select the best and most suitable strategy while taking into account the complexities and merits of each matter on customized parameters. The lawyers of the firm are acknowledged as some of the leading Indian practitioners in dispute resolution.

The firm offers its professional services before the following Courts, Commissions and Tribunals:

The Supreme Court of India

The High Court of various States

The National Consumer Dispute Redressal Commissions (NCDRC)

The State Dispute Redressal Commissions

The District Consumer Dispute Redressal Forums

The Monopolies and Restrictive Trade Practices Commission (MRTP)

Board of Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR)

Company Law Board (CLB)

Debt Recovery Tribunals (DRT) and Debt Recovery Appellate Tribunals (DRAT)

District Courts



ARBITRATION

Our litigation team has the experience of handling cases involving extremely complex legal issues, and the firm advises clients on the laws of domestic and international arbitration in India under Indian, ICC and UNCITRAL rules. We assist clients in enforcement and execution of arbitral awards both domestic and international, challenging an arbitral award (domestic) if necessary on the grounds mentioned in the (Indian) Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996. The Professionals of the firm also appear before the arbitrators and arbitral tribunals on behalf the clients.



Banking, Finance and Insurance

The practice of the firm covers the full range of international and domestic Banking, financial and insurance related activities. The firm maintains strong hold in matters relating to securitization, securities, derivatives, banking, restructuring and insolvency, asset finance, project finance, insurance and financial services.

The professionals of the firm work closely with the other experts on tax, property and financial services, and provide our clients a tailor made structured solutions towards their needs satiating their demands.

The firm besides rendering its services with regard to Banking and insurance also has expertise in setting up Non Banking Financial Services Companies (NBFC) under the aegis of the Reserve Bank of India, and is capable of advising on the operations towards the same.

The services of the firm under the present group are broadly divided under the following broad areas:

- Banking services
- Services related to NBFCs
- Project / Assets Finance
- Restructuring and Insolvency
- Structured Finance
- Insurance Advisory

Besides, the aforesaid, the firm also advises on the following functional areas:

- Escrow, Consortium, Mortgage, Pledge & Lien Agreements;
- Loan, Credit & Security Documentation;
- Securitization of Assets;
- Recovery of debts;
- Actions for mortgage and Foreclosures;
- Documentary Credits;
- Enforcement of Charges, Debentures;
- Guarantees;
- Asset & Debt Recovery;
- Liquidation & Bankruptcy;
- Futures/derivatives litigation;
- Corporate Governance;
- Capital Markets;
- Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) & Technology Transfer;
- Investment Fund Regulation & Management;
- Disinvestments;
- Mergers and Acquisitions, amalgamations and takeovers;
- Corporate & Debt Restructuring;
- Insurance & Financial Institutions regulations;
- Licensing and regulatory approvals;

Corporate & Commercial



Our Corporate and Commercial practice embraces corporate finance, mergers and acquisitions, private equity and corporate recovery. Under this area the firm offers Legal Services for varied corporate transactions and actions, Mergers and Acquisitions, joint ventures, corporate restructuring, etc. The firm advises public companies and their directors on legal, regulatory and compliance issues.

The firm offers services including incorporation and formation of companies, joint ventures, formation of subsidiaries, due diligence, corporate governance compliance and practices, merger and acquisitions, financing transactions, Secretarial services including maintaining company records and filing with different statutory authorities including Registrar of Companies, Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), Reserve Bank of India, etc.

The dedicated team of corporate law experts which include Company Secretaries and Chartered Accountants undertake due diligence exercise of business, legal and financial affairs of corporate bodies and also providing specific customized solutions towards the following:

Company incorporation and office set up;
Capital Markets;
Mergers & Acquisitions;
Joint Ventures & Foreign Collaborations;
Corporate Governance;
Secretarial Services;
Private Equity;
Take over and acquisitions
Matters related to listing and de-listing on stock exchanges;
Foreign Investment and Foreign Exchange Control Regulations;
Agency, Distributorship and Licensing;
Corporate Litigation before Company Law Board (CLB) and Company Courts;
Conducting Due Diligence for specific purposes;



The Commercial Law Practice Team offers its services in matters such as:

- Sale and purchase of businesses assets and leasing, Contracts for supply of goods and services;
- Information technology, Internet and e-commerce law - licensing, reseller, agency, support, service, maintenance, web hosting, and software development.
- General commercial support & counseling;
- Commercial credit arrangements, loan & security documents
- Trade practices law - misleading and deceptive practices, consumer protection Laws, anti-competitive and unfair market practices, product safety and liability, compliance programs and polices;
- Life sciences, pharmacy, and health regulatory issues
- Commercial dispute resolution

Employment & Service Laws

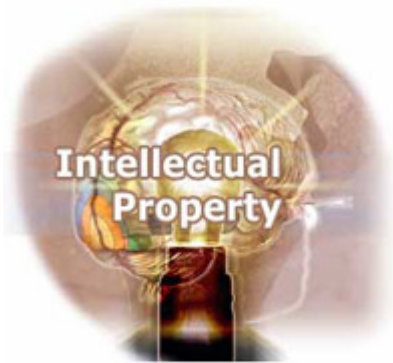


Employment law is a broad area of the law that covers the relationship between the Employer and the employees, unions, and employers, that is, management. The firm has been representing various employers in fields of labor disputes, union relations and wage and hour laws, compensation and retrenchment related disputes before the administrative, Judicial and Quasi judicial authorities and Tribunals.

The professionals of the firm counsel the clients in each and every area of labor and employment law, and have been providing support in all aspects of employment and labor affairs, and regularly provide legal advice and represent various institutions, real estate developers, hotel chains, pharmaceutical companies, and industrial players towards the employment related affairs, and provide the following services amongst others.

- Trade Unions and Employment related litigation
- Disciplinary & Departmental proceedings
- Employees Rights and related benefits
- Constitutional Rights and remedies
- Employment and service contracts
- Labour disputes and Industrial actions
- Strikes & lockouts
- Collective bargaining
- Voluntary retirement scheme (VRS)
- Provident fund and social benefits
- Retrenchment & compensation

IT & Intellectual Property



Trade Mark

The Trademarks Act, 1999 provides protection to the owner of a trademark and imposes criminal liabilities for the infringement of the trademark owner's rights. To enjoy protection, the owner of a trademark must apply for registration with the Trademark Registrar of the Registry of Trademarks, India. The Trademarks Act is also applicable to the protection of service marks, certificate marks and collective marks. The Trade Mark Registry Office performs the statutory duties in connection with the registration of Trade mark and other activities related thereto. Trade Mark offices are located in Ahmedabad, Chennai, Kolkata, Mumbai and New Delhi.

OUR SERVICES

We provide comprehensive services for trade mark:

- *Advice and Counseling on Trademarks*
- *Trade Mark searches with the Trademarks Registry*
- *Registration of Trademarks*
- *Contesting Oppositions under the Trademarks Act*
- *Investigation services*
- *Trademark licensing*
- *Trademarks Assignment*
- *Contentious (Litigation) services before the Civil Courts, and the special Tribunal for Intellectual property*
- *Portfolio Management*



Patents, Copyright & Designs**OUR SERVICES:**

- Preliminary advice and consultancy
- Strategizing and Counseling for registration
- Registration before the Copyright Office
- Licensing and Assignment of Copyrights Infringement actions under Civil and Criminal Jurisdictions

ADLO takes pride in the fact that it is one of the few firms in the Country that is in a position to undertake the important assignment of drafting Patents in various fields of science. The firm closely works with experts in the relevant fields along with its lawyers from the very inception till the grant of the Patent by the Indian Patent Office. The firm also handles technology and know-how transfer, assignment, licensing and protection of confidential information Litigation involving intellectual property is undertaken by our litigation department in conjunction with our intellectual property lawyers. The IP team of the firm is fully equipped in dealing with all kinds of intellectual property issues, whether they are traditional involving simple registrations of any trademarks, Designs, Patents, Copyrights etc. before the various Authorities & bodies in the Country under the various Laws and legislations, conducting litigations to contest violations, or drafting complex agreements for use of trade marks in order to protect the proprietary rights of our clients

**OUR SERVICES FOR PATENTS AND DESIGNS**

- Patentability Search and Analysis
- Freedom to Operate Search and Analysis
- Invalidity Search and Analysis
- Technology Mapping and Landscaping
- Patent Drafting, Filing and Prosecution
- Infringement Analysis

Our services under the copyright include preliminary advice & consultancy, filing of applications for registration before the Indian copyright office, and Copyright litigations.

The Copyright under the Indian Copyright Act, 1957, subsists in following classes of work:

- Original literary, dramatic, musical and artistic works;
- Cinematograph films; and
- Sound recordings

Infrastructure & Project Finance



Infrastructure is the backbone of any economy and for a country like India the opportunities are massive, presenting enormous business potential for the private sector. It is also the key to achieving sustainable rate of economic growth.

Infrastructure project finance requires involvement of multidisciplinary teams. We have been engaged in projects in diverse industries such as power (including independent power projects, co-generation and hydro), power transmission and distribution, telecommunications and space (including cellular, cable, mobile, direct broadcast, broadband and satellite imaging systems) and transportation (including airports, metro, rail and roads). Our experience includes asset disposition, restructuring, negotiating credit agreements and credit enhancement agreements and political risk mitigation techniques. In order to support this we regularly draw upon our legal professionals with expertise in supporting fields such as M&A, securitization and international trade. We also work with clients on consortia and contract structures, funding options and strategy, review tender documentation, risk allocation, prepare bid/Information Memorandum, negotiate term sheets, draft diverse documentation, manage the due diligence process and provide negotiation assistance.

In brief, we can manage the entire RFP process as we understand the bidding organizations, funding agencies, and are aware of market developments. We also work seamlessly with the client's project teams to achieve time-bound deadlines on all projects. We highlight potential deal breakers early and help to find a resolution. We have worked with a spectrum of lenders and insurance companies ranging across the globe including Japanese, French and German.



Media, Entertainment & Broadcasting



Entertainment law or media law is a mix of more traditional categories of law towards providing legal services to the entertainment industry. The principal areas of Entertainment Law usually overlap with the well-known and conventional field of intellectual property law, however, generally speaking the practice of entertainment law often involves issues relating to employment law, labor law, securities law, agency & contract, intellectual property (especially trademarks, copyright), International law (especially Private international law), and insurance law. Much of the work of an entertainment/ media law practice is for drafting contracts, negotiation and mediation. Some situations may lead to litigation or arbitration particularly in cases of infringement of Intellectual Property Rights (IPRs).

Entertainment law is generally sub-divided into the following areas:

- **FILM:** covering option agreements, finance, chain of title issues, agreements with screenwriters, film directors, actors, composers, production designers etc., production and post production issues, trade union issues, distribution issues, and general intellectual property issues especially relating to copyright and, licensing thereof;
- **MUSIC:** talent agreements (musicians, composers), producer agreements, general intellectual property issues, especially relating to copyright;
- **TELEVISION and RADIO** including broadcast licensing and regulatory issues, mechanical licenses, and general intellectual property issues, especially relating to copyright;
- **THEATRE:** including rental agreements and co-production agreements, and other performance oriented legal issues;
- **MULTIMEDIA:** including software licensing issues, development and production, Information technology law, and general intellectual property issues;
- **PUBLISHING** and print media issues, including advertising, models, author agreements and general intellectual property issues, especially relating to copyright;



Real Estate & Property



The Real Estate Group consists of Lawyers & professionals focusing on all aspects of property and real estate laws including foreign direct investment in real estate sector. The real estate group has in depth knowledge as well as experience in real estate issues concerning Urban and rural locations, and for all type of land uses including Residential, Industrial, Commercial, Agricultural and Special Economic Zones (SEZ).

The Firm has been advising to its clients on acquiring or disposing of real estate, creating a tax efficient investment vehicle, or strategizing a development project or a Special Economic Zone (SEZ). The firm shall endeavor to advise you no matter you are an investor, financier, owner, occupier or developer. The Group also provides strategic legal advice to Builders, Developers, Infrastructure Development Companies, property owners and Government undertakings on various issues relating to real estate transactions. The firm shall also provide services for due diligence and comprehensive documentation and particularly value our support in dispute resolution.

Shipping



The Shipping Group handles general shipping related legal matters, both in contentious and non-contentious areas. The lawyers who are specialized in the area of shipping and maritime related issues shall strategize and implement the dispute resolution strategies to your best advantage, assisting you in all spheres relation to both contentious and non-contentious areas viz. acquisition / clearance of vessels, obtaining of necessary Government approvals, etc.

The Lawyers and Professionals of the firm represent and advise ship-owners, charterers, cargo owners, and P & I clubs on legal issues in areas such as:

- 1) Shipping Documentation & Contracts;
- 2) Liaison with Ship owners and P & I clubs;
- 3) Charter Party disputes;
- 4) Matters relating to Maritime liens, and Cargo claims;
- 5) Maritime Arbitration;
- 6) Execution of Awards;
- 7) Legal Appraisal of Letter of Credit, Bill of Lading, Custom Documents etc.
- 8) Investigation of the Ship owners, shippers and the Charterers;
- 9) Arrest and release of vessels under the Admiralty Jurisdiction;
- 10) Representation before international associations and bodies viz. GAFTA, LMAA, LRBA, FOSFA, ICC, etc.
- 11) Maritime Insurance & claims;
- 12) Laytime & Demurrage disputes;
- 13) Negotiating, drafting and reviewing of shipping documents including charter party and contracts of affreightment.

Taxation



Our Taxation Services

Transactional advice and tax planning relating to:

- Corporates (Domestic & Foreign Companies)
- Non Corporate Entities
- Individuals including Foreign Nationals
- Non Resident Indians (NRI)

The Tax division works on the following areas

- Income Tax
- Central Excise
- Customs
- Service Tax
- FBT (Fringe Benefit Tax)
- MAT (Minimum Alternate Tax)
- Transfer Pricing
- Foreign Exchange Control
- Double Taxation

The firm and its professionals have ample and rich experience in advising its clients on issues of both direct and indirect taxation. Services under taxation include efficient tax planning and structuring of transactions for domestic and foreign corporations, partnerships, limited liability companies and individuals. The firm to deliver the desired results and to unfold intricate and interwoven issues maintains close liaison with tax specialists who have vast experience. Our lawyers strive to provide aim to assist client with the best tax structures and tax planning coupled with extensive experience in handling tax aspects of merger, acquisition and joint venture transactions, debt restructuring as well as in a wide range of state and local taxation law issues.

The range of our professionals, including Of-Counsel, experience is in the following substantive areas: Choice of Entity; Corporate Taxation; Creditors' Rights and Bankruptcy; Double-Taxation; E-commerce Tax issues; Employee benefits and Stock Ownership Plans; Gift Taxation; International Tax; Leasing; Mergers and Acquisitions; Partnerships; Permanent Establishment; Tax Controversies and Credits

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