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Nilang Desai has 15 years of experience and specialises in Restructuring & Insolvency. His practice focuses on a comprehensive range of domestic and international business reorganisation and restructuring matters. Nilang also represents various banks, financial institutions, multilateral, and bilateral institutions as well as Indian and offshore borrowers in connection with corporate and structured loan transactions and external commercial borrowings. With extensive cross border experience, Nilang has led highly complex structuring deals in collaboration with international lawyers. Nilang holds a Bachelor of Law from King's College, University of London and is qualified as a Solicitor in England and Wales.

Experience

- Partner, AZB & Partners (2015 – Present)

Key Practice Areas

- Banking & Finance
- Bankruptcy & Insolvency

Recent Work Highlights

- Essar Steel and Bhushan Steel on India's first non-performing debt acquisition transactions by international distressed assets funds using the 'rent-an-arc' route
- GTL Infra on India's first control (loan-to-own) trades by international distressed assets funds
- Bharati Defence for India's first credit bid in an IBC process
- DHFL & Jet Airways on India's first insolvency process for a (i) financial institutional; and (ii) aviation company
- Various clients on large special situation and restructuring processes, including Altico, GTL Infra, RCom, Matix Fertilisers, Jindal Power & Steel, GMR Infra, Bhushan Power & Steel, Hindustan National Glass, BGPPL, and Jayaswal Neco

Directorships, Memberships & Affiliations

- Law Society of England & Wales (2008)
- Bar Council of Maharashtra & Goa (2005)

Professional Qualifications

- Solicitor, England & Wales (2008)
 - Bachelor of Laws, King's College, London, University of London (2005)
 - Chartered Accountant, Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (2002)
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Ranked as 'Band 1' (2021 - 2022) and Recognized (2020) for Restructuring & Insolvency by Chambers & Partners Asia-Pacific

Recognized as a 'Distinguished practitioner' for Restructuring & Insolvency by Asialaw Profiles (2022)

Leading Lawyer (2020 - 2021) for Banking & Finance, Next Generation Partner (2020 - 2021) and Recommended Lawyer for Restructuring & Insolvency (2020) by Legal 500 Asia Pacific

'Highly Regarded' for Banking & Finance and Restructuring & Insolvency by IFLR1000 (2020 - 2022)

Recommended Lawyer for Corporate / M&A and Shipping by the RSG Report (2015)
