

Ankoosh K Mehta

Partner Dispute Resolution & White-Collar Crime



Ankoosh has advisory and litigation experience of over 16 years with focus on corporate and commercial disputes and white collar crime litigation. He has advised domestic and international clients on a variety of contractual disputes, notably related to infrastructure and construction sectors, employment disputes, real estate, insolvency and private client practice related litigation. Additionally, he focuses on the white collar crimes practice and has advised and represented clients in criminal proceedings before various central and state government authorities and investigative agencies.

White Collar Crime Relevant Experience:

- Represented a U.K. based company, its Indian subsidiary and the directors of the Indian subsidiary in connection with criminal actions initiated by the Ex-Managing Director of the Indian Subsidiary, including cyber offences and offences relating to allegations of backdated share transfers.
- Representing one of the retailers of a leading e-commerce company in investigations being carried out by government and regulatory bodies, specifically the sales tax department (Value Added Tax)
- Advising a leading Indian energy company, its foreign subsidiary and employees in connection with an investigation initiated by the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence relating to foreign exchange violations.
- Advised and represented an Indian insurance company in initiating actions before the cyber crimes cell in relation to the theft of confidential data by an ex-employee regarding the policies of customers of the insurance company.
- Advised a leading accountancy firm with respect to investigations initiated by the Economic Offences Wing in relation to the financial reports made by the client for a listed company under investigation for corporate fraud.
- Representing a US social networking site in defending various prosecutions alleging violations of various

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Qualifications:

- LL.M, Mumbai University, India, 2002
- LL.B, Mumbai University, India, 2000

Membership:

- Bar Council of Maharashtra and Goa, India
- □ Bombay Incorporate Laws Society, India
- [¬] Solicitor, 2020

provisions of the Indian Penal Code relating to defamation, obscenity, outraging and insulting religious feelings, beliefs of class of persons

- Represented and compounded prosecution of a US Company, its Indian subsidiary and its Directors for alleged violations of the requirements under the Companies Act and various state employment legislations.
- Represented a US Bank and its CEO in respect of an alleged violation under the Foreign Exchange and Regulation Act, 1973.
- Advised and represented a U.K. based bank, its Indian branch and senior officials of the Bank in connection with investigations by the Central Bureau of Investigation, Jodhpur into certain suspect transactions carried out by the Bank.
- Acted for a Japanese company and its Indian subsidiary in relation to the hacking of emails leading to allegations of fraud in relation to certain transactions carried out through such hacked emails.
- ¬ Advised an Italian Company and its Indian subsidiary in relation to the criminal misappropriation of the official email address of the Indian company by an ex-employee of the Indian company.
- Advising an oil and gas company in relation to alleged contraventions of FEMA, compounding of such offences and investigations being carried out by the Directorate of Enforcement, Mumbai.
- Advising and representing a leading music company in investigation and adjudication proceedings under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002, in relation to the alleged non-payment of certain royalties under the Copyright Act, 1957, and representing the client before the Adjudicating Authority under the PMLA, in relation to proceedings on the retention of seized documents.
- Advising an alcoholic beverages manufacturing company in relation to criminal proceedings arising out of an investment by clients in a beverage distribution company in India, against the directors of such company and the other shareholders.
- ¬ Advising a leading public sector bank in various criminal complaints filed by and against the client for matters relating to non-payment of loans, defrauding the client, theft of assets, etc.
- Representing and advising an individual purchaser in filing criminal complaints before the Economic Offences Wing, Mumbai against a builder for non-refund of the sale consideration due to delayed delivery of a flat.
- Advising and representing the trustees of a charitable trust in anticipatory bail applications before the Bombay High Court in relation to a criminal complaint filed by landlords of a property alleging forgery of a lease deed.
- Advised a leading multi-national industrial manufacturing and technology solutions company in relation to raids conducted by income-tax authorities at their offices and factories.
- Advised a leading multi-national logistics and supply chain solutions company in relation to a dawn raid conducted by income-tax authorities at their offices in relation to alleged violations of transfer pricing norms and TDS non-compliances.
- Successfully advised and represented a partner of a firm in obtaining anticipatory bail before the Bombay High Court in relation to a complaint filed by the other partners on grounds of cheating, fraud and criminal breach of trust.
- Advising a leading public sector bank in India in relation to criminal actions that can be taken against borrowers whose accounts have been categorized as fraud account, including initiating actions before the Central Bureau of Investigation, Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Institute of Chartered Accountants of India, etc.
- Advising the Indian subsidiary of an Italian company in relation to a fraud committed by its employee and Customs House Agent through fabrication of Custom records and filing criminal complaints in this regard.

- Advising and representing a client in relation to a complaint filed under Section 138 of the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881 before the trial court in Mumbai.
- Advising and representing a client in relation to filing a petition before the Gujarat High Court and successfully obtaining an order for police protection against local elements threatening to injure the employees and damage the premises of the client's factory.
- [¬] Advising an Abu Dhabi based bank in investigation initiated by Enforcement Directorate against its employee.
- Advising a leading financial institution in relation to filing a petition before the Telangana High Court and successfully obtaining an interim stay order against the complainant borrower.
- Advising a leading consumer goods company in filing petitions before the Bombay High Court, in matters relating to the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 and successfully obtaining an interim stay order on the criminal proceedings in the lower court.
- Advising a multinational pharmaceutical company with respect to an ongoing criminal investigation arising from complaints with respect to their medical devices.