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Illustrative Professional Experience Statement

[For Arbitration and Litigation]

Vasanth is the Founder and Head of Trinity Chambers. Vasanth has a vast experience of close to three decades in advising various international and domestic clients across sectors. His key areas of practice include dispute resolution (litigation & arbitration), and infrastructure projects.

Vasanth has been successfully representing many Fortune 100 companies and domestic clients in several high-stake arbitration proceedings under ICA, LCIA, ICC and SIAC rules of arbitration and also represented them in enforcement and execution proceedings before the High Courts and Supreme Court of India. He has significant experience in corporate commercial litigation, white-collar crimes, tender litigation, and anti-trust litigation before various courts and tribunals in India.

An illustrative list of some of Vasanth's key representations is as follows:

Arbitration Matters [Both International Commercial Arbitrations and Domestic Arbitrations]

- Represented a **globally leading Japanese automobile manufacturer** in a high-stakes, multi-million USD dispute under a Distributor Agreement with its sole car distributor in India. The matter involved complex issues of contractual performance, exclusivity rights, and financial claims, requiring urgent relief through Emergency Arbitration proceedings. Successfully navigated the **Emergency Arbitration and subsequent international commercial arbitration proceedings** before the Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC).
- Represented the Indian **subsidiary of a Spanish infrastructure and power company** in a power project arbitration with its Indian contractor for over **20 million USD**.

- Represented the **subsidiary of a leading American construction conglomerate** operating in 80 countries, in a high-stakes ICC arbitration against a prominent **Swedish aerospace and defense corporation**. The dispute, arising from a prestigious EPC contract worth **120 million USD** awarded by the Ministry of Defence, Government of India – for the construction of a state-of-the-art defense manufacturing system, involved multifaceted, complex contractual issues.
- Represented a **globally renowned South Korean engineering and construction company**, in a high-stakes international commercial arbitration against a prominent trading conglomerate based out of India. The dispute arose in relation of the non-payment of consideration amount of **140 million USD** pertaining to the construction of an offshore and onshore gas pipeline and EPC project.
- Representing **one of India's largest steel producers** in a high-value arbitration exceeding **10.5 million USD** against a mining leaseholder. The dispute arose from breaches of a long-term Sale of Iron Ore Agreement involving the exclusive supply of iron ore. Successfully addressed issues of inadequate supply, unauthorised third-party sales, and discrepancies in cost and pricing, which resulted in the smooth functioning of the client's operations.
- Represented a **major shareholder comprising of an American conglomerate** in a high-stakes SIAC arbitration concerning the exercise of put options and other sensitive corporate governance issues under a Shareholders Agreement involving a valuation exceeding **multi-million USD**.
- Represented **India's largest fully integrated logistics provider** in a high-stakes arbitration concerning significant commercial claims. The robust strategy adopted since the inception of the dispute led to the counterparty paying the entire claim amount and also returning high-value inventory worth millions of USD.
- Represented the **subsidiary of a French conglomerate** in a high-stakes arbitration arising from a Concession Agreement, EPC Agreement, O&M Agreement, and various other sub-contracts for the improvement and revamping of a major water treatment plant in New Delhi, India, **covering a pipeline network of approximately 800 km**.
- Represented **one of India's largest steel producers** in a high-stakes arbitration involving **claims exceeding 10 million USD**. The dispute arose from the counterparty's breaches jeopardising the client's blast furnace operations, causing significant production and financial losses. Successfully addressed critical contractual and operational issues in this technically complex arbitration.

- Represented a **French major** in arbitration proceedings before Former Chief Justice of India in a power incentive dispute arising under a Concession Agreement entered with Delhi Jal Board.
- Represented the **subsidiary of a France-based leader in ESG integrated construction** in a high-stakes arbitration arising from a Concession Agreement related to a one-of-its-kind, state-of-the-art 20 MGD water treatment plant in Punjab, India.
- Handled enforcement of a foreign award rendered by the London Court for International Arbitration (LCIA) on behalf of a **French Telecom Company** for an amount of over 28 million USD.
- Represented the Indian subsidiary of a **leading Israeli telecom company** in two distinct arbitration disputes arising from an EPC Construction Contract and a Cellular Tower Installation Contract valued at **25 million USD**. The proceedings were conducted under the institutional framework of the Delhi International Arbitration Centre (DIAC) before a Tribunal led by a Former Chief Justice of India.
- Represented a **leading news media conglomerate** in arbitration proceedings against a renowned newspaper publishing house. The matter, arising from a barter agreement providing for exchange of services worth **several hundred crores**, involved navigating complex legal issues concerning the enforceability of unstamped arbitration agreements - a subject that was later addressed by a 5-Judge Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court of India.
- Representing a **leading global bus and coach exhibition company** in a high-stakes international arbitration against India's leading exhibition company before the ICC. The dispute arose from the breach of the terms of Joint Venture Agreement. Successfully secured a favourable **multi-million USD award** from a Singapore-based Tribunal.
- Handled execution of an award rendered by the International Chamber of Commerce before the High Court of Delhi for a **Korean multinational company** in a construction dispute against a leading public company (PSU) relating to a captive power plant project within an oil refinery.
- Represented a Dubai-based construction conglomerate in arbitration proceedings against its joint venture partners and subcontractors. The dispute arose from the construction of the prestigious Commonwealth Games Village in New Delhi, India, involving complex contractual and project management issues.
- Handled arbitration on behalf of a **Malaysian Construction Company** arising out of a road construction matter where the claim amount exceeded 40 million USD.

- Represented an **internationally renowned construction company** in an arbitration pertaining to India's first BOT (Build-Operate-Transfer) road construction project, involving claims exceeding 40 million USD. The arbitration was conducted before a tribunal comprising of three Former Chief Justices of India.
- Represented a **prominent French outdoor shelter and advertising conglomerate** in a highly contested arbitration against the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation and its subcontractors. The dispute involved the prestigious Delhi Metro Airport Express Line project and culminated in the resolution of contractual disagreements, ultimately leading to the restoration of the contract in favour of the client.
- Represented a **leading Italian and German water/ sand filtration technology company** in institutional arbitration proceedings arising out of a cross-border joint venture dispute which involved a claim and counterclaim of more than 12 million USD.
- Advised a **leading German conglomerate** in a **10 million USD** contractual dispute with the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation, involving issues related to an EPC and Technology Transfer Agreement.
- Represented a **Malaysian oil fabricator** in a high-stakes arbitration against an Indian oil and gas PSU, challenging the unlawful termination of an EPC contract and the wrongful encashment of bank guarantees valued at **35 million USD**.
- Representing a **global leader in energy-efficient pumps** in a high-stakes international arbitration against a Ugandan consultancy firm. The dispute involved client's jurisdictional challenges in respect of alleged contractual breaches. Successfully enforced the arbitration clause and Indian governing law, decisively protecting the client against baseless foreign claims and reinforcing the sanctity of cross-border agreements.
- Representing a **global leader in facilities and energy management services** in a high-stakes arbitration concerning claims exceeding **50 million USD**, arising from a Synchronisation and Coordination Agreement (SCA) related to a biomass power project. The dispute involved allegations of breach, delays, and cost escalations, with the counterparty asserting significant financial damages.
- Represented a **leading cosmetic dermatology and hair transplant services company** in a high-profile contractual dispute against a prominent Indian cricketer. The matter was adjudicated before the DIAC involving complex legal and reputational considerations.
- Represented the Indian **subsidiary of a Spanish construction company** in arbitration proceedings against its main contractor to recover **multi-million USD** dues. The dispute

pertained to a National Highway project between Karnal and Ambala in Haryana, executed under the World Bank Assistance Programme, involving complex contractual and financial claims.

- Represented a **group company of a big French conglomerate**, in arbitration proceedings before Former Chief Justice of India in a dispute related to supply of water tankers arising under a Concession Agreement entered into with Delhi Jal Board.
- Represented a **globally leading facility management company** in arbitration proceedings for pecuniary damages and a deposit of bank guarantee of **5 million USD**.
- Represented a **leading Canadian company** in the arbitration matter in relation to consultancy services provided to Ministry of Surface Transport for the project relating to widening of four lanes and strengthening of Karnataka – Tamil Nadu border section of National Highway 7 in Karnataka.
- Represented a leading edible oil manufacturer company in India in a **multi-million USD** arbitration dispute relating to the tax liability under the Business Transfer Agreement against an American multinational company before the 3 member Hon'ble Arbitral Tribunal comprising of the notable retired judges of the Supreme Court of India.
- Represented the 'Promoters' of a leading edible oil manufacturer company in India, a leading edible oil manufacturer in India in a **multi-million USD** arbitration dispute relating to the service tax liability under the Non-Compete and Non-Solicitation Agreement against an American multinational company before the 3 member Hon'ble Arbitral Tribunal comprising of the notable retired judges of the Supreme Court of India.
- Represented a German latex company in an arbitration proceeding before the Indian Council of Arbitration (ICA).
- Represented Saudi-based company in an *ad hoc* arbitration proceeding before a former Judge of the Supreme Court of India.
- Represented a leading advertising company in an *ad hoc* proceeding before a former judge of Delhi High Court.
- Represented one of the partners of a leading food preserver entity in an *ad hoc* proceeding before a former judge of Delhi High Court.
- Represented a leading Indian architectural and designing firm in a number of arbitration proceedings (both institutional and *ad hoc*) arising out of various contracts namely

consultancy services, turnkey contracts, engineering and construction contract, service contract, etc.

Litigation

- Represented, advised and assisted successfully a **premium global multi-beverage company** by way of a writ petition before the Delhi High Court challenging the ruling given by the Authority for Advance Ruling on the question of legal validity of taxation of transfer of IPRs outside India.
- Represented a **leading retail entity** backed by **Dubai-based venture capital funds** in a high-stakes matter involving **disputes amongst the promoters**, whistleblower allegations, governance concerns, and civil damage claims exceeding INR 50 crores. Successfully defended the client against interim relief measures, protecting financial and operational interests in a highly contentious matter.
- Acted on behalf of the **5 international property consultants**, successfully challenged the constitutional validity of Haryana Regulation of Property Dealers and Consultants Act, 2008 and the Haryana Regulation of Property Dealers and Consultants Rules by way of writ petitions before the High Court of Punjab and Haryana.
- Represented, advised and assisted successfully an **Indian subsidiary of the French major**, in two tender matters before the High Court of Delhi and the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in a dispute concerning validity of grant of concession for maintenance of 419 bus queue shelters on a nomination basis.
- Represented, advised and assisted successfully **Builders' Association of India** before the CCI and COMPAT (now NCLAT) about the anti-competitive activities by means of formation of a cartel amongst the cement manufacturers across India which lead to imposition of penalty to the tune of INR 6500 Crores against Cement Manufacturer Association and 11 other cement companies.
- Represented, advised and assisted the **Partner of a leading audit consultancy firm** in the writ proceedings before the Hon'ble Delhi High Court and before the Hon'ble Supreme Court in relation to challenging decision of the ICAI which had held him guilty of professional misconduct.
- Represented a leading Chinese telecom equipment manufacturing company in the winding-up action initiated against Indian mobile network operator in the Bombay High Court for the unpaid dues of 25 million USD (approx.) for supply of telecommunications equipment.

- Advised, assisted and represented a **global leader in water and wastewater management services**, operating across multiple continents, in a high-value dispute against a state infrastructure corporation and municipal bodies in India. The dispute arose from a contract for the rehabilitation, operation, and management of 24x7 water supply services across key urban areas. The matter involved complex claims for performance bonuses, extended project terms, and interest on delayed payments. Successfully enforced contractual entitlements and highlighted procedural violations.
- Advised and represented a **leading USA based NGO and its local partner** in their dispute with the local implementation partner including misappropriation of funds and other white collar offences.
- Represented, advised and assisted the **Indian subsidiary of a well-established American water technology company** in an injunctive relief proceedings against the local company before the Courts at Bangalore in relation to a dispute arising under a Supply/Manufacturing Agreement.
- Represented a **Malaysian Oil & Gas Company** in a tender dispute against ONGC in a 600 million US Dollar tender before the High Court of Delhi and Supreme Court of India.
- Served as lead counsel for one of India's largest and most reputable steel producers, in a high-stakes arbitration involving contracts awarded to the counterparty. The dispute, with claims against the client running into triple-digit crores, resulted in an arbitral award that was unilaterally passed in favour of the opposing party. Successfully challenged the enforcement of the award, achieving an unprecedented outcome at the time and setting a landmark legal precedent on the invalidity of unilateral arbitrator appointments.
- Represented a German and Italian filtration technology company in Section 9 proceedings under the Arbitration & Conciliation Act, 1996 initiated before the Howrah Court, West Bengal.
- Successfully advised, assisted and contested on behalf of a renowned cosmetic dermatology and hair transplant services company against an application filed under Section 9 of Arbitration & Conciliation Act, 1996 Act before the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi initiated by the reputed Indian cricketer of international fame.
- Represented, advised and assisted a leading global real estate services firm in an application filed under Section 34 of the Arbitration & Conciliation Act, 1996 before the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi.

- Advising and assisting a leading real estate consultancy services company in Winding up proceedings before the High Court of Delhi, against a well-known real estate developer.
- Represented, advised and assisted first of its kind, Public Private Partnership entity in the skill space established under the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship before the High Court of Madras in a bunch of writ petitions filed against it by skill development training partners thereby praying for a writ in the nature of *certiorari*.
- Successfully represented, advised and assisted global energy player in a tender matter worth US\$ 16 million before the High Court of Bombay where the client had been awarded the contract for execution of design verification, supply, installation and commissioning of HVAC systems for the Mazgaon Docks Limited, a Defence Public Sector Undertaking company.
- Represented, advised and assisted a South Korean multinational steel company in the investigation initiated by the Director General of Safeguards (DGS) to examine whether imports of hot rolled flat sheets and plates into India causes and threatens to cause serious injury to the domestic industry in India. The scope of work included preparing and filing non-injury submissions, preparing written submissions, making detailed presentation before the DGS and rendering advice with respect to the 'Minimum Import Price' notification issued by the DGFT.
- Represented, advised and assisted a Dutch multinational banking and financial services company in insolvency proceedings against an Indian entity initiated under Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 before the National Company Law Tribunal, Mumbai.
- Represented, advised and assisted a global engineering consultancy company having its roots in Brussels, Belgium before the Hon'ble High Court of Madras in litigation for recovery of due/debts in relation to a contract for construction of a Port in Manappad, India.
- Represented, advised and assisted the Indian subsidiary of leading American multinational consumer product manufacturing company in a suit for recovery proceedings filed against the Client before the Civil Court, Pune.
- Represented, advised and assisted first of its kind, Public Private Partnership entity in the skill space established under the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship in an application filed under Section 11(6) of the Arbitration & Conciliation Act, 1996 before the Jabalpur bench of the Hon'ble High Court of Madhya Pradesh.

- Represented, advised and assisted a group company of a big French conglomerate and its Indian Partner, in an application under Section 9 of the Arbitration & Conciliation Act, 1996 filed before the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi in relation to an EPC contract dispute.
- Represented, advised and assisted a group company of a big French conglomerate and its Indian Partner, in an application under Section 37 of the Arbitration & Conciliation Act, 1996 filed before the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi in respect of an EPC contract dispute.
- Drafted opinion based on extensive research on parliamentary committee reports, law commission reports and collated statistics to counter the opinion rendered by the former Chief Justice of India (Justice Y.V. Chandrachud) before the Singaporean Courts. Rendered expert evidence in the Singapore Court of Appeal (the Highest Court of Singapore) on Indian law. The opinion was subsequently affirmed by the Singapore Courts.
- Represented, advised and assisted first of its kind, **PPP entity in the skill space** before the High Court of Madras in a bunch of writ petitions filed against it by skill development training partners.
- Successfully represented, advised and assisted **global energy player** in a tender matter worth US\$ 16 million before the High Court of Bombay against a Public Sector Undertaking company.
- Advised and assisted a **leading German company** in an ultra-mega power hydro project dispute with its main contractor.
- Advised, assisted and represented a **leading multinational facilities management company** in a high-stakes arbitration under the Synchronisation and Coordination Agreement (SCA). The dispute involved claims of breach, loss of revenue, and escalation of costs arising from delays and alleged withdrawal from a major biomass power project in India. Successfully defended the client against claims exceeding 50+ crores across multiple rounds of litigation before the Delhi High Court.
- Handled an anti-trust matter on behalf of a European chemical major for a predatory pricing action before Supreme Court of India and MRTP commission.
- Handled a cross-border dispute on behalf of a US major oil company in the Indian and Singapore Courts.
- Represented Madhya Pradesh State Development Authority in a tender dispute against the contractor before the Supreme Court of India.

- Represented a world's leading Hotel chain on a dispute with the Franchisee partner before the High Court of Delhi.
- Represented an Irish Bank before the local courts of Delhi in recovering the excess transfer of Euro 117,000 to an Indian Party.

Ministerial Assignments

- Retained by the Ministry of Housing, Government of India, for advice on various Constitutional and Administrative Law issues with respect to drafting of the 'Real Estate (Regulation & development) Bill, 2012' to ensure orderly growth and development of the Real Estate sector across India.
- Advised and assisted the Ministry of Housing, Government of India, for drafting the prestigious legislation for the Government of India namely the Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Bill. The Bill prepared was deliberated, discussed and approved by the Ministry of Housing as well as the Cabinet of Ministers of the Government of India.
- Nominated as a member of core committee set-up by the Ministry of Housing for preparation of sub-ordinate legislation under the Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act, 2016. Advising and assisting in the drafting of the Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Rules, 2017 and Regulations.
- Advised and assisted the Ministry of Housing in vetting the Tenancy Bill drafted by the Ministry of Law, so as to bring legal balance between the landlord and the tenant.
- Appointed as a member to the high powered Committee for drafting Model Contract for PPP in Housing Sector for unveiling the Prime Minister's flagship programme of affordable housing by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation.
- Advised and assisted the Ministry of Finance, Government of India for sui-generis socio-economic PPP in the skill development space to fasten the Prime Ministers Skill Development Mission. Drafted, vetted and finalised the first of its kind Financial Management & Procurement Manual as per the legal principles enshrined in CVC Guidelines and general Financial Rules for disbursement of Loans and Grants. Advice also includes structuring of funding and assistance, advising and drafting various agreements.
