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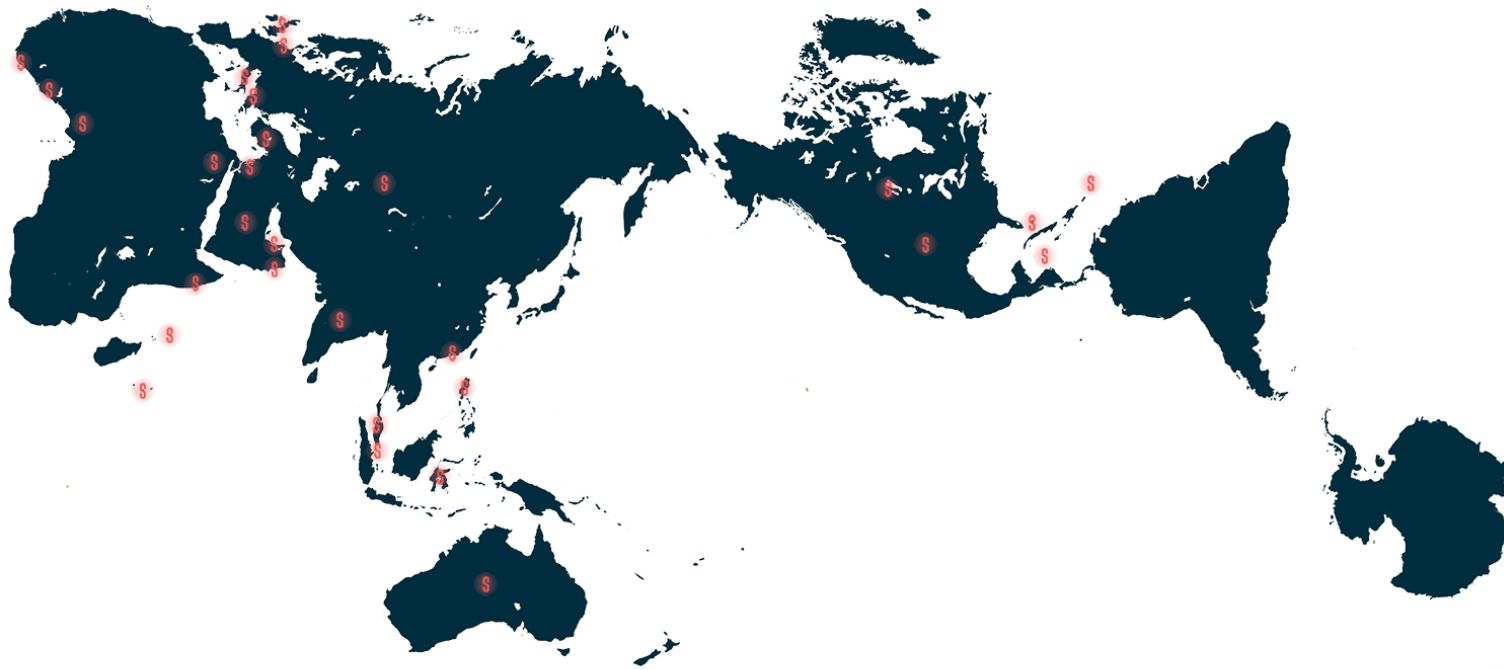
ABOUT US

Singularity is an Asia and Africa focused international disputes boutique, established in August 2017. Since then, we have handled over US\$ 8 billion in cross-border disputes across jurisdictions and industries.

OUR REACH

These disputes were in various parts of the world including Bahamas, British Virgin Islands, Canada, Switzerland, Cayman Islands, DIFC, Egypt, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Israel, Italy, Kazakhstan, Malaysia, Mauritius, Nigeria, Oman, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Somalia, Turkey, Russia UAE, UK and USA.

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LAWYERS OF TOMORROW

EXPANSION TO THE MIDDLE EAST

Singularity Legal is now licensed to practice as legal consultants in the UAE, including as solicitors before the courts at Dubai International Financial Centre (DIFC) and Abu Dhabi Global Markets (ADGM).

Our partner, Prateek Bagaria, has also been registered as a Part-II lawyer with full rights of audience before the DIFC Courts, and will be heading the firm's Middle-East practice.

On the firm's entry into UAE he said, *"DIFC is an upcoming business and trade hub and has been a priority centre for Indian financial institutions, funds, family businesses, multinational corporations, and trading houses among others operating in the Asia-Africa corridor. Moreover, in light of the new India-UAE Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA), business dealings in the DIFC are slated to grow exponentially. We are thrilled to expand our practice to the Middle-East where our clients increasingly require our assistance with their disputes. This expansion will also give the clients more immediate access to the firms' specialists and wider network in the MENA region."*

Source: [Bar & Bench](#)

Given this development, we now have the end-to-end ability to service clients across the UAE, including DIFC and ADGM Courts, including disputes relating to:

- (a) construction and infrastructure projects
- (b) shipping and maritime
- (c) bank guarantees and insurance
- (d) debt recovery, enforcement and insolvency
- (e) intellectual property
- (f) digital assets
- (g) pro bono representation



MIDDLE EAST EXPERIENCE

Arbitration and Enforcement

- Representing a Qatari HNI in a post M&A dispute against UAE, Singapore and Cayman entities and individuals in a DIAC arbitration and related proceedings before courts in Cayman Island, Singapore and DIFC.
- Advising a Turkish construction company in an emergency SIAC arbitration arising from a road construction project in Kazakhstan.
- Advising a UK-based risk capital fund in relation to its DIAC arbitration against an Afghan borrowers for breach of a term loan agreement.
- Representing Indian and Singaporean oil & gas companies in their dispute against an Indian state-owned entity and an Abu Dhabi shipyard under an EPC and Consortium contract for the conversion of a mobile offshore drilling unit into a mobile offshore production unit.
- Advising a Turkish Company on a dispute with an Israeli company for non-payment of dues under gas turbine supply agreement
- Advising an Indian EPC company on an ICC arbitration under a contract for construction of a boiler in Tekirdag, Turkey.
- Representing a Kuwaiti private equity in an ad-hoc arbitration against an Indian logistics company, for securing exit in terms of the investment agreement.
- Advising a Turkish construction company on raising claims in relation to terrorist attack on their road project in Somalia.
- Representing the promoters of a shipping technology company in a SIAC Arbitration dispute concerning the wrongful revocation of their shareholding.
- Representing a UAE aircraft services company in enforcement proceedings of a SIAC award against an Indian helicopter services company

Litigation

- Representing two UAE companies and their promoter in a dispute for the non-payment of rent and the encashment of rental cheques under a shareholders' agreement and a tenancy agreement before the DIFC Courts.
- Advising an Indian businessman in his dispute against a DIFC financial institution for the breach of DIFC regulations relating to suitability and misclassification.
- Representing an Indian bank in its disputes against a UAE bank in relation to court interference and wrongful suspension of performance bonds.
- Advising 5 Indonesian and Singapore mining companies in their dispute against a DIFC financial institution in relation to the default on the series of facilities availed.
- Advising a Turkish bank on recovering debt under a German decree, from an India party, before courts in New Delhi, India.
- Representing an Israeli company in an insolvency proceeding against an Indian creditor for nonpayment of dues.
- Advising an Indian fiber company in its criminal dispute against an Egyptian buyer for fraud and nonpayment of dues.

Litigation Finance

- Advising Indian, Mauritian, and UAE individuals and entities in relation to obtaining litigation financing for their claims against a sovereign state under a bilateral investment treaty in relation to claims arising out of termination of an infrastructure contract.
- Advising a global litigation funder on the diligence of a dispute of a sub-contractor against the main contractor under Saudi Arabian law.

Transaction Advisory

- Advising a Turkish Energy giant for acquiring an LNG plant in Aceh, Indonesia and entering into a joint venture with the State.
- Advising a UAE company on its agreement for the design and construction of five hospital buildings and the supply of medical and non-medical equipment in Cote d'Ivoire.
- Advising an Indian public bank on overseas debt recovery from a global group of companies and its UAE promoter.
- Advising an Israeli defense company in a joint venture with an Indian partner.
- Advising an Israeli travel company in a joint venture with an Indian company.
- Advising an Israeli satellite company in tenders for an Indian state-owned telecom company.
- Advising an Israeli governmental company in a joint venture with an Indian company to bid for a lumpsum turnkey project to develop a sea water reverse osmosis plant.

EXPANSION TO SOUTH EAST ASIA

Singularity Legal has established a foreign law practice in Singapore.

Our partner, Prateek Bagaria, has also been registered as a practitioner with rights of audience before the Singapore International Commercial Court.

On the firm's entry into Singapore he said, *“Setting up shop in Singapore opens up a myriad of opportunities for us to explore new horizons and further strengthen our presence in the region. We are excited about the prospects that this strategic move brings and are confident that it will enhance our ability to serve our clients with even greater efficiency and effectiveness.”*

Singularity’s establishment in Singapore strengthens its commitment to meeting the evolving needs of its clients across borders. By leveraging Singapore's position as the most preferred jurisdiction for arbitration and mediation, the firm aims to facilitate smoother processes using technology to drive efficiency and effectiveness. Singularity is confident that it will provide clients with the highest quality legal services and help them achieve their objectives.

Given this development, we now have the end-to-end ability to service clients across South East Asia, including the SICC, in disputes relating to:

- (a) construction and infrastructure projects
- (b) shipping and maritime
- (c) bank guarantees and insurance
- (d) debt recovery, enforcement and insolvency
- (e) intellectual property
- (f) digital assets

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SOUTH EAST ASIA EXPERIENCE



Arbitration and Enforcement

- Representing a Singaporean and an Indian company in a Singapore seated arbitration concerning breach of a consortium agreement for a rig conversion project against an Abu Dhabi shipyard.
- Representing two Singaporean companies in a Singapore seated arbitration against their ex-managing director of the oil and gas division and his companies for breach of fiduciary duties and non-compete agreement.
- Representing a Singaporean and an Indian company in an ad-hoc arbitration concerning termination of a contract for conversion of a mobile offshore drilling unit to a mobile offshore production unit, against an Indian state-owned enterprise.
- Representing two Indian companies in a Singapore seated arbitration under a joint-venture agreement for construction of a thermal power plant against a Korean sovereign company.
- Representing an Indian company in a Singapore seated arbitration concerning the termination of a contract for the construction of an ethanol and power plant in Philippines against an Australian employer and a Filipino co-contractor.
- Advising a Singaporean company in its dispute with a Dubai-based company, arising out of non-payment of dues under a coal trading contract.
- Advising a Turkish company in a Singapore seated arbitration concerning termination of a contract for renovation of highways in Kazakhstan against a Kazakh state-owned enterprise.
- Advising an Indian company and its Italian subsidiary in their dispute against a Chinese and a Singaporean company under an agreement for the procurement of photo-voltaic modules.

Litigation

- Advising a Qatari HNI in proceedings relating to the enforcement of a provisional arbitral award.
- Advising a Qatari HNI in disclosure applications and tracing claims in proceedings connected with an ongoing arbitration against a Singapore-based venture capital firm.
- Advising Singaporean companies in several civil and criminal disputes against local partners and coal mining and logistics company concerning fraud and diversion of business.
- Advising two Singapore mining resource companies in a series of loan default litigations against Indian bank's Singapore and DIFC branch.
- Advising two Singaporean companies in a debt recovery proceeding by an Indian bank under a facility agreement.
- Advising a Singaporean company in charter party dispute against an Italian company.
- Advising a Hong Kong company in its dispute against an Indian company under an agreement for the provision of shipping services.
- Advising an Indian exporter in its dispute with a leading Singaporean supplier under a purchase agreement for cotton fibres.

RECOGNITION

We are widely recognised as market leaders.



Tier 2 in India for arbitration (2021)



Dispute Resolution (2024)



Notable Firm (2022)
Recognised Firm (2023)



Top 6 Boutique Firms in Asia-Pacific for dispute resolution;
Tier 3 in India for international arbitration (2021)



Law Firm: Moving the litigation finance market forward (2021)
Top 5 in Asia-Pacific for dispute resolution (2019)



Oil & Gas Law Firm of the Year (2020)



Notable Firm (2022)

ASIAN LEGAL BUSINESS

India Firms to Watch (2021)
Trailblazer (2020)
Rising Law Firm (2019)



Rising Law Firm (2019)



Top 50 Law Firms in India (2019)



Top Law Firms in India for arbitration and white-collar crime (2020)

INDUSTRY FOCUS

CONSTRUCTION AND INFRASTRUCTURE



We serve the construction industry globally in some of the highest value, complex international projects for building industrial plants, civil infrastructure, mining infrastructure, real estate, and ships and port.

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ENERGY AND RESOURCES

We provide innovative advice on complex disputes associated with conventional, nuclear, hydroelectric and renewable power, and oil & gas facilities across the energy value chain worldwide.



LAWYERS OF TOMORROW

SHIPPING AND INSURANCE



We advise across the full spectrum of the shipping, offshore, ports dredging, and marine insurance market on high value and complex commercial and regulatory disputes.

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PRIVATE EQUITY AND FINANCE



We utilise our wealth of experience in dealing with financial disputes across sectors, coupled with our ability to navigate through complex business issues, to efficiently resolve equity and debt investment disputes.

LAWYERS OF TOMORROW

SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT



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We advise the sports and entertainment industry in their contractual, financial, disciplinary and doping disputes, across dispute resolution forums and jurisdictions.

INTERNATIONAL TRADE & BUSINESS

We effectively address a broad range of trades disputes designed to match the scope of global manufacturing and trade, and to answer our client needs wherever and whenever they arise.



LAWYERS OF TOMORROW

PRACTICE AREAS

ARBITRATION



We provide advice and advocacy in investment treaty and commercial arbitrations, conducted under all major international arbitration rules and governed by distinct laws.

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LITIGATION

We help clients navigate all types of large-scale and complex commercial litigations on a global basis, before all types of trial, appellate, and regulatory courts and tribunals around the world.



LAWYERS OF TOMORROW

ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION



We meet the client's objective of speedy resolution of disputes through ADR mechanisms like mediation, conciliation, negotiation and dispute resolution boards.

FRAUD AND INVESTIGATION

We advise individuals and corporates on white-collar crimes and asset tracing matters in sensitive-crisis management situations and have handled high-profile scams, scandals and frauds across jurisdictions.



GLOBAL ENFORCEMENT AND DEBT RECOVERY

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We have assisted clients in large and complex debt collection matters relating to monies due under contracts as well as under judgments or awards, across several courts and tribunals worldwide.

LITIGATION FINANCE

We help funders identify the true potential of a claim portfolio and help litigants raise finance as a strategic tool to transform disputes from cost-centres to revenue-generators.



LAWYERS OF TOMORROW

SOCIAL IMPACT



The Play True initiative seeks to create awareness on anti-doping laws in sports and provide pro-bono representation to underprivileged athletes in doping disputes.

The Expert Talk initiative seeks to provide continued education to professionals through freely accessible seminars, webinars and a digital library of blogs, alerts, insights and talks on dispute resolution and litigation finance.



CONSULTING STRATEGY

INTERDEPENDENT MODULARITY



We have left the baggage that comes with an old-school consulting model for interdependent modularity.

- We deploy a mix of internal and external experts in a synchronised but modular team.
- While these experts are interdependent on each other, they possess different core domain expertise.
- This helps the client benefit from the best domain expertise from across the board, without any duplication of work within the team of different experts.
- It avoids the need to manage multiple teams, or rely on one team with limited experience on different areas of expertise.
- This reduces costs and management time of the client, and increases the quality of the teams product.
- This also helps maintain legal privilege on all communication relating to the project.
- In the end, it provides a cheaper, faster, safer and better work product to the client.

PRACTICE HEAD

PRATEEK BAGARIA PARTNER

Partner with Singularity and an international disputes specialist with a decade of experience in complex commercial cross-border disputes. He is licensed to practise in India and the DIFC. Legal 500 describes him as “*responsive and dynamic*” and “*a very driven individual and a good lawyer who handles clients well*”. He possesses the domain expertise in advising funders and litigants seeking litigation finance.

Testimonials

“Prateek Bagaria leads an exceptional up and coming team with a commercial and highly strategic approach to complex international disputes. One of the best international disputes offerings in India.” – **Tom Glasgow, CIO (Asia) of Omni Bridgeway**

“Prateek Bagaria has a strong reputation for his excellence in cross-border contentious proceedings including energy, construction and shipping disputes.” – **Who’s Who Legal 2021**

“I would recommend Prateek to any client who is looking for an international lawyer in India. He is very co-operative, always available, and deeply passionate about his work. Prateek is also a very experienced colleague and has good practical knowledge of international arbitration.” – **Quoted in AsiaLaw Profiles 2022**

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ACHIEVEMENTS

Prateek's notable recognitions over the years.



Leading Individual, Dispute Resolution: Arbitration (2023)



Prateek Bagaria

Dispute Resolution: Arbitration (2024)



**Future Leader in Commercial Litigation (2022)
Future Leader in Commercial Litigation (2021)**

ASIAN LEGAL BUSINESS

**India's Rising Stars (2022)
India's Top Disputes Lawyers (2020)**



**Future Star, International Arbitration (2022), Future Star (2021)
Future Leader in International Arbitration and Dispute Resolution (2020)**



**Young Achiever of the Year (2021)
40 under 40 Rising Star of the Year (2018)**



Top Managing Partner in India (2020)

EXPERIENCE

ARBITRATION – TOP CASES BY SIZE OF DISPUTE



Description	Value	Opponent	Seat	Institution
Shareholder disputes in a thermal power plant construction project in Maharashtra	US\$ 1.1bn	Korean state-owned enterprise	Singapore	SIAC
Dispute under an EPC contract for conversion of a mobile offshore drilling unit into a mobile offshore production unit	US\$265mn	Indian state-owned enterprise	India	Ad hoc
Dispute under a joint venture agreement of an upstream oil and gas company with assets in India, Nigeria, and Myanmar	US\$191mn	Indian oil and gas companies	Singapore	SIAC
Dispute of a Qatari HNI in under a settlement agreement for relinquishing his shares in a multinational oil and gas enterprise	US\$130mn	DIFC-based venture capital firms	London	DIAC
Disputes under an EPC contract for construction of a biofuel plant in the Philippines	US\$100mn	Australian employer	Singapore	SIAC
Dispute under a consortium agreement for a rig conversion project	US\$100mn	Abu Dhabi shipyard	Singapore	SIAC
Disputes under an investment agreement for alleged misrepresentations and fraud against an Indian media company	US\$ 60mn	Hong Kong bank	Singapore	SIAC
Disputes under a shareholders' agreement for breach of non-compete and diminishing equity value	US\$ 25mn	Former management and Indian equipment distributor companies	India	Ad-hoc
Dispute of a Canadian national related to a cryptocurrency arbitrage fraud	US\$ 25mn	American cryptocurrency exchange	New York	JAMS
Disputes of an American private equity, under an investment agreement, for breach of the condition subsequent in terms of the agreement	US\$20mn	Indian real estate developer	India	Ad-hoc
Dispute of a Finnish sovereign bank for default in re-payment of loans	US\$20mn	Indian real estate borrower	Helsinki	FCC

LITIGATION FINANCE



- Representing a leading global litigation funder for its investment in an Indian portfolio concerning 10 mega infrastructure projects.
- Representing a multinational company to raise finance for a portfolio of disputes across their energy, resources, engineering, shipping and dredging divisions in Singapore, UK, UAE and India.
- Representing an energy company to raise finance for a billion-dollar dispute against a state-owned entity.
- Representing a sports broadcasting company to raise finance for a multi-million dollar dispute.
- Advising an English litigation funder on entry strategies into and structures for the Indian market.
- Representing a leading global litigation funder for its investment in a portfolio concerning 2 mega infrastructure projects in Saudi Arabia.
- Representing an Australian HNI investor to raise finance for his investment treaty dispute against a state entity.
- Representing a Canadian national to raise finance for his dispute against a leading cryptocurrency exchange.
- Representing an Indian multinational bank to raise finance for its recovery against various debtors.
- Representing an Indian public sector bank to raise finance for its recovery against various debtors.

LITIGATION – INTERNATIONAL



- Advising Singaporean companies in several civil and criminal disputes against local partners and coal mining and logistics company concerning fraud and diversion of business (Singapore High Court and Indonesian courts).
- Advising two Singaporean companies in a debt recovery proceeding by an Indian bank under a facility agreement (Singapore High Court).
- Advising a Mauritian fund in a litigation against LPs in a mismanagement action and other regulator enquires (Supreme Court of Mauritius).
- Advising an Indian investor in his dispute against the English joint venture partner with respect to his investment in an English bespoke jewellery designing software company (UK High Court, Queen's Bench Commercial Division).
- Advising an Indian company in an insurance litigation against an Indian underwriter under a hull and machinery insurance policy (UK High Court, Queen's Bench Division).
- Advising a Singaporean company in a charter party dispute against an Italian company (Singapore High Court).
- Advising an Indian company in their dispute with an American law firm for non-payment of legal fees (US District Court, Massachusetts).
- Advising an Indian exporter in its dispute with a leading Singaporean supplier under a purchase agreement for cotton fibres (Singapore High Court).
- Advising an Indian Oil and Gas engineering company in construction dispute and guarantee enforcement litigation against a Abu Dhabi shipyard before courts in Abu Dhabi (Abu Dhabi Court of First Instance, Court of Appeal and Court of Cassation).
- Advising an Indian engineering company in a bank guarantee injunction litigation against a Turkish employer (Commercial Court, Istanbul Court).
- Advising and Indian Company in a bank guarantee recovery litigation against an Abu Dhabi Bank (DIFC, Dubai).
- Advising three Indonesian and two Singapore companies in a series of loan default litigations against an Indian Bank's Singapore and DIFC branch (Jakarta District Court, Indonesia).

LITIGATION – INDIA

- Representing an American private equity and its American subsidiary in a litigation against bond holders of an Indian company, arising out of sale of assets by the Indian company to the US subsidiary (Bombay High Court).
- Representing a South-Korean sovereign bank in its dispute with respect to the wrongful invocation of a performance bank guarantee (Gujarat High Court).
- Representing an Indian oil & gas company in its dispute against a Singaporean services company under an MWD services' agreement for non-payment of monies (National Company Law Tribunal – Mumbai).
- Representing an Israeli company in an insolvency proceeding against an Indian creditor for non-payment of dues (National Company Law Tribunal – Delhi).
- Representing a German company and its Chinese and Indian subsidiaries in their dispute with an Indian company for alleged deficiency in supply of solar pumps (Jalgaon District Court).
- Representing a German company in their dispute with an Indian subsidiary of a German distillery for non-payment of contractual dues (Madras High Court).
- Representing a UAE aircraft services company in enforcement proceedings of a SIAC award against an Indian helicopter services company (Bombay High Court).
- Representing an international group in a local recovery proceeding against an Indian NBFC (Bombay High Court).
- Representing a Singapore company in relation to a fraud in purchasing assets through NCLT (National Company Law Tribunal – Mumbai).

FRAUD AND INVESTIGATION PRACTICE

Fraud Investigations

- Investigation on the Indonesian coal mining and logistic operations of a Singapore Company for fraud and diversion of business, and representing them in civil and criminal litigations arising from the investigations.
- Investigation on the oil and gas operations of a Singapore Company for fraud and diversion of business, and representing in them SIAC arbitration arising from the investigations.
- Investigations on a technology park for fraud and oppression on behalf of the minority shareholders.
- Investigations on an online-jewellery business and its promoter on behalf of the angel investors.
- Investigations on a cryptocurrency arbitrage fraud on behalf of an investor.

Corporate Scams

- Advising, one of the largest trading houses in the world in relation to the Rotomac scam in India.
- Advising a Mauritius private equity in relation to the Jagan Mohan Reddy scam in India.
- Advising an Indian national accused to be an accomplice in the Raj Rajaratnam scam in USA.
- Advising a whole-time director accused in the Satyam scam in India and related class-action proceedings in USA and UK.
- Advising a private equity firm in an investigation in connection with the 2G spectrum scam in India.

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The background is a dark, abstract composition of glowing green and blue patterns on the left, and a bright orange and white circular glow on the right. The overall effect is futuristic and digital.

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