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Educational/Professional Memberships

- Advocate, India
- Admitted as a Solicitor, England & Wales
- Member, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators
- ICC Asia Advanced Arbitration Academy
- Panel/List/Reserve Panel of Arbitrators: SIAC, HKIAC, LCIA, NPAC
- LL.M (EMLE) – 1st Rank, Best Thesis; B.A. LL.,B [Hons.] (NLSIU) – Best All-Round Graduating Student

Current Position

- Partner, Keystone Partners
- Convenor, Indian Arbitration Forum
- South Asia Representative, ICC Young Arbitrators Forum

Professional Experience

Vikas Mahendra is a specialist arbitration practitioner with extensive experience acting as counsel in investment treaty and commercial arbitrations, both ad hoc and institutional, in India, South-East Asia, Central America, Africa, Europe and UK conducted under the UNCITRAL, ICC, SIAC, LCIA and the ICA rules of arbitration. He has acted for several market leaders in disputes relating to construction of power plants, water treatment plants, coal handling facilities, highways, dams, urban metro-rail lines, multi-purpose developments etc.

Before joining Keystone Partners, Vikas worked for several years in the arbitration team in Herbert Smith Freehills' London, Paris and Singapore offices.

Vikas is regularly invited to speak and moderate conferences on arbitration, alternate dispute resolution and online dispute resolution organised by institutions such as the ICC, LCIA, SIAC, MCIA, CIArb, NITI Aayog, and Agami. He is presently appointed to a Sub-Committee formed by the Department of Justice, Government of India to suggest measures to improve e-Court Services in India. He has previously assisted the High-Level Committee constituted by the Government of India to review institutionalization of arbitration in India. He is also regularly invited by NITI Aayog, the policy think-tank of the Government of India, to consult on a number of reform measures in the field of arbitration and dispute resolution.

Vikas is a Visiting Faculty for International Commercial Arbitration at the National Law School of India University, Bengaluru. He regularly delivers Guest Lectures on arbitration related topics at various Universities both in India and outside. He is also the Co-Founder of Centre for Online Resolution of Disputes (CORD) which aims to provide access to affordable resolution mechanisms using technological aids.

Arbitration Experience

International Arbitration

- Acting for the promoters of a leading renewable energy manufacturing company in a shareholder dispute under the LCIA, India Rules, valued at over US\$ 100 million.
- Acting for major Oman based contractor in arbitration proceedings under the ICC Rules governed by Qatari law, relating to the construction of various Jet Fuel tanks in Qatar.
- Advising a major energy provider in connection with proposed Singapore seated SIAC arbitration proceedings against a public company listed in Australia.
- Representing a Mauritius Company seeking to enforce an arbitral award of US\$ 120 million rendered in Mauritius, before the High Court of Bangalore.
- Acted for a Chinese EPC Contractor in arbitration proceeding under the ICC rules in a dispute valued at

over US\$ 2 billion arising out of the construction of a power plant in Central America.

- Acted for a global mining company in parallel but related arbitration proceedings under the ICC rules and the SIAC rules against Indonesian counterparties in disputes valued at over US\$ 1 billion arising out of the allocation and use of mining rights in Indonesia.
- Acted for a major equipment manufacturer in connection with disputes arising out of the supply and installation of various machinery for a thermal power plant in Syria.
- Acted for a global mining company in arbitration proceedings under the ICC rules in a dispute valued at over US\$ 100 million arising out of the construction of a mining facility in West Africa.
- Acted for a major global bank in arbitration proceedings under the SIAC rules and subsequent enforcement actions in Singapore and Indonesia, arising out of disputes relating to non-payment under derivative transactions valued at over US\$ 50 million.
- Acted for a Singaporean commodity trading company in two arbitration proceedings under the SIAC rules cumulatively valued at over US\$ 10 million relating to the sale of coal.
- Acted for an Indonesian mining company in arbitration proceedings under the LCIA rules against a Chinese buyer in a dispute valued at over US\$ 5 million relating to the sale of coal.
- Acted for a German manufacturer in defending against multiple proceedings initiated in India seeking to restrain arbitration proceedings under the Swiss Arbitration Rules in Zurich.

Domestic Arbitration

- Acting as an arbitrator in a three-member tribunal in relation to disputes arising out of the supply and commissioning of power generation equipment in India.
- Acting for a major construction company in ad hoc arbitration proceedings valued at over INR 300 crores (c. US\$ 50 million) arising out of the construction of a mixed development project.
- Acting for a property developer in arbitration proceedings relating to the development of a residential project in Bengaluru valued at over INR 150 crore (c. US\$ 25 million).
- Acted for one faction of promoter shareholders in arbitration proceedings under the SIAC rules in a shareholder dispute valued at over INR 250 crores (c. US\$ 35 million).
- Acted for a major construction company in arbitration proceedings under the SIAC rules valued at over INR 800 crores (c. US\$ 110 million) arising out of the construction of a five-star hotel.
- Acted for a major construction company in ad hoc arbitration proceedings valued at over INR 120 crore arising out of the construction of a nuclear facility (c. US\$ 20 million).
- Acting for an EPC contractor in ad hoc arbitration proceedings against a public-sector undertaking, valued at over INR 600 crore arising out of the construction of a thermal power plant (c. US\$ 90 million).
- Acting for an EPC contractor in ad hoc arbitration proceedings against a public-sector undertaking, valued at over INR 400 crore (c. US\$ 70 million), relating to the construction of a thermal power plant.
- Acted for a major software developer in ad hoc arbitration proceedings arising out of a dispute relating to the development of a mobile application.

Recognition

- Future Leader (Construction), Who's Who Legal (2021)
- Next Generation Partner, Legal 500 (2021, 2022)
- Future Star, Benchmark Litigation (2021, 2022)
- Winner, Young Achiever, Lawyer of the Year Award, IDEX Legal (2021)

Publications

- Co-author, 'Multi Party and Multi-Contract Arbitration', *Arbitration in India*, Wolters Kluwer (2021).
- Co-author, 'Interim Relief', *Arbitration in Singapore*, Sweet & Maxwell (2014).
- Various articles on arbitration related topics on Bar & Bench (India)
- Various blog posts on arbitration related topics on Kluwer Arbitration Blog.

Languages

English, Hindi, Kannada