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Asif Ahmed has over 12 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

- Counsel, AZB & Partners (2025 – Present)

Key Practice Areas / Sectors

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

Recent Work Highlights

- Multinational Smartphone Manufacturing Company - In a criminal investigation and trial for the offence of money laundering under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act 2002 in which the arrest of 3 officers of the company (including acting-CEO, CFO and a consultant) have been declared as illegal by the Trial Court.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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

- Promoter / Founder of a Technology Startup - In a Singapore-seated SIAC arbitration against a French Company and its Indian subsidiary in a dispute arising out of acquisition of a revolutionary data integration software developed by the founder of a technology startup. Successfully represented the client before the Telangana High Court in securing a first of its kind order for "litigation hold" or preservation of evidence against the French Company and its Indian subsidiary during the pendency of the arbitration proceeding.
- English Infrastructure Company – In a USD 400 million claim against a Chinese company in Singapore-seated SIAC arbitration governed by English Law and arising out of a dispute under Equipment Supply and Services Contract for the supply of and services of Boilers, Turbines and Generators in an Ultra Mega Thermal Power Plant in India.

Directorships, Memberships & Affiliations

- Bar Council of Delhi (2013)

Professional Qualifications

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