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EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL STANDING

- B.Com (Hons), Shri Ram College of Commerce, University of Delhi
- LL.B., Campus Law Centre, Faculty of Law, University of Delhi
- Commissioned Officer, Territorial Army (Second Lieutenant); Company Commander, 112 Infantry Battalion (TA)
- Enrollment: Bar Council of Delhi
- Admission to practice: Continuous practice since December 1992. Former Senior Partner at Luthra & Luthra; Former Senior Partner at DSK Legal.

EXPERTISE

- Dispute Resolution
- Litigation and Arbitration
- Competition Law
- Corporate Structuring
- Joint Ventures
- Insolvency and Restructuring
- Infrastructure, Construction and Engineering
- Energy and Oil & Gas
- Banking and Finance
- Healthcare and Biotechnology
- White Collar Crime and Regulatory Investigations

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BRIEF PROFILE

Overview of Practice

Harneet Singh "Bobby" Chandhoke is a senior commercial litigator and arbitration specialist with over three decades of practice in India. Bobby Chandhoke has built a wide-ranging disputes practice spanning complex commercial litigation, high-stakes regulatory matters, and multi-jurisdictional arbitration. His work consistently places him at the centre of matters involving government action, cross-border joint ventures, sector-defining regulatory issues, and large-value commercial disputes. He is frequently engaged by multinational corporations, Indian conglomerates, global investors, and industry-leading enterprises to navigate contentious situations that carry both legal and strategic consequences. Bobby has been a founding member and head of litigation teams in top tier firms, growing and managing large litigation practices and coordinating multi-jurisdictional matters for Indian and multinational clients.

Commercial Disputes, Joint Ventures & High-Value Claims

Bobby's commercial disputes practice includes advising on shareholder oppression and mismanagement claims, joint-venture breakdowns, and high-value indemnity disputes including representing an Indian conglomerate in Singapore-seated arbitrations involving claims approaching ₹10,000 crores. He has also been a key advisor in major M&A transactions, including one of India's largest pharmaceutical acquisitions, which created an entity with over ₹30,000 crores in annual revenue.

International Arbitration & Cross-Border Disputes

Bobby has led large domestic and international arbitrations under ICC, SIAC, LCIA and ad hoc rules, acted as counsel in high-value cross-border disputes, and served as arbitrator and expert witness in reported international proceedings. In arbitration, Bobby has acted as lead counsel in several international and domestic proceedings under ICC, LCIA, SIAC, and Indian institutional rules. His matters span sectors such as automotive, sportswear, education, infrastructure, oil & gas, and EPC contracting.

He has represented Indian and multinational clients in disputes involving share-sale obligations, valuation of equity under Indian law, public-policy challenges, and governance of not-for-profit educational institutions. His work in the SIAC arbitration concerning control of an educational institution led to a widely cited Delhi High Court judgment affirming the maintainability of Section 9 petitions in foreign-seated arbitrations.

Government Action, Blacklisting & Regulatory Litigation

In litigation, Bobby has acted in several landmark and sensitive matters involving blacklisting, regulatory sanctions, and government contracting. His experience includes representing one of the world's foremost air-defence manufacturers in challenging a Ministry of Defence blacklisting order, as well as securing relief for a leading Indian seed manufacturer against similar state action.

He has advised on price-regulation disputes across High Courts, defended architectural and consultancy firms in matters shaping the regulatory landscape for design services in India, and represented global semiconductor and telecom companies in multi-forum litigation involving breach of contract, bank guarantees, and licensing controversies. His experience also includes advising advertising and media companies in disputes arising from government tenders and allegations of bid-rigging.

Investigations, Enforcement & White-Collar Exposure

His work often intersects with investigations and enforcement. Bobby has represented major telecom operators, media houses, and e-commerce platforms in proceedings initiated by the CBI and Enforcement Directorate relating to allegations of corruption, foreign investment violations, and spectrum allocation. He has also advised multinational pharmaceutical and health-supplement companies in regulatory approval disputes, and acted for one of the world's largest venture capital firms in matters involving potential litigation, arbitration, and FEMA-related proceedings.

Bobby also leads the Firm's financial-regulatory and auditor-defence practice, representing chartered accountants and audit firms in high-stakes disciplinary proceedings before the National Financial Reporting Authority (NFRA) and the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI). His work spans the full lifecycle of these matters, from advising at the notice stage and preparing detailed submissions to managing evidentiary records and conducting arguments. With a strong command of accounting standards and regulatory expectations, he has successfully defended auditors against allegations of fraud-non-detection, misstatement of accounts, and other professional misconduct, ensuring that clients receive a rigorous, well-structured, and credible defence before these specialized adjudicatory bodies.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

- Chambers Asia-Pacific Band 1 rankings 2022, 2024, 2025, 2026.
- Asialaw Elite Practitioner 2022 and 2023; Asialaw Lawyer of the Month August 2022.
- Asian Legal Business Dispute Resolution Lawyer of the Year 2020; listed among Top 15 Dispute Lawyers.
- Legal 500 "Leading Individual" for Dispute Resolution in 2022.
- Benchmark Litigation Asia-Pacific "Litigation Star" in 2022.
- Who's Who Legal Global Guides "Recommended Global Leaders" for Real Estate practice in 2022.
- India Business Law Journal The A-List 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024.
- Legal Era "Leading Lawyer" in 2023 and 2025.

PUBLICATIONS

- Chandhoke B and Raj R, 'Fate of Arbitrations in the IBC Age: Clearing the Interpretive Thicket around the "Moratorium" Provisions of IBC' (Bar and Bench - Indian Legal news, 31 May 2019) <https://www.barandbench.com/columns/moratorium-provisionsfate-of-arbitrations-in-the-ibc-age>
 - Chandhoke B and Singh A, 'Enforcement of Pledge of Dematerialized Securities' (Legal Era Online, 9 May 2020) <https://www.legaleraonline.com/articles/enforcement-of-pledge-of-dematerialized-securities>
 - Chandhoke B and Singh A, 'Criminalization of Civil Disputes: Need for Care and Guidelines' (9 December 2019) <https://www.legaleraonline.com/articles/criminalization-of-civil-disputes-need-for-care-and-guidelines>
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