

Designation: Founder & Managing Partner

Expertise: Private Equity & Venture Capital, Mergers & Acquisitions, Restructuring & Insolvency and Projects & Energy

Overview: Mr. Saraf has vast and rich experience in Mergers and Acquisitions, Restructuring & Insolvency, Projects, Energy & Infrastructure and Private Equity practice areas. He has advised major global and Indian companies and several large institutional clients such as global fund houses, sovereign funds, pension houses and hedge funds. Mr. Saraf has also worked closely with large domestic and international banks and lending houses.

He has extensive experience of over 26 years and has been the Corporate practice head at L&L Partners Law Offices (with whom he was associated for more than 26 years) and was also instrumental in setting up of the Firm. He is a member of the National Executive Committee of FICCI and a Co-Chair of the following FICCI Committees — Private Equity & Venture Capital Committee, Committee for Corporate Laws and the Stressed Assets Committee.

Mr. Saraf, has also conducted numerous training and orientation programmes for legal professionals including most recently, a 'Refresher course for Commercial Court Judges' organised by the National Judicial Academy, a Government of India training institute primarily for Judicial Officers, working in the Supreme Court and the High Courts, during their service. He has also conducted workshops at the National Judicial Academy, Bhopal, as a lead speaker on 'Construction & Infrastructure Contracts', organized for the benefit of the judges.

Awards and Recognitions: Mr. Saraf has been recognised amongst 'India Super 50 lawyers 2021' by Asian Legal Business; awarded 'M&A Lawyer of the Year' award by IFLR 1000 India 2020 and has been recommended as one of 'Asia's top 25 M&A lawyers'.

He is also a recipient of various national & international awards and has been consistently ranked as a 'Band 1' M&A lawyer in Who's Who Business Lawyers, 'Eminent Practitioner' Chambers Asia Leading Lawyers, 'Highly Regarded' by IFLR 1000, 'Leading individual' by Legal 500, 'Distinguished practitioner' by Asialaw. He is also consistently ranked amongst 'India's top 100 Lawyers' by IBLJ A-list 2016-2020.

Publications: Mr. Saraf has authored over 50 publications in various national & international journals and magazines- including most recently, working on a book titled 'Judicial Reforms: The Way Forward' unveiled by Mr. Ravi Shankar Prasad, Minister of Law and Justice of India. Mr. Saraf undertook the project along with two eminent co-authors - the retired judges of the Supreme Court of India, Mr. Justice Madan B Lokur and Mr. Justice Arjan Kumar Sikri.