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English, Hindi

Payal Chandra is an independent practitioner with over a decade of experience with a primary focus civil, corporate and commercial disputes. She regularly represents clients in arbitrations, both *ad hoc* and institutional proceedings, and in litigation before various courts and tribunals in India.

Payal also advises clients, both corporates and individuals, on a broad range of disputes and issues, such as commercial / contractual disputes, shareholder disputes, white-collar crimes, licensing / distributorship agreements, blacklisting matters, joint venture disputes, insolvency matters, property disputes and succession matters.

Admitted to the Bar Council of Delhi in 2013**Career history**

Independent Practitioner	October 2017 – Present
Chamber of Mr. Ashim Sood, Advocate, Delhi	October 2017 – October 2021
Senior Associate, Trilegal, Delhi	April 2017 – August 2017
Associate, Trilegal, Delhi	June 2014 – March 2017
Associate, Chamber of Mr. Maninder Singh, Senior Advocate, Delhi	September 2013 – May 2014

Academic qualifications

LL.B, Campus Law Centre, Faculty of Law, University of Delhi	2013
Post Graduate Diploma in Medical Law and Ethics from National Law School of India University, Bangalore	2013
B.A. (Hons.) Applied Psychology, Gargi College, University of Delhi	2010

Articles and Publications

- *The Dichotomy of Special Courts: Contrasting the Companies Act and the IBC*, IndiaCorpLaw (30 March 2022); <https://indiacorplaw.in/2022/03/the-dichotomy-of-special-courts-contrasting-the-companies-act-and-the-ibc.html>
- *Breaking it down: the seat vs. venue conundrum* (20 June 2021); <https://bhargavikannan.in/2021/06/20/guest-post-breaking-it-down-the-seat-vs-venue-conundrum/>
- *How Our Legal System is Silently Promoting a Patriarchal Society*, LiveWire (17 June 2021); <https://livewire.thewire.in/gender-and-sexuality/how-our-legal-system-is-silently-promoting-a-patriarchal-society/>
- *Appointment of arbitrators under Section 11 by the Supreme Court: A time intensive phenomenon*, The SCC Online Blog (28 November 2020); <https://www.scconline.com/blog/post/2020/11/28/appointment-of-arbitrators-under-section-11-by-the-supreme-court-a-time-intensive-phenomenon/>
- *Arbitrability of Fraud Under the Indian Regime: A New Turn*, Centre for Alternative Dispute Resolution, RGNUL (6 November 2020); <https://rgnulcadr.wordpress.com/2020/11/06/arbitrability-of-fraud-under-the-indian-regime-a-new-turn/>
- Contributed to the Graphic Law Library published by Justice Adda in partnership with Hanns Seidel Foundation, India; <https://www.justiceadda.com/prohibition-of-manual-scavengers>; <https://www.justiceadda.com/rights-persons-disabilities-act>
- Contributed to the Justice Adda Primer Series on Empowering Indian MSMEs and Startups navigate the post Covid-19 legal landscape; <https://www.justiceadda.com/post/operations>
- Contributed to a comprehensive Child Rights Manual and a Manual on Constitutional Provisions on Right to Equality in collaboration with the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights which were published as per the mandate of the Commission in 2014; https://ncpcr.gov.in/view_file.php?fid=467

Representative experience:

- Successfully represented an international energy and water company against a leading Indian EPC contractor and its subsidiary in an arbitration under the SIAC rules on disputes under the terms of a share purchase agreement.
- Successfully represented a leading Indian multinational EPC company before the Delhi High Court in resisting a challenge to an arbitral award laid by a public sector company [Judgment dated 24 May 2023 in OMP (Comm) No. 146 of 2017; 2023 SCC OnLine Del 3611]. Currently also representing this company in other proceedings related to this award, including execution.
- Successfully represented the Indian subsidiary of a French company engaged in the thermal transfer ribbons business in defending arbitral proceedings under the rules of the Delhi International Arbitration Centre in relation to a business transfer agreement.
- Represented a global dehumidification solutions company in an arbitration under the SIAC rules on disputes arising out of a technology licensing agreement. The award is currently awaited.
- Representing a hydro-electric power generation special purpose vehicle in proceedings before the Delhi High Court challenging an arbitral award against it.
- Represented a French power generation company and its Indian subsidiaries in proceedings relating to undervalued transactions under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016.
- Assisted in, and represented, a non-banking financial institution in an appeal before the Ministry of Finance challenging the cancellation of its license by the Reserve Bank of India.
- Currently acting as Senior Legal Consultant for Justice Adda, a social enterprise, which includes drafting and advising on the website terms of use, privacy policy, company policies, terms of consultancy contracts, etc.
- Acting as Legal Advisor for ForeC SNAPP Infra Private Limited, an infrastructure-sector consultancy firm.
- Successfully represented and assisted in a writ petition challenging a blacklisting order before the Delhi High Court [Judgment dated 6 July 2020 in WP(C) No. 10740 of 2019].
- Currently representing an individual in a commercial suit before the Commercial Court, Karkardooma District Courts, Delhi. This includes successful representation in the leave to defend application and in challenges before the Delhi High Court [(2022) 287 DLT 294] and [Judgment dated 16 April 2021 in CRP No. 31 of 2021].
- Successfully represented the employees of a leading Indian EPC company before the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal in an appeal against an insolvency order [2019 SCC OnLine NCLAT 148].
- Represented a leading Indian transmission line and EPC company in proceedings challenging an arbitral award including successful representation on the scope of a moratorium under insolvency laws to these proceedings [246 (2018) DLT 485].
- Successfully represented a high net-worth former non-executive director of a company in a dispute with the creditor on non-payment of dues before the Punjab & Haryana High Court.
- Successfully represented a major Japanese power generation company and its Indian subsidiaries and assisted in proceedings before the Madras High Court in disputes arising under the terms of a joint venture agreement.
- Represented a company in a suit for injunction and damages against its former partners before the Delhi High Court.
- Representing clients in suits (civil and commercial) and other proceedings and advising on several contractual and commercial matters including insolvency matters, arbitration related issues, etc.
- Advising an individual on contractual matters in relation to the aviation sector.

*Client name withheld due to confidentiality.