Profile of Mr. Hasit Seth, Advocate



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Educational/Professional Memberships

B.Sc. (Computer Sci.). LL.M. (Mumbai University, Gold Medal), LL.M. (Intellectual Property), Franklin Pierce, UNH, USA, Negotiations Harvard University.

- New York Bar Member (4251914)
- Bar Council of Maharashtra & Goa (MAH/2351/1999)
- Fellow, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, UK (38553)

Current Position

- Counsel, Bombay High Court
- Arbitrator, Counsel & Mediator, HLaw, Chambers of Hasit Seth

Professional Experience

- More than 25 years of practice
- He has civil trial experience in Indian courts.
- Worked as Associate with Harness, Dickey & Pierce, P.L.C., F. Chau & Associates, Long Island Woodbury, NY, IPVALUE Bangalore
- Worked as General Counsel IP Asia-Pacific with EATON- Pune Setup patent-IP operations.; M&A due-diligences; and, General corporate work.
- Worked as Founder Principal with GHBS Advisors, Pune A boutique law-firm for technology & IP law.
- Worked as Partner with, Link Legal ILS, Mumbai Arbitration covering Construction Commercial claims; Private equity disputes and others along with transactions, opinions and contracts broadly covering technology-IP issues.

• Worked as Associate Licensing at IPVALUE - Bangalore, Patent licensing commercialisation deals for XEROX, British Telecom, and PARC.

Areas of Expertise

Construction Law, Commercial Disputes, Technology & IP Disputes

Arbitration Experience

Experience as Arbitrator (total No.): 8

No. of Appointments as Sole Arbitrator: 3; Co-Arbitrator 1

No. of Appointments as Presiding Arbitrator: 4

No. of Hearings Conducted: **50** (approx.)

No. of Hearing Days: 40 (approx.)

No. of Awards Issued: 2

Brief description of experience as arbitrator:

He believe in an efficient arbitral process. He has used his 25+ years of legal experience to balance due-process and procedural flexibility. His arbitrations are always completed in stipulated time, and awards are issued expeditiously.

Experience as Advocate in conducting arbitration total 15+ Cases

- He has worked in USA for four years with two law firms.
- He represented an Indian company in a Moscow, Russia seated arbitration under the rules of ICAC-MKAS and achieved a positive result.

Some Arbitration-Contract Matters

- 1. Construction dispute for a Monorail project. Arbitration involved uncovered claim for beyond permitted EOTs (Extensions of Time).
- 2. PPP-DBFOT Road construction arbitration between the owner and the contractor.
- 3. Private equity arbitration between fund and its managing director.
- 4. Finance arbitration between financier and a redeveloper of a building.
- 5. Cash management agency and a telecom service providers arbitration for ATM cash refills.
- 6. Railway bridge construction disputes in claims by contractor.
- 7. NHAI Road takeover contract advisory.
- 8. Smart-City PPP contract advisory

Other Experience

- He has taught many arbitration course modules.
- He has approved faculty for the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, UK.

Publications

- 1. Contributing Author, "Softwar Patents Worldwide", Wolters-Kluwer, Ed. By Gregory Stobbs, Esq.
- 2. HKIAC (Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre) 2024 Rules: MakingArbitration Better. Daily Jus on 18 September 2024. (Link).
- 3. An Alternate Dispute Resolution Centre to be established under India's International Financial Services Centre Authority, Reed Smith Client Alert 02-09-2024, Co-author (Link).
- 4. Soft-Law Guidance From Arbitral Organisations for Conducting Arbitrations, SCC Online (Link), 2023 SCC Online Blog Exp 73. In print journal: Practical Lawyer, November 2023.
- 5. Liquidated Damages Law in Indian Construction Industry: A Critical Analysis, Souvenir of the 5th International Construction Arbitration Conference of Indian Institute of Technical Arbitrators (2023). (Link)
- 6. Exploring the Use of UNCITRAL's Arbitration Rules and Materials in Indian Ad-hoc Arbitrations, 2021 SCC OnLine Blog Exp 81 (Link)
- 7. Impossibility Exception to the Section 65-B(4) Electronic Evidence Certificate, 2021 SCC OnLine Blog Exp 42 (Link)
- 8. Lost Profit Damages: A Paradise (Not Yet) Lost, 2021 SCC OnLine Blog Exp 12 (Link)
- 9. Adhering to Statutory Timelines: A Step Towards Better Case Management of Civil Trials,2021 SCC OnLine Blog Exp 6 (Link); cited and quoted by the Hon. Madras High Court, in Ramesh Flowers (P) Ltd. v. Sumit Srimal, 2024 SCC OnLine Mad 4785

Languages

English, Marathi, Hindi, Gujarati; French (very basic)