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Practice | International Arbitration

Professional Memberships | Member of the Delhi Bar Council; Member of the New York Bar;

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Ila Kapoor is a Partner with the Firm's Dispute Resolution practice. She is based out of its Delhi office. Ila specializes in both foreign seated and domestic arbitrations. Ila has worked on international arbitrations under the auspices of ICSID, International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), International Center for Dispute Resolution (ICDR), American Arbitration Association (AAA), Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC) as well as UNCITRAL and other rules. She regularly appears and argues before arbitral tribunals and Indian courts to represent her clients in complex commercial transactions.

Ila is a member of various coveted associations including the New York Bar Association, Commercial Bar Association (COMbar) and Indian Arbitration Forum (IAF). She is often invited to speak at public events, seminars and conferences to share her expertise and insights. Some of her recent publications include:

- "An indelible stamp on arbitration", The Hindu Business Line, August 2021
- "Arbitration ordinance: Reopening the floodgates to litigation", Financial Express, December 2020
- "Please Mute Yourself: Cross-examinations in the new virtual reality", Bar and Bench, August 2020
- "COVID Lockdown: When you can't litigate, arbitrate", The Financial Express, May 2020
- "Is public policy back to haunt enforcement in India?", Global Arbitration Review, May 2020
- "Is there a difference between seat and venue under Indian law?", Global Arbitration Review, February 2020
- "A final solution to arbitration in India", Financial Express, 13 August 2019, (Co-Author)
- "Court appointment of arbitrators under India's 1996 Act: An overreaching approach?", Global Arbitration Review, 9 July 2019 (Co-Author)



Prior to joining the Firm, she was an associate at a leading international law firm in New York. She has interned at the Appellate Body, World Trade Organisation, Geneva, Switzerland and the International Court of Arbitration, International Chamber of Commerce, Paris, France.

Select Experience Statement

- Represents Hilton Worldwide Management Ltd in a dispute where the owner of Conrad Pune, a hotel being managed by Hilton, illegally suspended the operations of the Hotel and was successful in obtaining urgent interim relief before the Bombay High Court directing the owner to re-open the Hotel.
- Represents InterContinental Hotel Group (IHG), one of the leading hotel management companies, in various arbitrations against owners of Hotels across India.
- Representing InterContinental Hotel Group (IHG), in its proceedings against a hotel owner in Pune, including successfully arguing an application for emergency interim relief under SIAC Rules and obtaining a favourable order in favour of IHG, which has now been appealed before the High Court of Bombay.
- Successfully argued and represented a global hotel management company in an international arbitration administered by SIAC to obtain favourable award against an Indian hotel owner pertaining to disputes arising under hotel management agreement.
- Successfully argued and represented Mott MacDonald, an Indian subsidiary of a global engineering, management, and development consultancy company in an ad-hoc arbitration proceedings on disputes relating to design consultancy works.
- Represented a leading Korean power company in a SIAC arbitration proceeding against an Indian company relating to a JV Agreement for establishing a power plant in Maharashtra, India.
- Representing a leading South Korean Electric Utility company in an ad-hoc arbitration proceedings on dispute relating to operation and management of a power plant.
- Representing a leading Indian Tyre manufacturing company in ad hoc arbitration proceedings against
 an Indian conglomerate relating to breach of representation and warranties given under a share purchase
 agreement.
- Representing Reynders India, an Indian subsidiary of a leading group of companies specializing in label printing in an ad-hoc arbitration proceedings against the Indian subsidiary of a British multinational group of companies on disputes relating to a supply contract.
- Represented a major Korean construction and engineering company in an ad hoc arbitration on disputes relating to construction activities.
- Represented the Indian subsidiary and construction arm of a Korean headquartered multinational company, in an ad-hoc domestic arbitration against the employer who was an Indian builder.
- Represented OCI Corporation, a Korean green energy and chemical company in proceedings for enforcement of multiple arbitration awards passed by arbitral tribunals constituted under GAFTA.
- Represented a leading French multinational in the food & beverage industry, pertaining to a dispute under a JV entered into with an Indian company in an international arbitration under SIAC Rules.
- Represented Harbour Victoria Investment Holding Limited (HVIH), subsidiary of JP Morgan in enforcement proceedings of a foreign award (over INR 4000 million) obtained from an international arbitration under ICC Rules.