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With over 24 years of experience, Rajendra Barot heads the Firm's Dispute Resolution practice. Rajendra has advised and represented clients in institutional and ad-hoc arbitrations seated in and outside India. He has appeared in various fora, including the Supreme Court and several High Courts across India, on corporate commercial disputes, enforcement, and challenge petitions for arbitration (domestic, international and BIT) awards, monetary suits, administrative writs, maritime law disputes, insolvency laws, intellectual property disputes and regulatory & securities law matters. Rajendra has advised leading global PE Funds, MNCs, insurance companies and global leaders in the telecom and mining sectors. He also advises clients on asset tracing exercises, forensic investigations and white-collar crime matters. Additionally, Rajendra has advised insurance companies, particularly in the life insurance, non-life insurance and health insurance spaces, on their India entry strategies.

Experience

- Partner, AZB & Partners (2004 – Present)

Key Practice Areas / Sectors

- Compliance & Investigation / White-Collar Crime
- Corporate / Mergers & Acquisitions
- Dispute Resolution
- Regulatory & Securities
- Restructuring & Insolvency
- Insurance

Recent Work Highlights

- Tata Sons on its dispute against Docomo in the LCIA Arbitration seated in London
- The Reserve Bank of India on several IBC related matters
- Global large insurance companies on their investments in Indian insurance companies, including Munich Re, Sompo Japan, Ageas and so on
- National Stock Exchange on regulatory matters, including internal investigations, regulatory investigations, and general corporate advisory
- Large Port Operators on their disputes against Port Trusts
- HSBC Private Equity on its dispute against Avitel Studioz, where the Supreme Court explained the issue of arbitrability of questions of fraud

Directorships, Memberships & Affiliations

- Bombay Incorporated Law Society (1998)
- Bar Council of Maharashtra & Goa (1994)

Professional Qualifications

- Solicitor, India (1998)
- Bachelor of Law, University of Bombay (1994)

Ranked as a 'Band 1' for Arbitration (2021 – 2024), Dispute Resolution (2022 – 2024) and Ranked for Dispute Resolution (2021) by Chambers Global

Ranked for Dispute Resolution (Litigation & Arbitration) by Chambers & Partners Global (2015 – 2020)

Ranked as a 'Band 1' for Dispute Resolution (Litigation & Arbitration) by Chambers Asia-Pacific (2022 – 2024)

Recognized as a 'Leading Individual' for Dispute Resolution (Litigation & Arbitration) by Chambers Asia-Pacific (2015 – 2021)

Recognized as a 'Litigation Star of the Year' by Benchmark Litigation Asia Pacific (2020 – 2023)

Awarded 'Lawyer of the Year-India' at the Benchmark Litigation Asia-Pacific Awards (2019 – 2020)

Recognized as 'Leading Lawyer' for Dispute Resolution (Litigation) (2023 – 2024) and Dispute Resolution (Arbitration) (2021 – 2022) and Recommended for Aviation (2022), Insurance (2020 – 2024), Dispute Resolution (Arbitration) (2023 – 2024), Dispute Resolution (Litigation) (2021 – 2022) and White Collar Crime (2024) by Legal 500 Asia Pacific

Recognized as 'Notable Practitioner' for Restructuring & Insolvency by IFLR1000 (2021 – 2023)

'Recommended' for Litigation by the RSG India Report (2019)

Ranked as one of India's best disputes lawyers by Asian Legal Business India (2020)

Featured in IBLJ's 'A-List of India's Top 100 Lawyers' (2019 – 2022)

Recognized as an 'Elite Practitioner' for Dispute Resolution (2020 – 2024) and Insurance (2020) and a 'Market Leading Lawyer' for Dispute Resolution and Litigation (2016, 2018 & 2019) by Asialaw Profiles

Named a Leading Lawyer Champion for Dispute Resolution (Arbitration & Litigation) in the Legal Era Leading Lawyer Rankings (2022 - 2023)
