

## **TRANSFORMING COMMERCIAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION IN INDIA**

### **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2015**

**Chaired by:**

David Brynmor Thomas of 39 Essex Chambers

**With guest speakers:**

M.P. Bharucha, Bharucha & Partners  
Anirudh Krishnan, AK Law Chambers

**And from 39 Essex Chambers:**

Marion Smith QC and Jonathan Bellamy

**Venue:**

39 Essex Chambers  
39 Essex Street  
London, WC2R 3AT

**Time:**

5.30pm – 7pm

**Topics to be covered include:**

- The proposed amendments to the Arbitration and Conciliation Act 1996 including the proposed restrictions on the scope of challenge to a foreign award
- The introduction of specialised commercial courts and procedures: the Commercial Divisions Bill/Act
- Recent experience of the use of investment treaty arbitration to arbitrate disputes against the Indian government.

**Refreshments will be served after the seminar**

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**MP Bharucha** heads the litigation and dispute resolution practice of Bharucha & Partners, founded in March 2008 on the immutable principles of truth, ethics and excellence. Since then, the firm has grown rapidly and within five years had expanded to three offices in two cities with 45 lawyers under its banner. The firm offers expertise in different fields of legal practice with corporate/mergers and acquisitions, banking and finance, litigation, arbitration, capital markets and financial regulation being its core areas. MP Bharucha is known for his strategic vision and depth of knowledge; he has deposed as an expert on Indian law in England, the US and Singapore. He is ranked in many guides including Chambers & Partners, Euromoney and The Legal 500.



**Anirudh Krishnan** (founder partner, AK Law Chambers) is known for finding innovative solutions for multi-nationals in the complex Indian commercial dispute resolution system. After a stint at Clifford Chance, he completed the BCL at the University of Oxford. He is the Chief-editor of Justice R.S.Bachawat's Law of Arbitration and Conciliation- a leading treatise often cited by Indian Courts. He was consulted on Arbitration and Commercial Dispute Resolution by the current Law Commission of the Government of India. He is part of an elite group which includes amongst others eminent jurist Fali Nariman which advises the Government of India on the renegotiation of Bilateral Investment Treaties. He has also testified as an expert on Indian Law for an ICC arbitration in London.



**Marion Smith QC** has extensive experience in complex multinational commercial and construction litigation. She has advised and represented a number of Indian companies involved in High Court litigation in London as well as international arbitration, across a range of industry sectors including the pharmaceutical and automotive industries. She is described as "*knowledgeable, very thorough, and good at communicating with clients*" in Chambers & Partners 2015 and "*forceful, provides clear and concise advice, and has a no-nonsense approach*" in Chambers & Partners 2014. She is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and a regular speaker on contract law issues in the UK and abroad.



**Jonathan Bellamy** has an established litigation, arbitration and advisory practice in commercial law. His practice includes domestic litigation, international work and arbitrations under the auspices of major institutions including ICC, LCIA and SIAC. His sector experience includes energy and natural resources, insurance and reinsurance, financial institutions and services, construction & engineering, sale of goods, information and IT contracts, outsourcing, aviation, commodities, commercial property and professional sport. He is described in Legal Directories as being "*thorough, pragmatic and tactically astute*". He is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and a Chartered Arbitrator. Jonathan has experience in India related disputes in both litigation and international arbitration, most recently in the IT consultancy and sale of goods sectors.



**David Brynmor Thomas** specialises in complex, high value International Commercial Arbitration and Litigation. He has appeared as advocate before a range of Tribunals, including under the Rules of the ICC, LCIA, ICDR and AAA, SCC, SIAC, the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules and others, in a range of jurisdictions. He also sits as an arbitrator. David has significant experience of disputes arising from India related transactions, including joint venture and shareholders' agreements; contractor and sub-contractor chains; EPC and other contracts; PSAs, JOAs and similar arrangements.

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