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*With 17 years' of experience, Suresh Varanasi specialises in International Trade and Taxation, with a focus on Indirect Taxes – Service Tax, Excise, VAT, Goods and Services Tax, Customs and Foreign Trade Policy. With over 20 years' experience, Suresh regularly advises multinational clients from an array of industries, including IT & ITES, Consumer Durables, Food & Beverages, Retail, Aviation, Pharmaceuticals, Chemicals, Banks & Financial Institutions, Insurance and Manufacturing.*

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### Experience

- Partner, AZB & Partners (2009 – Present)

### Key Practice Area/Sector

- Taxation

### Recent Key Matters – Tax Investigation Advisory

- L'Oreal India Limited on various tax issues to establish a new manufacturing set up in excise free zones, state industrial policy incentives and regulations, central excise laws, GST laws and other legal and tax considerations
- Cadbury / Kraft Foods / Mondelez on excise duty incentives/exemptions under excise laws and state industrial policies including the review of manufacturing facilities and litigation strategy
- Markem-Imaje, a Dover Corporation Company on the import of special chemicals into India, including Foreign Trade Policy, Customs, GST and various other laws and regulations
- Nova Scotia Bank on the import of gold into India under specific exemption schemes for domestic supply and exports, concerning customs, foreign trade policy and litigation strategy
- Royal Canin India on the import, valuation, investigation from Customs, strategy on litigation and resolution

### Directorships, Memberships & Affiliations

- Bar Council of Delhi (2010)

### Professional Qualifications

- Masters in Business Administration (International Business), Indian Institute of Foreign Trade, Delhi (2008)
- Bachelor of Law, University of Delhi (2004)
- Associate Company Secretary, Institute of Company Secretaries of India (1998)
- Bachelor of Commerce, University of Delhi (1996)

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*Recommended Lawyer for Tax by Legal 500 Asia Pacific (2023)*

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