



# FIRM PROFILE





GSL Chambers is a full-service law firm founded by Arjun Garg and Abhinav Shrivastava who have expertise in commercial disputes. Both Arjun and Abhinav are qualified Advocate-on-Record for Supreme Court of India, and the Firm – GSL Chambers is also registered as an AOR Firm.

We are a team of expert advocates based in Delhi as well as having offices in Bengaluru and Indore. Over a period of time, we have represented a number of clients ranging over variety of fields across many forums in and outside Delhi. We appear regularly in Supreme Court of India, Delhi High Court, Madhya Pradesh High Court, NCLT and NCLAT, NGT, DRT and DRAT, National Consumer Commission and other consumer fora, and District Courts. We have also represented clients in various High Courts outside Delhi. Clients also engage us for handling arbitration work at outstation locations.

We draft all our pleadings ourselves and get them vetted by the counsels as and when the clients so require. We represent and appear in Courts for the clients regularly and engage Counsels as and when instructed by the clients. We have, in our individual capacity and as the Firm, briefed a range of counsels (including several top senior counsels) in Supreme Court and Delhi High Court. Arjun as well as Abhinav also has had the occasion of briefing and engaging several Law Officers of Central Government including the Ld. Solicitor General.



## Arjun Garg

Co - Founding Partner

**Arjun is the Co-Founding Partner of GSL Chambers. He is a qualified Advocate on Record for the Supreme Court of India**

**Experience:** 17 years +

**Areas of Practice:** Dispute Resolution & Arbitration

**Key Areas:** Banking and Finance, Commercial Litigation, Securities laws, Service laws, Consumer cases, Infrastructure, Arbitration, Criminal, labour, Taxation, Administrative law and Constitutional issues and general civil litigation.

**Forums of Practice:** Supreme Court of India, Delhi High Court, Madhya Pradesh High Court, National and State Consumer Commissions, DRT and DRAT amongst others.

**Empanelment & Engagements:** Union of India (Panel- A for Supreme Court), , High Court of Madhya Pradesh (for its matters before Supreme Court), Board of Secondary Education, M.P. Rural Development Corporation, M.P. Co-operative Bank (Apex Bank), Indore Development Authority, Ujjain Development Authority, M.P. State Road Transport Corporation, Gwalior Municipal Corporation, MP Power Transmission Company, National Horticultural Research and Development Foundation (NHRDF) etc.

**Memberships:** Arjun is a member of the Madhya Pradesh State Bar Council, Supreme Court Bar Association and Supreme Court Advocate-on-Record Association.

**Education:** Arjun has completed his BSL LL.B. from ILS Law College, Pune University.

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## Abhinav Shrivastava

Co - Founding Partner

**Abhinav is the Co-Founding Partner of GSL Chambers. He is a qualified Advocate on Record for the Supreme Court of India**

**Experience:** 13 years +

**Areas of Practice:** Dispute Resolution and Corporate Advisory

**Key Areas:** Insolvency & Bankruptcy, Environment and Mining, Real Estate & Infrastructure, Arbitration, Commercial disputes including company law issues, Securities laws, consumer law, investment disputes and Constitutional issues.

**Forums of Practice:** Supreme Court, Delhi High Court, NCLAT, NCLT, NGT, National Consumer Commission, CESTAT amongst others.

**Transaction & Advisory Work:** Abhinav also covers non-litigation and transaction business covering legal audits and due diligence exercises, Company compliance issues, conveyancing and real estate transactions, and drafting of commercial agreements.

**Empanelment & Engagements:** Union of India (Panel-C for Supreme Court), Ghaziabad Development Authority, ONGC, State of M.P. (Panel of Advocates) for the Supreme Court, Arunachal Pradesh State Electricity Regulatory Commission and Meghalaya State Electricity Regulatory Commission, YES Bank, DilipBuildcon Ltd., Gujarat State Ware Housing Corporation.

**Memberships:** Abhinav is a proud member of Bar Council of Delhi, Supreme Court Bar Association, Supreme Court Advocate-on-Record Association, Delhi High Court Bar Association and National Green Tribunal Bar Association.

**Education:** Abhinav has done his LL.M. in International Business Law from University College, London and his B.Sc. LL.B. (Hons.), from National Law University, Jodhpur.

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# CHAITANYA S.G.

Associate Partner

**Experience:** 12 years +

**Area of Practice:** Dispute Resolution & General Advisory

**Key Areas:** Corporate and Commercial Laws, Banking & Finance Laws, Labour & Employment Laws, Real Estate Laws, Criminal Laws & Consumer Laws.

**Forums of Practice:** High Court of Karnataka, District Courts in Bangalore/ and rest of Karnataka, various other tribunals/ forums.

**Transaction & Advisory Work:** Chaitanya also covers non-litigation work in the Bangalore region pertaining to Corporate Filings and Registrations, Pre-Mediation Counselling, Real Estate, Intellectually Property Rights amongst others.

**Memberships:** Chaitanya is a member of the prestigious Advocates Association Bangalore.

**Education:** Chaitanya has done his B.A.L., LL.B. from the Bangalore University – 2008.

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# ANUKUL RAJ

Counsel

Anukul Raj is a counsel to GSL Chambers. He is an Advocate specialising in the fields of arbitration and infrastructure.

**Experience:** 20 years +

**Key Areas:** Arbitration Law, Commercial Law, Service Law, Intellectual Property Rights, Civil Litigation.

**Forums of Practice:** Supreme Court of India, Delhi High Court, National Consumer Commission amongst others.

**Empanelment & Engagements:** National Highway Authority of India Ltd. and Raisina Bengali School before the High Court of Delhi.

**Memberships:** Anukul is a proud member of Bar Council of Delhi, Supreme Court Bar Association and the Delhi High Court Bar Association.

**Education:** Anukul has completed his L.L.B. from the Faculty of Law, Delhi University.

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# DISPUTE RESOLUTION

## CIVIL & COMMERCIAL LITIGATION

The firm has an experienced team having a vast knowledge in dispute resolution mechanism. Our team of lawyers is efficient to provide legal representations to our clients in commercial disputes. Our team makes sure that disputes are quickly resolved in a cost effective manner.

The firm has considerable experience in handling complex litigations. Our firm has experience in representing its clients in various courts and tribunals such as, Supreme Court, High Courts, District Courts, National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT), National Company Law Tribunals (NCLTs), Debt Recovery Tribunal / Debt Recovery Appellate Tribunal (DRT/DRAT), National Consumer Dispute Redressal Commission (NCDRC), National Green Tribunal (NGT), State and District Consumer Commissions.

### Key practice areas of our firm include:

- Administrative and Constitutional Law
- Company and Commercial disputes
- Consumer disputes
- Banking and Debt recovery
- Education
- Energy and Projects disputes including Electricity, Oil & Gas
- Employment, Service and Labour law
- Environmental Law
- Finance and Securities Litigation
- Healthcare and Medical Negligence
- Infrastructure and Construction Contracts
- Insolvency and Bankruptcy
- Intellectual Property Disputes
- Mining Laws
- Real Estate Litigation

## ARBITRATION

GSL Chambers is an experienced firm in arbitration field. Our counsels have represented clients in domestic and international arbitrations, and arbitration related disputed in various Courts of India.

The Firm regularly represents various clients in Courts on multiple issues arising out arbitration proceedings and is conversant with the procedural and substantive aspects of arbitration law.

Anukul has participated in more than 100 arbitrations, including some, in which he had acted as an arbitrator as well.

The firm holds vast experience and industry specific knowledge of our team has helped our clients immensely. The Firm has expertise in various sectors including infrastructure, construction, Govt. Contracts, Energy, commercial and contractual disputes etc. Abhinav has done extensive work in the field of arbitration including in Courts. One of the prominent reported judgment in the arbitration field, i.e. Cheran Properties Vs. Kasturi & Sons was handled by Abhinav. Arjun has represented GAIL in various arbitrations and matters arising out of the same in Courts.

The Firm's partners have experience in appearing before various Arbitral Tribunals, from non-judicial arbitrators to panels of former Judges including former Chief Justices of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.

## CRIMINAL LITIGATION

Our firm has a vast experience in representing clients in almost all type of criminal matters in all courts including District Courts, High Courts and Supreme Court of India.

### Area of practice includes:

- o Corporate Frauds, Insider Trading and Market Manipulation
- o Defamation cases
- o Dishonour of Cheques
- o Economic Offences, Banking Frauds etc.
- o Narcotics and Drugs Violation
- o Prevention of Corruption Act
- o Prevention of Money Laundering Act
- o Prevention of Sexual Harassment at Workplace (POSH)
- o Violation of Intellectual Property Rights

## CORPORATE AND COMMERCIAL

Our team of lawyers has expertise to tackle the wide range of Corporate and Commercial issues. We have advised clients from almost all sectors including telecom, technology, power, healthcare, real estate, defense, e-commerce, retail, education, pharmaceuticals, infrastructure, education, automobile, etc.

We have conducted due diligence and legal audits including title search verification and other ancillary issues in Delhi, Goa, and Madhya Pradesh.

We also render opinions and advisories on various commercial and corporate issues regularly for our clients.



# BANKING LAW

- o GSL Chamber's Banking practice offers extensive service to lenders, advisers, borrowers and other intermediaries. The clients include Banks, Multinationals, Business House etc.
- o Our firm also represents its clients in dispute relating to default and recovery issues arising under the RDDB Act and SARFAESI Act before various tribunals and Court before DRT, DRAT and other Forums and Tribunals, as well as Courts.
- o Our experience and industry knowledge coupled with the diverse skills and ingenuity of our lawyers enables us to represent our clients before regulatory bodies, tribunals and in formal legal proceedings.

## ENERGY, OIL AND GAS

The Firm's experience also includes vast experience in Energy, and Oil & Gas Sector.

- o Experience in handling matters for a Maharatna Company of Government of India and various State PSUs.
- o Handled matters before High Court, APTEL and Supreme Court of India.
- o Worked extensively on a Gas Pooling Matter.
- o Handled matters pertaining to orders passed by the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB) on various issues including source, interlinking of pipelines and multiple injection points etc.





# INFRASTRUCTURE

- o The team at GSL Chamber has extensive experience in handling issues pertaining to infrastructure projects in the Firm as also during their previous engagements. Presently the Firm has been engaged by Megawide Construction Co. Ltd. for its ongoing Goa Greenfield Airport project and is rendering services towards various issues relating to the Project.
- o The Firm is also representing East India Petroleum Pvt. Ltd., in relation to its disputes with HPCL and others pertaining to import and handling facilities for LPG at Vizag port.
- o Firm has also successfully handled a matter for Splendid Buildwell Pvt Ltd. for its disputes with Mothers Pride Dairy India Ltd. in relation to their infrastructure project.
- o In the past, the partners have individually handled and have been co-counsel in various infrastructure disputes, the latest of them being an arbitration related to transmission line issue in Uttarakhand, where Arjun has represented Power Transmission Corporation of Uttarakhand Ltd. While working with a law firm in the past, Arjun has also represented clients such as Hindustan Construction Company, L&T, Gammon India, in a number of cases in arbitration as well as in various Courts.
- o Anukul has represented clients such as National Highway Authority of India Ltd. (NHAI), National Thermal Power Corpn. (NTPC), Steel Authority of India Ltd. (SAIL), Delhi Jal Board (DJB), Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Ltd. (MTNL), Government of Tripura, Uttar Haryana Bijli Vitran Nigam Ltd. (UHBVNL) and a few other Government organizations. On the private side he has represented Dilip Buildcon, Vayam technologies to name a few. He is also on the panel of National Highway Authority of India Ltd. (NHAI) for Hon'ble High Court of Delhi.

# INSOLVENCY AND BANKRUPTCY

Our firm has extensive experience in the Insolvency & Bankruptcy Code. Apart from handling disputes related work in NCLT, NCLAT and Supreme Court, our firm also deals with various aspects of Corporate Restructuring and Insolvency such as:

- o Financial due diligence
- o Formal Insolvency/Liquidation/Bankruptcy proceeding before the Court / Tribunal through Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016
- o Insolvency filing requirements
- o Negotiations with creditors for settlements and restructuring

# INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

- o GSL Chambers is an experienced firm in Intellectual Property Rights. Our counsels have advised and represented clients ranging from large Multinational Corporation to start-ups, individual inventors, authors and owners worldwide on their trademarks, copyright, designs, patents, geographical indications, domain names and unfair competition issues.
- o The Firm regularly represents clients before the Supreme Court, High Courts of Delhi and Madhya Pradesh, and other Courts and Forums across the Country including Trademark office, Copyright Board and previously in Intellectual Property Appellate Board (IPAB).
- o The services provided by GSL Chambers include strategic management of domestic and international IP portfolios, due diligence, filing, prosecution, rectification, registration, assignments, licensing and defending/protecting rights against infringement.
- o GSL Chambers is registered as Trademark Attorney with IP India.
- o Arjun Garg, Co-founding Partner of GSL Chambers has vast experience of handling disputes concerning IP infringements and connected issues. Arjun has advised and handled cases for various Multi-National Companies in relation to trademark infringements and passing off, copyright violations (including issues of royalty), cases pertaining to disparagement etc.



# MINING LAWS

- o The team at GSL Chamber has extensive experience in handling issues pertaining to mining laws in the Firm as also during their previous engagements.
- o Abhinav has filed and argued matter along as a part of the team of lawyers working with in the Chamber of Mr. Ravindra Shrivastava, Sr. Adv. matters relating to Captive Coal Plants of Jaiprakash Associates Limited, Ultratech Cements Ltd. and JK Cement. He has also assisted in the matters relating to MMRD Act & MC Rules, 1960 for State of Chhattisgarh, Chhattisgarh Mineral Development Cooperation and also In Re Special Reference under Article 143 (1) of 2013. Individually also he has handled matter relating to minor minerals including Environmental Law aspects and Coal Linkage of M/s Mahanadi Minerals, a Small-Scale Industry unit engaged in the production of Lime.

# SECURITIES LAW

The team at GSL Chamber has extensive experience in handling issues pertaining to Securities Law and SEBI related issues. Presently the Firm is involved in various Securities and SEBI related issues in Delhi High Court as well as Supreme Court of India. Some such matters are as under.

- **SEBI v Rohit Sehgal & Ors.** - The Partner of the firm is the Advocate on record representing the now liquidator of the company which was running a Collective Investment Scheme. It is an interesting matter as it is a turf war of sorts between SEBI, the securities regulators and the Insolvency professional as who would prevail to retain the control over the properties of the company. The NCLAT ruled that in case of conflict arising between the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code and the Securities and Exchange Board of India Act, the IBC overrides. This case is pending before the Supreme Court of India and would settle the law as to which law would prevail SEBI or the IBC.
- **The Franklin Templeton Case** - Franklin Templeton, a well-known Mutual Fund House published a notice for winding up 6 of its Debt Schemes. The basis for the notice was continuous liquidity crunch due to market situation, as a result of Covid-19 and the lockdown. The consequence of the notice was that all Unit Holders (approx. 3 lakhs) were restrained from taking out their investments even at a loss and approx. Rs. 25,000 Crores was stuck with the Mutual Fund. The petition was filed by us challenging the notices of the Mutual Fund House as well as validity of various provisions of SEBI (Mutual Fund) Regulations, 1996, and for payment of money to the Unit Holders. A very important judgment was passed by the High Court finding the role of SEBI questionable in the entire dispute and protecting Unitholder's right to take a decision in the matter. The Supreme Court in its judgment has found the Regulations of SEBI to be valid but with a condition that the unitholders must be given an opportunity to vote for or against winding up before the decision is taken by the Trustees. Also, the Court has kept the matter pending since there are proceedings going on against the Company and its employees before SEBI and SAT, and also the refund of unitholders is going on.
- **Jehangir Mehta Vs IEPF** – The Writ Petition was filed before Delhi High Court challenging inaction by various group companies of Tatas which refused or did not take any action in transferring shares of predecessors of the Petitioner despite repeated requests. The Investors Education & Protection Fund, part of Ministry of Corporate Affairs also did not take any concrete steps resulting in filing of Writ Petition. The Court passed various stern action resulting in immediate action by the Companies for transfer of shares. The case is pending before the High Court.



- **Prudent Broking Services Vs. Subodh Maheshwari** – An interesting issue of share sale and purchase transaction came up where the issue pertained to the brokerage which can be charged. Various business practices came under the scanner of the Court. We represented the Broker Company which was unfortunately unsuccessful before the Delhi High Court.
- The Firm is also involved in various other cases pending before the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India involving important issues pertaining to SEBI and also the large scale ponzi scheme related issues where SEBI is involved.

## SERVICE LAWS

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We are a team of expert advocates based in Delhi as well as having offices in Bengaluru and Indore. Our team of lawyers has expertise to tackle the wide range of Service Law matters. We have advised clients from almost all aspects of Service law related issues including recruitment, promotion, pay-scale determination, pension, disciplinary proceeding, etc.

Both the founding partners have extensively worked in matters relating to Service Law. Arjun is the Standing Counsel for High Court of Madhya Pradesh in the Supreme Court. He has also been the Standing counsel for the State of M.P. for several years and has a lot of experience in service law matters.

Abhinav has worked for UPPSC and has done a lot of service matters during that tenure. He appeared and assisted in the landmark case of UPPCL vs. Rajesh Kumar, where the quota in promotion was under dispute in the State of U.P. Abhinav has also appeared in several service law matters for the High Court and the State of M.P.

We have worked extensively individually over the years to advise clients in their day-to-day service law issues as well as in drafting and vetting responses and representations.

We have also worked on matters relating to IPS officers in Central Administrative Tribunal, Delhi.



# CLIENTS

Both Arjun and Abhinav have worked extensively in various Courts and Forums individually over the years and successfully represented many clients including Union of India, State Governments, Public Sector Undertakings, other Government organizations, Banks, Financial Institutions, Multinational and Indian companies and individuals.

Our Firm **GSL Chambers** is also heading in the same direction. The Firm is empanelled with the following prestigious clients:

- o Axis Bank Ltd.
- o HDFC Bank Ltd.
- o Bajaj Finserv Ltd.
- o Bajaj Allianz Insurance Co. Ltd.
- o Greencell Mobility

Apart from the aforesaid the Firm has been engaged by various clients such as:

- o Tata Housing Finance Company Ltd.
- o ReligareFinvest Ltd.
- o Baker & Hughes (A GE Company)
- o Megawide Construction Ltd.
- o Sugal&Damani Group
- o McLeod Russel India Ltd.
- o Kimberly Clark Ltd.
- o Johnson & Johnson
- o Kalyan Jewellers
- o Makemytrip.com
- o M.P. Industrial Development Corporation
- o United Plantation Ltd.
- o Irra Clothing Pvt. Ltd.
- o SigurAgro Pvt. Ltd.
- o Hicks Thermometer (India) L.td.
- o Splendid Buildwell Pvt. Ltd.
- o Rajasthan Explosives & Chemicals Ltd.
- o All India Shri Shivaji Maharaj Society (Educational)
- o Prudent Broking Services Ltd.
- o East India Petroleum Pvt. Ltd.
- o PineLabs





Some of the recent cases and key clients handled by the firm include the following:

- o Successfully challenged the winding up of 6 debt schemes of Franklin Templeton Mutual Fund and the lack of Role performed by SEBI as a regulator by filing a petition challenging the validity of SEBI (Mutual Fund) Regulations.
- o Filed PIL in SC for augmenting the Fire infrastructure and implementation of Fire Safety Measure in the Country.
- o Drafted, filed and argued matters assigned by Supreme Court Legal Services Committee.
- o Represented the Petitioner before the Delhi High Court in the Rajghat Samadhi case wherein the government has been directed to rectify and properly maintain Rajghat Samadhi.
- o Appeared and argued on behalf of the Petitioner in the National Anthem (W.P. (C) No. 855/2016 titled as Shyam Narayan Chouksey vs. Union of India) matter before Hon'ble Supreme Court.

## FIRM RECOGNITIONS



GSL Chambers announced as a finalist in the category of 'Rising Law Firm of the Year' by Asian Legal Business India Law Awards 2021



India Legal Awards, 2021 - Rising Law Firm of the Year (GSL Chambers)

## PARTNER AWARDS



Asia Legal Business - India - Top Disputes Lawyers Award, 2021 (Abhinav Shrivastava, Co-founding Partner, GSL Chambers)



Asia Legal Business - India - Rising Stars for 2022 (Abhinav Shrivastava, Co-founding Partner, GSL Chambers)

# TEAM



GSL Chambers has an excellent, hardworking and a dedicated team of lawyers having experience and expertise in a wide range of practice areas.

We also have tie-ups and associations with qualified professionals and experts from other fields including in the field of Intellectual Property for registration of Copyrights, Trademarks, designs and Patents and to handle disputes arising therefrom with the respective authorities.

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