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Asif Ahmed has over 13 years of experience and specializes in Dispute Resolution in various practice areas with a particular focus on White Collar Crime, domestic and international commercial arbitration and commercial litigation. Asif has acted as a defence counsel for both domestic and international clients in investigations and criminal trials arising out of various laws such as Prevention of Money Laundering Act 2002, Foreign Exchange Management Act 1999, Prevention of Corruption Act 1988.

Asif has also acted for clients in many high profile domestic and international commercial arbitration, both institutional and ad-hoc with proceedings seated in India and abroad. In addition, Asif also provides counsel to social media intermediaries on compliance with law enforcement requests under various regulatory statutes such as Information Technology Act 2000.

Experience

- Partner, AZB & Partners (2025 – Present)

Key Practice Areas / Sectors

- Compliance & Investigation / White-Collar Crime
- Competition/ Antitrust
- Dispute Resolution
- Restructuring & Insolvency
- E-Commerce & Retail
- FinTech & Digital
- Infrastructure
- Technology, Media & Telecommunications

Recent Work Highlights

- Amway India - In multiple criminal proceedings and trials pending in the state of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh for alleged offences under Indian Penal Code 1860 and Prize Chits and Money Circulation Scheme (Banning) Act 1978. Also representing the company in attachment proceeding and trial under Prevention of Money Laundering Act 2002
- BSR & Associates LLP - In various matters before the Bombay High Court, NCLT, NCLAT and Ld. Sessions Court (SFIO), in various actions (both civil and criminal) arising out of the proceedings initiated by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs as well as criminal investigation by Serious Fraud Investigation Office (SFIO) into the affairs of IL&FS and its subsidiaries
- PricewaterhouseCoopers Private Limited - In proceedings arising out of alleged violation of Foreign Exchange Management Act 2002 and Regulations framed thereunder before the Appellate Tribunal (FEMA) New Delhi and before the Calcutta High Court
- Amazon - In various matters before the Supreme Court of India, Delhi High Court and Karnataka High Court in actions arising out of an investigation by Competition Commission of India
- Technique Solaire - Successfully represented the French Company in a SIAC-administered emergency arbitration seated in Singapore in a multi-contract M&A dispute in obtaining an Emergency Award

restraining the counter-parties from creating third party rights/interests in the assets and securities of the Target Companies

- Google – Successfully represented Google before the Calcutta High Court in a writ petition filed a regional streaming app seeking a direction for an RBI investigation against Google for alleged contraventions of Payment and Settlement Systems Act 2007. Also successfully represented Google in a parallel civil suit in which both the Commercial Court and the Calcutta High Court refused to grant any injunction against Google

Directorships, Memberships & Affiliations

- Bar Council of Delhi (2013)
- Member, Steering Committee, Young Mumbai Centre of International Arbitration (YMCIA)

Professional Qualifications

- B.A.,LL.B (Hons.), School of Law, Christ University, Bangalore, (2013)
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