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Rajendra Barot, Senior Partner is part of the Mumbai office and has been a partner of the Firm since its inception. Rajendra has over 32 years of experience over a diverse range of practices, including advising clients on resolution of disputes spanning across corporate commercial disputes, arbitrations seated in India and outside India and related court proceedings, insolvency matters, white collar crime advisory, forensic investigations, enforcement of negative covenants; Corporate/M&A primarily in Insurance space and General Advisory. He has assisted multinational corporations, private equity houses, high net worth individuals, leading insurance companies and infrastructure companies.

Experience

- Partner, AZB & Partners (2004 – Present)

Key Practice Areas / Sectors

- Compliance & Investigation / White-Collar Crime
- Dispute Resolution
- Regulatory & Securities
- Insurance
- Energy

Recent Work Highlights

- HSBC Private Equity in its ongoing dispute with Avitel Studios. The matter required assisting the client in multiple fora including the Supreme Court of India
- Assisted a nominee director of a leading private equity house in relation to quashing of lookout circular issued against him
- Assisted engine suppliers in relation to ongoing disputes with airline operators
- Banyan Tree in relation to its arbitration seated in Singapore against one of its portfolio companies, enforcement of the foreign award where issues under Securities Contracts Regulation Act, Foreign Exchange Management Act, stamping of documents and scope of enforcing court was decided in favour of Banyan Tree
- Aapico Group in relation to multi-jurisdictional disputes with entities of the Sakthi Group inter alia concerning the control and management of Sakthi Auto Component Limited (“SACL”)
- WestBridge Capital in relation to its ongoing dispute with the other shareholder in its portfolio company that runs the platform Shaadi.com

Directorships, Memberships & Affiliations

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

Professional Qualifications

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

Ranked as a 'Band 1' for Dispute Resolution: Arbitration (2021 – 2026), Dispute Resolution (2022 – 2025) and Ranked for Dispute Resolution (2021 & 2026) 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 – 2026)

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 – 2026)

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

'Leading Partner' for Dispute Resolution (Litigation) and 'Recommended Lawyer' for Dispute Resolution (Arbitration), Insurance and White-Collar Crime by Legal 500 Asia Pacific (2025 – 2026)

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 – 2025)

Named among 'Asia Super 50 Dispute Lawyers' by Asian Legal Business (2025)

Recommended Lawyer for Arbitration by Lexology Index (2024)

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

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

Recognized in the India Business Law Journal A-List (2025 – 2026)

Featured in IBLJ's 'A-List of India's Top 100 Lawyers' (2019 – 2024)

Recognized as an 'Elite Practitioner' for Dispute Resolution (2020 – 2025) and Insurance (2020 & 2025) 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)
