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Juridicus Legal is a Law Firm, having its principal office at New Delhi. The firm has a pan-India presence though its network partners and affiliates present in all the major cities across India.

"Juridicus" is a Latin word which means "Relating to the Courts or to the administration of Justice". The firm's name is thus in sync with its primary practice area i.e. litigating in Courts and various Forums to represent its Clients and seek justice for them within the parameters of law apart from providing legal consultancy. The firm's ethos and commitment is to strongly, efficiently and effectively espouse the cause of its Clients, while representing them before any Court, Tribunal, Commission or Forum. Any assignment taken up by the firm is performed passionately, zealously and with unflinching sincerity and dedication. The firm's objective is to provide quality legal services of the highest standards at reasonable costs without compromising on quality and efficiency.

WHAT WE DO

The primary practice area of the firm is its general and corporate litigation and dispute resolution. The litigation practice of the firm is comprehensive as it embraces all areas and aspects of litigation i.e. the Original, Appellate, Revisional or Constitutional Jurisdictions. The firm is equipped to handle litigation for its clients in all Courts, Tribunals and Judicial Forums across India including the Alternate Disputes Resolution (ADR) Forums such as Arbitration, Mediation and Conciliation.

The firm is also actively involved in rendering legal opinions and drafting, reviewing, vetting of various legal contracts, agreements, deeds, communications etc. In the changed professional, economic and legal scenario, it is vital for its Clients to preserve and protect their rights and interest by seeking timely legal advice, opinions and support at the very inception before they enter into any jural or contractual relationship or commitment with other parties. The firm advises its Clients at the earliest stages to ensure that their legal and contractual rights remain protected.

The firm is committed to keep itself abreast with all legislative developments i.e. any changes, amendments, repeal of laws or the enactment of new laws in the best interest of its clients. The lawyers representing the firm have vast, varied and rich experience in all areas of litigation practice. It is the individual and collective endeavour of the lawyers of the firm to not only keep themselves abreast of all the developments in the legal field but share and discuss their ideas, views, research and creativity with each other for their mutual growth as they realise that eventually such healthy *espirit de corps* greatly contributes to the legal wisdom of all. The firm and its lawyers are fully conscious that they exist for the clients, which is the sole motivating force behind all their professional endeavours.

In Litigation before any Court, Forum, Tribunal or adjudicating authority, any or all of the following stages are involved:

- (1) Drafting and filing of pleadings;
- (2) Determination and framing of issues arising in the proceedings;
- (3) Recording of evidence both oral and documentary;
- (4) Interim Relief pending adjudication of the main dispute;

- (5) Final Arguments;
- (6) Court verdict i.e. passing of Order/s, Judgement, Award or Decree etc;
- (7) Further remedies by way of Review, Revision, Appeal, Writ etc;
- (8) Execution of the Orders, Decrees or Awards etc., passed by the adjudicating Court or Forum.

There are specific rules governing pleadings, admissibility of evidence and the scope of arguments and as such a comprehensive and fully integrated knowledge and experience of the same coupled with a complete and exhaustive knowledge of the applicable substantive law is indispensible for any litigation lawyer and law firm. It is the lawyers who constitute a law firm and therefore their individual experience, knowledge, wisdom, prudence and creativity are of paramount importance.

The firm and its lawyers are mindful of the importance and significance of each of the stages while representing their individual or corporate clients. At each of these stages, sound and effective legal analysis, advice and representation is crucial. For instance improper or deficient pleadings impact the right of the litigant to lead evidence which in turn has a significant bearing on the scope, ambit and extent of the legal submissions to be addressed during the course of the final arguments and thus eventually on the outcome of the Court verdict.

PRACTICE FORUMS

In the past few decades, litigation is no longer the sole prerogative or jurisdiction of the usual or the regular Civil Courts in as much as several specialised Tribunals have been constituted to deal with disputes arising under specific enacted legislations. These Tribunals to name a few are the Company Law Board, The Competition Commission, National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission (NCDRC), State Consumer Commissions and Consumer District Forums, Airport Economic Regulatory Authority Appellate Tribunal, Debt Recovery Tribunal, Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction, Telecom Disputes Settlement and Appellate Tribunal The National Green Tribunal etc.

The Arbitration Law has been revamped with the enactment of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 which is based on the UNICITRAL model, in order to make the Indian Arbitration Laws in sync with the Arbitration Laws prevailing internationally.

The firm represents its Clients in the following Courts / Tribunals / Forums:

- Hon'ble Supreme Court of India;
- Hon'ble High Court of Delhi and other State High Courts across India;
- District Courts across India;
- Arbitration Tribunals;
- Company Law Board;
- NCDRC, State Commissions and District Forums;
- Competition Commission of India;
- Board and Appellate Tribunal Authority for Industrial & Financial Reconstruction;
- Airport Economic Regulatory Authority Appellate Tribunal;
- Intellectual Property Appellate Board;
- Telecom Disputes Settlement and Appellate Tribunal;
- National Green Tribunal.

BROAD PRACTICE AREAS OF THE FIRM (ILLUSTRATIVE LIST)

The privatization of business in India has led to the emergence of a new business and corporate culture and environment. The sectors such as telecom, power, aviation, banking, insurance etc., to name only a few are within the business domain of the private sector. The privatization of business has ensured the inflow of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) besides domestic funding which in turn has given rise to innumerous Join Ventures and constitution of corporate entities described as Special Purpose Vehicles (SPVs).

The commercial and contractual relationships created in pursuance to the opening up of the economy and the resultant privatization of business has increased the scope of the role of Law Firms as complex contracts and transaction documents are required to be negotiated and drafted. Invariably under the new economic and business environment, the emphasis is on the Alternative Dispute Redressal Mechanism such as Arbitrations as the stakes are very high and the contracting parties are keen for a quick and expeditious resolution of disputes.

The arbitration laws leave enough freedom with the contracting parties regarding various vital issues such as the choice of law both substantive law and procedural law, the seat and venue of arbitration, the institute and the rules that would govern the arbitration proceedings and like matters.

The firm in its endeavour to provide comprehensive legal support to its clients handles litigation and renders legal consultation broadly in the following areas: -

- International and Domestic Arbitrations;
- Contractual and Commercial matters;
- Corporate and Company Law matters;
- Constitutional matters;
- Disputes arising out of Tenders;
- Recovery matters;
- Matters pertaining to Intellectual Property Rights (IPRs);
- Service and employment related matters;
- Debt and Banking matters;
- Real estate and property dispute matters;
- Consumer matters;
- Criminal Laws matters that relate to white collar crimes and those relating to cheque bouncing complaints filed under the Negotiable instruments Act, 1881;
- Personal laws including matrimonial and family disputes;
- Advisory and opinions on various areas of law.

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Mr. Sujoy Kumar is the Managing Partner and leads the litigation practice of the firm. Sujoy by virtue of his vast and varied experience of more than 25 years at the bar represents clients in all litigation including complex and high stake matters. His experience and knowledge is comprehensive enough to include all areas of law with specific emphasis on constitutional law and remedies, disputes arising out of or related to State Largesse such as tender matters, the law of contract, corporate laws, regulatory laws, insurance laws, sale of goods, real estate laws, intellectual property rights, consumer laws, negotiable instruments including debt and banking laws, competition and aviation laws, specific reliefs such as declarations, injunctions, specific performance and damages, defamation laws and quasi criminal matters.

Sujoy has represented innumerable Clients at all levels of the judicial hierarchy. He started his practice from the Delhi High Court. Sujoy has a robust presence before the Hon'ble Delhi High Court and enjoys immense good will and reputation in the legal circles and amongst his colleagues. He has represented various leading companies, corporate entities, institutions and individuals before the Supreme Court of India, the Delhi High Court and other Hon'ble High Courts across India as well as before various District Courts, Arbitration Tribunals, Commissions, Forums Tribunals and Quasi Judicial Authorities.

In a litigation practice extending over 25 years, Sujoy has the requisite skill and art of drafting pleadings, examining and cross-examining witnesses, formulating the issues of law and facts and addressing arguments both oral as well as written submissions which are vital to effectively and judiciously represent litigants in legal proceedings before all Courts, Tribunals, Forums and any adjudicating authority.

The Alternate Disputes Redressal Mechanism particularly resolution of disputes by arbitration is becoming more and more a preferred choice of the contracting parties. Sujoy has been regularly representing Indian and foreign corporate entities in arbitrations both Domestic as well as International Commercial Arbitrations. He is actively involved in all the facets of arbitration from appointment of an Arbitral tribunal to drafting of claims, counter-claims, replies, applications seeking interim measures of protection, objections to challenge the Arbitral Awards and petitions for the execution and enforcement of the Awards (both domestic and foreign Awards).

Sujoy used to appear regularly on a television show titled "The Real Estate Show" on the UTVI channel (now Bloomberg) to answer viewer's queries on property related issues.

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Mr. Arindam Ghose is a Partner in the firm. Arindam has more than a decade's experience as a litigation advocate and advisor. As a beginner Arindam assisted Hon'ble Mrs. Justice Ruma Pal, the then Hon'ble Judge of the Supreme Court of India before working in prominent law firms of Delhi / NCR in their litigation practice.

Arindam during the course of his litigation practice has acquired vast experience, acumen and skill in drafting pleadings of all kinds as well as in the area of conveyancing which includes drafting and vetting of contracts, agreements, deeds and all transaction documents. He is fully equipped with knowledge of all procedural and substantive law requirements applicable to diverse litigation matters in all Courts and Forums etc.

The experience of more than a decade as a litigation advocate has made Arindam adept at representing clients in all litigations. Arindam has extensive and rich experience of appearing regularly before all Courts, Tribunals including Arbitral tribunals, Forums and commissions. He handles litigation at all its stages from drafting to final arguments and in all jurisdiction i.e. Original, Appellate, Revisional and Extra-ordinary Remedies under the Constitution of India.

Arindam is highly skilled in drafting all pleadings such as Plaints, Petitions, Counter Claims, Written statements, Replications, Applications, Revisions, Writ petitions, Affidavits and Counter Affidavits, Execution Petitions, Appeals, Special Leave Petitions as well as all relevant pleadings in Arbitration matters be it drafting pleadings, recording of evidence as well as arguing matters.

Arindam in addition to representing clients in the Courts and other Forums also advises clients on all legal issues comprehensively including rendering written opinions on specific client queries and strategising the handling of the assignments entrusted to the firm with flair, confidence, skill and expertise.

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