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Sarah Jayne Rufus, Partner in the Mumbai office, is part of the Aviation, Mergers & Acquisitions, and Banking & Finance team.

Experience

- Partner (2023 – Present)

Key Practice Areas

- Aviation
- Mergers & Acquisitions, Joint Ventures
- Banking and Finance
- Disputes

Recent Work Highlights

- Negotiating purchase agreements with manufacturers of airframes, engines, other parts and components, and maintenance agreements with various service providers
- Advised a consortium of international banks in relation to pre-delivery payment financing for an Indian airline
- Overseas acquisitions by Indian steel, aluminium, chemical, coal companies
- Various strategic and private equity investors on transactions in real estate, telecom infrastructure, retail, textile, tyre manufacturing, information technology and alcoholic beverage sectors
- A consortium of Indian lenders on credit facilities for a cargo berth in Gujarat
- A leading Indian bank in a loan facility for a container terminal at the Chennai Port
- A consortium of foreign lenders on ECB to an irrigation systems company
- Aviation disputes including lease defaults, repossession of aircraft, redelivery disputes, service-related deficiencies, settlement agreements
- Settlement of claims between non-residents and Indian JV partners of telecommunications and media companies
- Listed beverage company in non-compete payment litigation before the Securities Appellate Tribunal

Memberships

- Bar Council of Delhi (2003)

Professional Qualifications

- Bachelor of Law, Symbiosis Law School, 2003

'Leading Partner' for Aviation by Legal 500 Asia Pacific (2026)

Recognized as 'Notable practitioner' for Banking & Finance by Asialaw Profiles (2026)

Recommended for Aviation by Legal 500 Asia Pacific (2024 – 2025)