



**MUMBAI  
CENTRE  
FOR INTERNATIONAL  
ARBITRATION**

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**2023**



# CEO'S MESSAGE

2023 saw some interesting shifts in the way that India and as a consequence Indian business houses, lawyers and Institutions are perceived globally. There is a frantic push to understand and engage with the Indian legal community given the favorable economic macros and political stability India has demonstrated in an otherwise extremely challenging global environment.

From inception, MCIA has been holding roadshows across the world, and while there has always been support and interest in our activities, we were largely clubbed with the 'emerging markets' bucket. Over the past year however, we have seen a stark difference; every jurisdiction that MCIA has held roadshows in has seen focused interest in India, with often multiple events surrounding an India only theme. This has also reflected in a jump in interest and participation at our annual flagship event - India ADR week.

As India's premier arbitral institution, we are duty bound to ensure consistent, transparent, and effective case administration to a standard that is acceptable internationally. To that extent, MCIA's growth this year has been on par with last year in terms of new case filings, with a total value in excess of Rs. 300 crores.

Our commitment to diversity stands with women arbitrators making up 47% of all arbitrator appointments in 2023. Emergency arbitrations that have been filed under the MCIA Rules, have been completed within 14 days, and upheld when challenged in the courts. We have ensured consistency of output with 93% of all arbitrations completing within 18 months, with none being set aside by the courts - the same as the previous year.

The MCIA has always pushed to build a broader eco system for arbitration in India, and to that effect, the MCIA launched the tribunal secretary program this year. The program saw an overwhelming response, and we hope to encourage the practice of appointing tribunal secretaries in matters that deem it fit.

2023 has been an extremely encouraging year, and through this report you will find details our progress.



Founder & CEO  
Madhukeshwar Desai

# HIGHLIGHTS

- MCIA **received 23 new matters in 2023**, of which 87 % were from matters where both parties were domestic and 13 % from matters where either or both parties were international.
- **95%** of the MCIA administered matters arose from contracts containing an 'organic' MCIA Arbitration clause
- Keeping with our commitment to diversity, **47% of all arbitrators appointed by MCIA** are women.
- MCIA received its 3rd Emergency Arbitration Application in 2023. As stipulated under the MCIA Rules, **an order was passed in less than 14 days** from the date of application
- The third annual India ADR Week 2023 was held between 9th to 14th October 2023. The week witnessed **37 sessions across three cities**; Bengaluru, Mumbai and Delhi. It saw the confluence of leaders from across the world in arbitration, mediation and ODR.
- MCIA conducted its **first Tribunal Secretary Training Program** in Mumbai and Delhi during the India ADR Week, 2023. This was a first of its kind in India, which witnessed the participation of young practitioners and trainers from around the world for the two-day Program
- In furtherance to MCIA's commitment to strengthen and promote ADR around the globe, **MCIA organised road shows in 5 jurisdictions**; London, Paris, Singapore, Germany and Japan
- Young MCIA continues to **promote ADR among young practitioners** through different initiatives. The YMCIA Steering Committee was announced for the term 2023-2025

# MCIA COUNCIL MEMBERS



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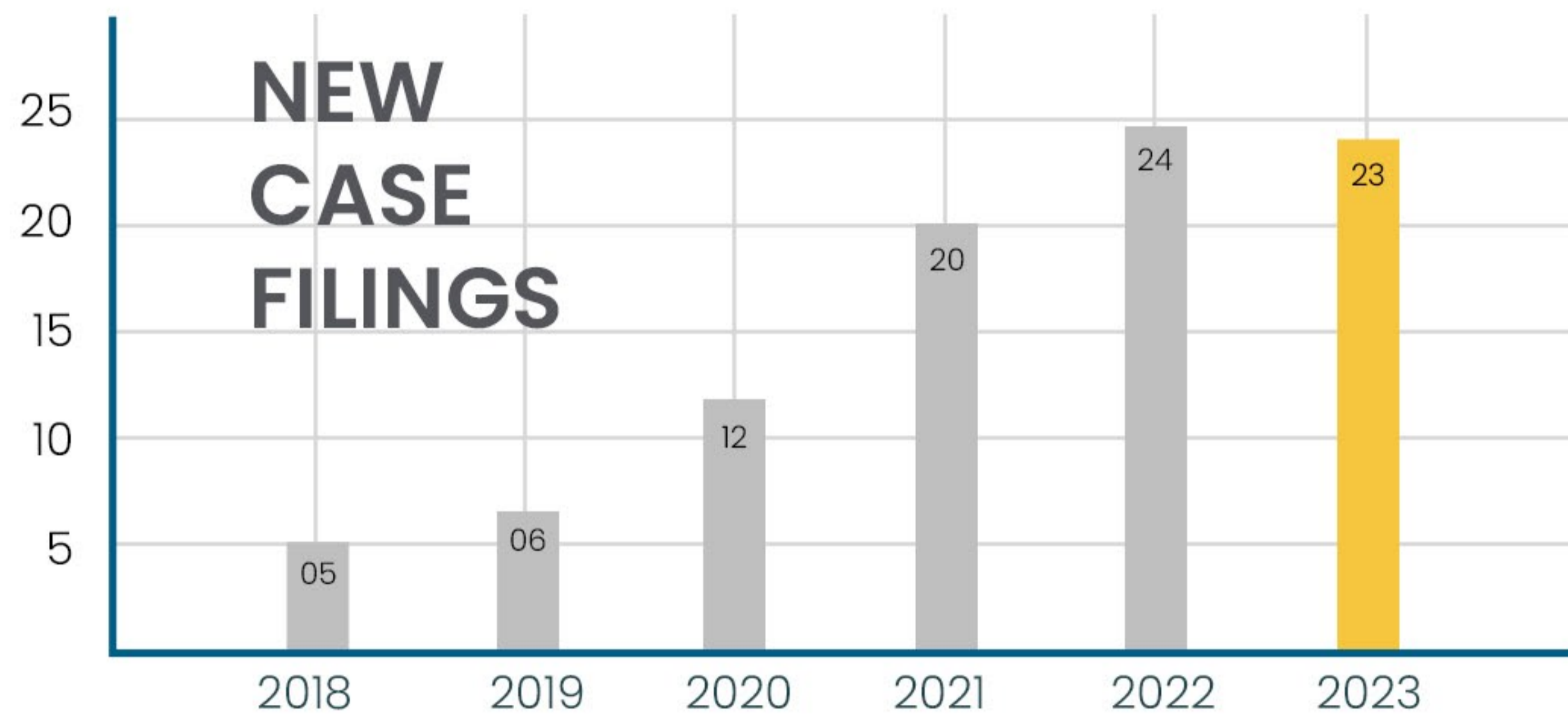


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# MCIA CASE MANAGEMENT: 2023 AT A GLANCE



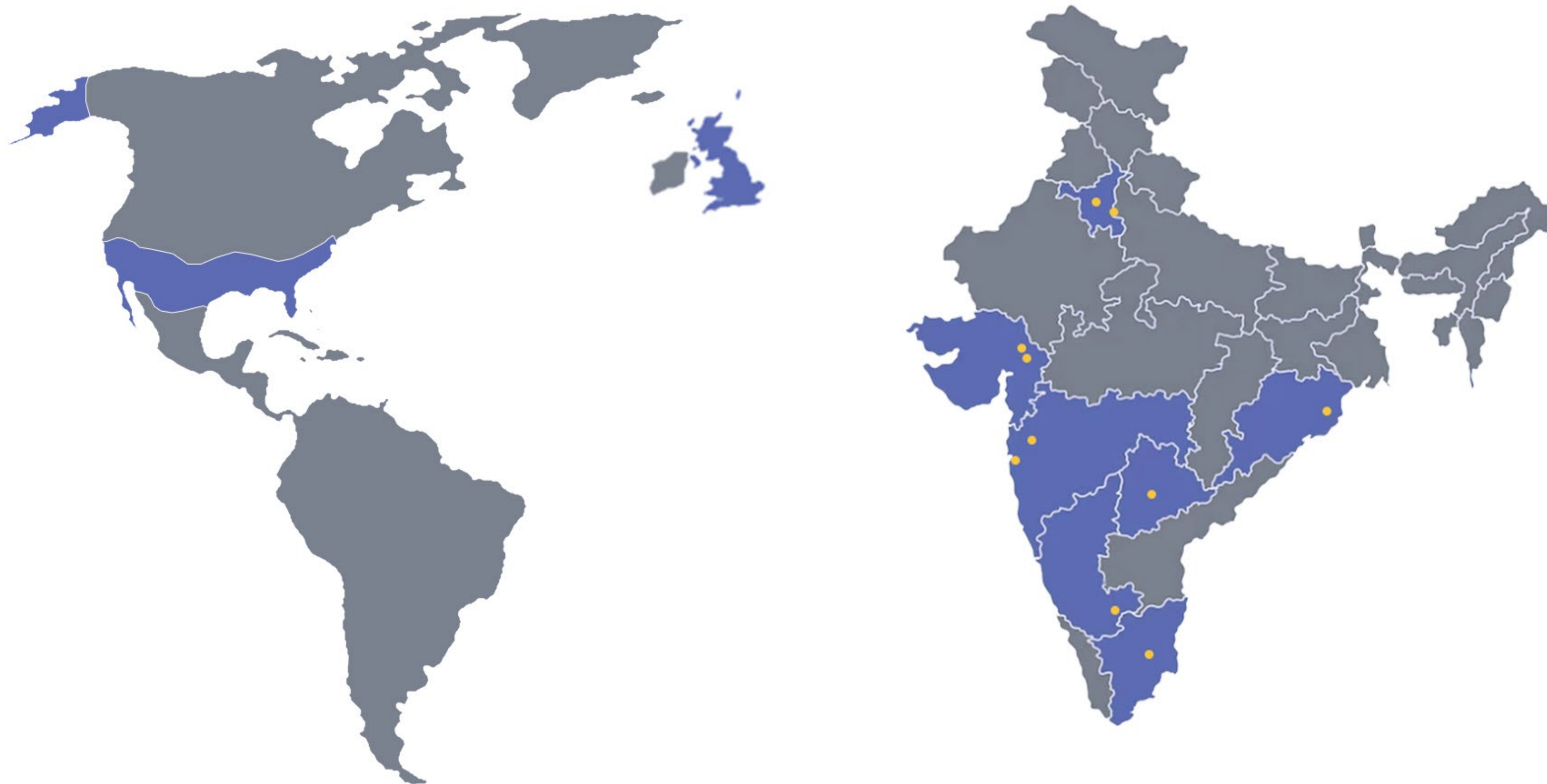
**83**  
Cases  
Administered  
Since Inception

**47%**  
Women  
Arbitrators  
Appointed

**4** Expedited  
Procedure Applications  
Received in 2023

**3<sup>rd</sup>** Emergency Arbitration  
Application Received  
In 2023 : Order Passed In  
Less Than 14 Days

## MCIA MATTERS RECEIVED FROM A WIDE RANGE OF JURISDICTIONS



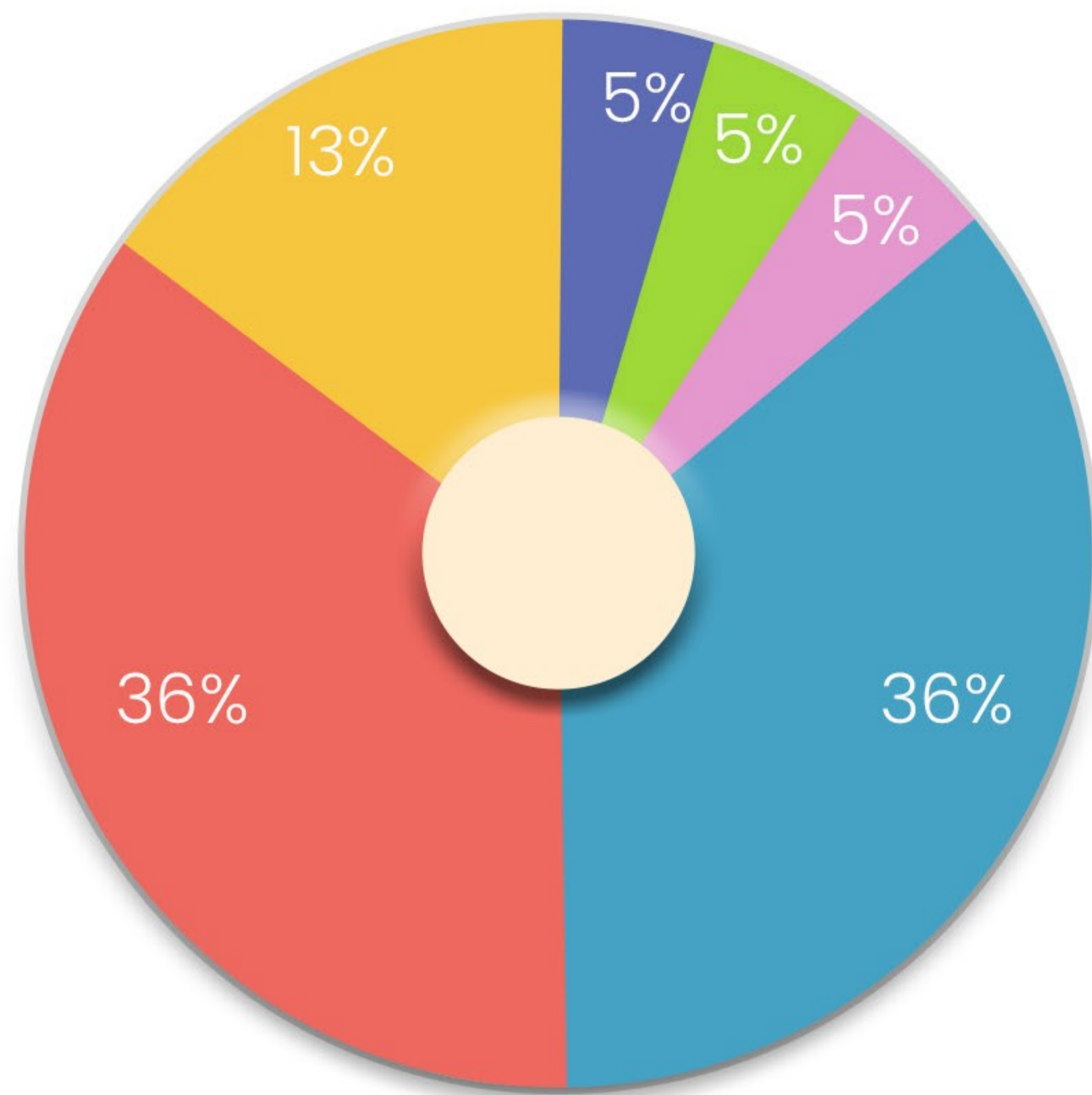
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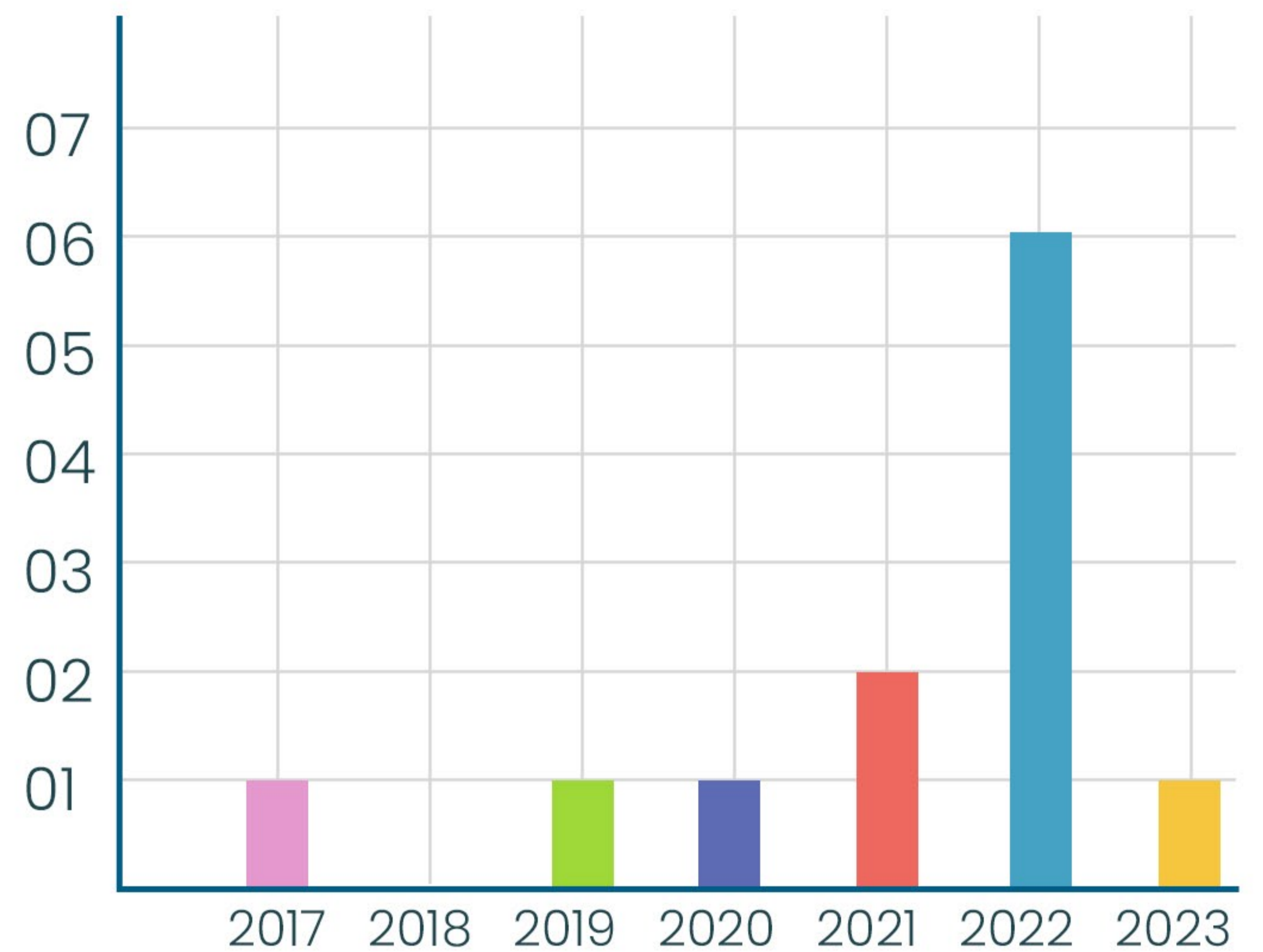
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# MCIA CASE MANAGEMENT: 2023 AT A GLANCE

## CATEGORY OF DISPUTES



## CASES REFERRED FROM INDIAN COURTS



**93%** of matters completed within an 18 month timeline, with no arbitral award being set aside.

Arbitrators appointed by the MCIA from the following jurisdictions

Mumbai	8
Delhi	7
Bengaluru	2
Belgium	1
London	1

# EVENTS

## INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL ARBITRATION: THE DAWN OF A NEW AGE

Ahmedabad,  
22 April 2023

MCIA in collaboration with Gujarat High Court Arbitration Centre and Gujarat High Court Advocates' Association organised a full day conference on International Commercial Arbitration in Ahmedabad on 22 April 2023 at Hyatt, Ahmedabad.

The event consisted of a plenary session, followed by four sessions revolving around Arbitration.

Hon'ble Mr. Justice M.R. Shah (Retd.), Judge, Supreme Court of India, Hon'ble Mr. Justice A.J. Desai, Former Acting Chief Justice, Gujarat High Court, Kamal Trivedi, Advocate General of Gujarat High Court and Devang Vyas, Additional Solicitor General, Gujarat High Court graced the occasion with their presence.

The event witnessed an overwhelming response of more than 200 participants including former Judges of the Supreme Court, sitting and former Judges of the Gujarat High Court, Senior Advocates, international counsels and arbitrators, advocates from Gujarat, quantum valuation and technical experts, engineers and surveyors, chartered accountants, technology service providers in arbitral proceedings, and enthusiastic young practitioners and students.



# INDIA ADR WEEK 2023

## Bengaluru, Mumbai and New Delhi, 9-14 October 2023

The MCIA organised the third India ADR Week in 2023, an event spread over 6 days (October 9-14, 2023), and across 37 sessions in Bengaluru, Mumbai and New Delhi. This was the first in-person edition of the IAW, which witnessed sessions commencing from 8 a.m. till 7:00 p.m. followed by drinks and dinner.

The event saw a participation of over 700 participants and 35 Indian and International law firms. The week was supported by over 30 organisations. The inaugural message was delivered by Zia Mody, Founder and Managing Partner, AZB & Partners, and Mr. Constantine Partasides, King's Counsel, Partner, Three Crowns LLP.

Hon'ble Mr. Justice Prasanna B. Varale, Chief Justice, High Court of Karnataka delivered the Keynote address in Bengaluru. In Mumbai, the Keynote address was delivered by Hon'ble Mr. Justice Devendra Kumar Upadhyaya, Chief Justice, High Court of Bombay. In Delhi, the Keynote address was delivered by the Chief Guest, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Ravindra Bhat, Judge, Supreme Court of India. The Guest of Honour was Hon'ble Mr. Justice S. Muralidhar, Former Chief Justice, High Court of Orissa. The Keynote address for the Closing and Valedictory ceremony of the IAW 2023 was delivered by Hon'ble Mr. Justice Vikram Nath, Judge, Supreme Court of India. The Guest of Honour was Mr. Tushar Mehta, Solicitor General of India.

The discussions during the sessions revolved around arbitration, mediation, ODR, AI and Block chain in arbitration, third-party funding, besides others. An exhaustive list of the panels and speakers for the ADR week can be found in the annexure below.

For more details please visit [www.adrweek.in](http://www.adrweek.in)





# YOUNG MCIA ACTIVITIES

The Young MCIA Steering Committee has organised events and webinars to promote discussion and debate among its members and those interested in arbitration.

The Young MCIA continues to gain traction from young professionals and law students. The following events were organised by the Young MCIA in 2023:

## **Supported IBA ARB 40 Competition 2023:**

Young MCIA supported IBA Arb 40 in their competition “The Common Heritage of the International Arbitration Community: An IBA Arb40 Competition for the Most Meaningful Personal Stories.”

## **Supported 6th Indian Review of International Arbitration “Distinguished Lecture Series on International Arbitration”:**

YMCIA was the Knowledge Partner for the 6th Indian Review of International Arbitration (IRI Arb) Distinguished Lecture on International Arbitration held on 08 December 2023. The lecture was hosted by Centre for Arbitration and Research, MNLU Mumbai.

## **India Arbitration Talks:**

YMCIA launched its webinar series “India Arbitration Talks”. The first session held on 1 November 2023 was on “Recent reform initiatives of the Indian Arbitration Act: what still needs to change?”. It witnessed an overwhelming participation from young practitioners around the globe. The speakers for the session were Mr. Darius Khambata SC, One Essex Court and Ms. Shaneen Parikh, Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas. The session was moderated by Dilber Devitre, YMCIA Steering Committee Member, Homburger. The session was followed by networking in breakout rooms.

## India ADR Week, 2023:

As part of the India ADR Week 2023, Young MCIA in collaboration with Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co. and Accuracy hosted a panel discussion and debate on 10th October in Mumbai. The panel discussion was on 'Resolving disputes with the Government and State-owned entities through Arbitration: Best Practices & Effective Strategies'

The panel discussion was followed by a Debate on 'Indian courts' contribution in making India the next Arbitration Hub: Step forward or backward?'. This was followed by Drinks and Dinner.

Young MCIA in collaboration with Saraf & Partners and Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas & Co. hosted a panel discussion and debate on 12th October in Delhi. The panel discussion was on 'Reforms in Indian Arbitration Law: What to expect and global best practices?'

The Debate by YMCIA was on 'Confidentiality is the biggest roadblock to legitimacy of the arbitral process'. This was followed by Drinks and Dinner.



# YM CIA Steering Committee

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# CAPACITY BUILDING

## The Frankfurt Investment Arbitration Moot, India Rounds 2023

For the 7th year, MCIA hosted the national qualifying rounds (India) of the Frankfurt Investment Arbitration Moot in 2023. With an aim to encourage participation from different law schools across the country, this edition of the Frankfurt Moot was held virtually. The 2023 edition of the Moot saw the participation of 17 teams.

## Tribunal Secretary Training Program, 2023

MCIA conducted its 1st Tribunal Secretary Training Program during the India ADR Week. The Program was conducted on 10th-11th October in Mumbai and on 12th-13th October in Delhi. It witnessed the participation of young practitioners and faculty from around the globe.

The Program included extensive discussions on duties and responsibilities of Tribunal Secretaries, maintaining confidentiality obligations, and legal issues faced along with best practices on how to address them. The details of the qualified Tribunal Secretaries can be found here - <https://mcia.org.in/tribunal-secretary/>



# MCIA ROADSHOWS

## Paris

MCIA organised 3 sessions at the Paris Arbitration Week (PAW) 2023. The first session titled 'A New Landscape, Arbitrating International Disputes in India' was organised by Pinsent Masons on 29 March 2023, where Florian Quintard, Neeti Sachdeva, Charles Marquand, Tom Glasgow, Sudip Mullick, Shwetha Bidhuri and Siddhartha Datta were the speakers.

On 31 March 2023, Allen & Overy together with MCIA organised a session on 'Throwing Good Money After Bad - Guerilla Tactics in Indian Arbitration', in which the speakers were Sheila Ahuja, Leon Ioannou, Neeti Sachdeva and Rajendra Barot.

MCIA with King & Spalding held a second session on 31 March on 'Post M&A and Shareholder Disputes: Initiating arbitration, legal and quantum Issues with respect to India and other emerging markets'. This session was moderated by Shouvik Bhattacharya and the speakers were Neeti Sachdeva, Montek Mayal, Ila Kapoor and Marc-Olivier Langlois.



## London

MCIA organized 4 events at the London International Disputes Week'2023. For the first session Young MCIA along with Debevoise & Plimpton and FTI Consulting held a panel debate on 'This house believes that London is still the best arbitral seat for Indian disputes'. The panel included Shanelle Irani, Ridhi Kabra, Srishti Jain, Sachin Trikha, and Alipak Banerjee.

A session titled 'India's Transforming Arbitration Landscape' was organized by WilmerHale, FTI Consulting and MCIA on 16 May where Gary Born, Steven Finizio, Vijayendra Pratap Singh, Sheila Ahuja, Chintan Chandrachud and Neeti Sachdeva were the speakers.

On 17 May, MCIA together with Bird & Bird and Keidan Harrison organized a session on 'Interim Reliefs and Enforcement of Judgments and Awards in India and the UK'. The speakers were Jonathan Speed, Srishti Jain, Neeti Sachdeva, Zal T. Andhyarujina, Vijayendra Pratap Singh, Yash Kulkarni KC.

A session organized by Allen & Overy and Nishith Desai Associates was held on 'UK-India Investments: Key considerations, latest trends and dispute management.' Neeti Sachdeva, Registrar and Secretary General of MCIA was on the panel along with Harish Salve KC, Sheila Ahuja, Harsh Pais, Vyapak Desai, Alipak Banerjee and Kevin McCole.



## Singapore

For the Singapore Convention Week 2023, MCIA was part of 3 sessions during the week.

On 30th August, Neeti Sachdeva was a panellist for the session organized by Allen & Overy, "A breakfast with the leaders - a rapid fire round with HKIAC, MCIA and SIAC." The panellists included Mariel Dimsey, Secretary General, HKIAC and Kevin Nash, Registrar, SIAC.

MCIA collaborated with Drew & Napier LLC for a seminar on "Block chain, Cryptocurrency and FinTech - the next frontier in disputes or just another fad?", on 30 August. The session was moderated by Neeti Sachdeva. The panellists included Mahesh Rai, Aditya Jalan, and Lilien W.

On 31 August, Neeti Sachdeva spoke at the GAR Live: Singapore conference. The session was moderated by Chiann Bao and the panellists included Nicholas Lingard, Kiran Sanghera, and Adriana Uson.

## Germany

MCIA partnered with the Indian Embassy, Osborne Clarke and JSA, Advocates & Solicitors for the Berlin Dispute Resolution Days on 12th September to discuss 'Driving Institutional Arbitration in India and Germany'.

The event was addressed by Mr. H.E. Parvathaneni Harish, Ambassador of India to the Federal Republic of Germany; Hon'ble Mr. Justice U.U. Lalit, Former Chief Justice of India; Mr. Gopal Subramaniam, Senior Advocate; Dr. Stefan Kröll, Chairman, DIS; Mr. Madhukeshwar Desai, CEO, MCIA; and Ms. Neeti Sachdeva, Registrar & Secretary General, MCIA.

The Panel Discussion was moderated by Robert Hunter, Partner, Osborne Clarke. The panellists included Farhad Sorabjee, Partner, JSA; Juhi Mehta, Partner, BTG Legal; and Dr. Nadine Lederer, Legal Officer, German Federal Ministry of Justice.



## Japan

MCIA partnered with the Indian Embassy, Allen & Overy and Chandhiok & Mahajan, Advocates and Solicitors on 26th September in Tokyo, Japan to discuss 'Managing Disputes in India and Japan'. The event was addressed by H.E. Mr. Sibi George, Ambassador of India to Japan and Neeti Sachdeva, Registrar & Secretary General, MCIA.

The first panel discussion was on 'India and Japan Trade Relations – Trends and Issues'. The panellists included Taeko Suzuki, Daniel Allen, Karan Singh Chandhiok and Ryo Kotoura. The second panel discussion was on 'Managing India-Japan Disputes'. The panellists included Sheila Ahuja, David MacArthur, Rahul Narayan, Yoshimi Ohara and John Rainbird.

The supporting partners for the event were Japan Commercial Arbitration Association, Japan Association of Arbitrators, Anderson Mori & Tomotsune, Nagashima Ohno & Tsunematsu, Nishimura & Asahi and the India Japan Chamber of Commerce.

MCIA partnered with Mori Hamada & Matsumoto and Chandhiok & Mahajan, Advocates and Solicitors on 27th September in Osaka, Japan. The panellists for the sessions included Daniel Allen, Partner, Mori Hamada & Matsumoto, Yoshinori Usui, Counsel, Mori Hamada & Matsumoto, Karan Singh Chandhiok, Practice Head – Competition Law and Dispute Resolution, Chandhiok & Mahajan, Rahul Narayan, Head of Disputes, Chandhiok & Mahajan and Neeti Sachdeva, Registrar & Secretary General, MCIA.





# STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS

## MCIA and Jus Mundi Collaboration

MCIA and Jus Mundi entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) during the India ADR Week, 2023. The MoU will aim to broaden and enhance the accessibility of the Indian arbitration laws and the MCIA Rules of Arbitration to a global landscape. The details of the qualified participants in the 'Tribunal Secretary Training Program, 2023' will also be available on the Jus Mundi platform.

## MCIA and DSNLU Collaboration

MCIA and Damodaram Sanjivayya National Law University (DSNLU) entered into a Memorandum of Understanding to promote the learning, teaching and research in Alternative Dispute Resolution Methods. It will aim to provide for an exchange of faculty and staff and other collaborations between the two organisations and conduct various workshops, seminars, conferences and training programmes.

## MCIA and Jindal Global Law School Collaboration

MCIA and O.P. Jindal Global University (JGU) entered into a Memorandum of Understanding to explore, collaborate and research on the promotion of alternative dispute resolution. The objective of the collaboration will be to organise training programs, workshops and seminars for advancement of ADR.



# ANNEXURE

## List of events by MCIA

S No.	Webinar/Event	Date
1.	<p>International Commercial Arbitration: The Dawn of a New Age</p> <p>Chief Guests: Justice Mukesh R. Shah, Former Judge Supreme Court of India</p> <p>Guest of Honour - Justice A.J. Desai, Former Acting Chief Justice of Gujarat High Court</p> <p>Special Invitees - Kamal Trivedi, Advocate General, Gujarat High Court; Devang Vyas, Additional Solicitor General, Gujarat High Court</p> <p>First Session: “Will Privacy and AI put a spoke in the wheel of technology in dispute resolution” was moderated by Tejas Karia, FCI Arb, Partner, Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas &amp; Co.</p> <p>The Panellists - Anurag Shukla, Former Head-Legal, SBI Life; Devang Vyas, Additional Solicitor General, Gujarat High Court; Shashank Jain, VP &amp; Head Legal, TATA SIA Airlines Ltd (Vistara) and Mahesh Rai, Director, Dispute Resolution, Drew &amp; Napier LLC</p> <p>Second Session: “Innovative Remedies in International Commercial Arbitration: Necessary or Guerrilla Tactics?” was moderated by Vyapak Desai, FCI Arb, Head, International Dispute Resolution and Investigation Practice, Nishith Desai Associates</p> <p>The Panellists - Bijal Chhatrapati, Partner, JSA Advocates &amp; Solicitors; Montek Mayal, Partner &amp; Practice Head, Asia &amp; Middle East, Osborne Partners; Ishani Vora, Senior Director, FTI Consulting and Hasit Seth, FCI Arb, Independent Counsel, Arbitrator and Mediator</p> <p>Third Session: “Latest Developments in the Law of Arbitration” was moderated by Madhvendra Singh FCI Arb, CEO, Gujarat Maritime Cluster</p>	22 April 2023

	<p>The Panellists - Amitava Majumdar, Managing Partner, Bose &amp; Mitra Co.; Nitin Mehta, Advocate, High Court of Gujarat; Nidhi Parekh, Head - Legal, Essar-OGDSL and Rajat Malhotra, Commercial &amp; Construction Disputes Advocate</p> <p>Fourth Session: "Appointment of Arbitrators - More Disclosure, More Challenges?" was moderated by Matthew Brown, Senior Associate, Clifford Chance.</p> <p>The Panellists - Aditya Jalan, Partner, AZB &amp; Partners; Shruti Sabharwal, Partner, Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas &amp; Co.; Jatin Jalundhwala, General Counsel, Advani Group and Devang Nanavati, Senior Advocate, High Court of Gujarat.</p>	
2.	<p>Third India ADR Week 2023</p> <p>37 sessions, spread across three jurisdictions, Bengaluru, Mumbai and New Delhi followed by Dinner &amp; Drinks. The week witnessed a gathering of notable senior practitioners, law firm partners and in-house counsels</p> <p>Inaugural Message - Zia Mody, Founder &amp; Managing Partners, AZB &amp; Partners Constantine Partasides KC, Partner, Three Crowns LLP</p> <p>Bangalore: Keynote Address - Hon'ble Mr. Justice Prasanna B. Varale, Chief Justice, High Court of Karnataka</p> <p>Session 1: "Exploring the Evolving Role of Expert Witnesses in the Age of AI and the Impact of the Digital Personal Data Protection (DPDP) Act" by PwC</p> <p>Opening Remarks - Puneet Garkhel, Partner &amp; Leader, Forensic Services, PwC India</p> <p>Speakers - Moushumi Vaidya, Executive Director, PwC India; Darshan Patel, Partner, PwC India; Shai Wade, Partner &amp; Head - International Arbitration, Reynolds Porter Chamberlain; Karan Joseph, Partner - Dispute Resolution, Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas &amp; Co.</p>	9-14 October 2023

Session 2: “Mediation, ODR – will they emerge as new and efficient mechanisms for dispute resolution in India” by Trilegal

Speakers - Tine Abraham, Partner, Trilegal; Pranjal Sinha, Co-Founder, CEO, Sama; Rajneesh Jaswal, Co-Founder, CADRE; Vikas Mahendra, Partner, Keystone Partner, Advisor, CORD; Tara Ollapally, Co-Founder, CAMP Arbitration & Mediation Practice

Session 3: “Resolving Technology and IP-Related Disputes across All Industry Sectors: The AAA-ICDR Way” by AAA-ICDR

Opening Remarks - Aastha Chawla, Director (Asia), AAA-ICDR

Rapporteur - Goutham RV, Counsel, Trilegal

Speakers - Poornima Hatti, Co-founder, Head - Dispute Resolution, Samvad Partners; Ashish Kabra, Head, Singapore Office, Nishith Desai Associates; Saurabh Awasthi, General Counsel, Kyndryl India; Shreyas Jayasimha, Advocate, Arbitrator, Mediator, Founding Partner, Aarna Law

Session 4: “Joinder of third parties in arbitration proceedings” by P&A Law Offices [Virtual Session]

Speakers - Faizan Mithaiwala, Senior Associate, P&A Law Offices; Zubin Behramkamdin, Senior Advocate, Bombay High Court; Rashmin Khandekar, Counsel, Bombay High Court; Vijay Purohit, Partner, P&A Law Offices

Session 5: “ChatGPT and AI in arbitrations, flavour of the month, or definitive use case?” by MCIA

Speakers - Prasanna Mysore, Advocate and Arbitrator; Amita Haylock, Partner, Mayer Brown; Arjun Rajagopalan, Partner, Financial Advisory, Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu India LLP; Arun Mal, Senior Associate, Allen & Overy; Nandakumar CK, Senior Advocate; Navneet Hrishikesan, Executive Director, Legal, Cisco

Session 6: "Beyond blockchain: Resolving crypto disputes through international arbitration" by MCIA

Speakers - Sachin Malhan, Co-founder, Agami; Ashish Chandra, General Counsel, CoinSwitch; Christoph Kauffman, Counsel, Osborne Clarke; Siraj Omar S.C., Co-Managing Director, Dispute Resolution, Drew & Napier LLC; Pawan Laddha, Founder, Stealth; Smitha Jha, Partner, Khaitan & Co.

Mumbai:

Keynote Address - Hon'ble Mr. Justice Devendra Kumar Upadhyaya, Chief Justice, High Court of Bombay

Session 1: "Enforcement of Investor State Awards against India" by Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co. & Young ITA

Speakers - Zal Andhyrujina, Senior Advocate; Arvindran Manoosegaran, Investment Manager, Omni Bridgeway; Shreya Jain, Principal Associate, Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co.

Session 2: "Unique Challenges of Disputes Involving States and State Parties" by Allen & Overy

Speakers - Sheila Ahuja, Partner, Allen & Overy; Lucia Raimanova, Partner, Allen & Overy; Salim Moollan KC, Brick Court Chambers; Zarina Chinoy, General Counsel, Shapoorji Pallonji Group; Tarun Bhatia, Managing Director & Head, South Asia, Kroll

Session 3: "Efficient management of arbitration proceedings" by Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas

Speakers - Arvindran Manoosegaran, Investment Manager, Omni Bridgeway; Baiju Vasani, Barrister, Twenty Essex; Deepak Chauhan, Director & Head Legal, Welspun; Niraj Modha, Barrister, 39 Essex Chambers; Patrick Taylor, Partner, Debevoise & Plimpton; Abhileen Chaturvedi, Partner, Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas

Session 4: "Important aspects of Construction Law-Indian perspective" by MASIN

Speakers - Kanika Arora, Partner, MRP Advisory; Puran Kumar, Head - Contract Administration, Larsen & Toubro; Steven Lim, Arbitrator & Barrister, 39 Essex Chambers; Vinodkumar Menon, CEO, IRB Infrastructure Pvt. Ltd.; Sandeep U., CEO & MD, Centrum Infrastructure Advisory; Mayank Thakur, Senior Partner, MASIN

Session 5: "Third Party Funding in Arbitration: Doorway to Ease Business in India" by Indian Council of Arbitration [Virtual]

Speakers - Pinky Anand, Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India; Arun Chawla, Director General, ICA; NG Khaitan, Senior Partner, Khaitan & Co. and Vivek Sood, Senior Advocate

Session 6: "Resolving disputes with the Government and State-owned entities through Arbitration: Best Practices & Effective Strategies" by YMCIA

Speakers - Gathi Prakash Karrah, Partner, Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas; Co-Chair, Steering Committee, Young MCIA; Iyer Narayanan H, Executive Director - Legal, Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited; Oswald D'Souza, Group Legal Head - L&T Energy Hydrocarbon, Larsen & Toubro; Bindi Dave, Senior Partner, Wadia Ghandy & Co; Gaurav Gulati, Partner, Accuracy; Zarina Chinoy, General Counsel, Shapoorji Pallonji Group

Session 7: Debate on "Indian courts' contribution in making India the next Arbitration Hub: Step forward or backward?" by YMCIA

Moderator: Shalaka Patil, Partner, Trilegal, Mumbai; Steering Committee Member, Young MCIA

Speakers - Kirtan Prasad, Senior Associate, RPC, London; Shreya Gupta, Partner, Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas; Steering Committee Member, Young MCIA; Naira Jeejebhoy, Counsel, Bombay High Court; Sneha Jaisingh, Partner, Bharucha & Partners

Judge - Zal Andhyarujina, Senior Advocate, Bombay High Court and Door Tenant, Fountain Court Chambers, London

Session 8: “Managing Expert Evidence in International Arbitration: Tips and Tactics” by FTI Consulting, IAF, Young ICCA, R.E.A.L.

Speakers – Ishani Vora, Senior Director, Economic and Financial Consulting, FTI Consulting; Neeti Sachdeva, Registrar & Secretary General, MCIA; Ben Giaretta, Head of Dispute Resolution Practice, Fox Williams LLP; Vikas Mahendra, Partner, Keystone Partners; Shreya Jain, Principal Associate, Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co.

Session 9: “Arbitrability of shareholder disputes: Time to push the envelope in India?” by Debevoise & Plimpton

Speakers – Shreya Aren, Associate, Debevoise & Plimpton; Shaneen Parikh, Partner, Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas; Nidhi Parekh, Head of Legal, Essar OGD&S; Siraj Omar SC, Co-Managing Director, Dispute Resolution, Drew & Napier LLC; Kanika Goenka, Partner, Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co.

Session 10: “Pragmatism, Pitfalls and Practical Implications in Arbitral Appointments: A 360 Degree View” by Trilegal

Moderators – Shalaka Patil, Partner, Trilegal; Siddharth Ranade, Partner, Trilegal

Speakers – Andrew Cannon, Partner, Herbert Smith Freehills; Jed Savager, Partner, Pinsent Masons (Dubai); Ankit Goyal, Partner, Allen & Gledhill; Patrick Taylor, Partner, Debevoise & Plimpton; Amba Prasad G., Vice President and Legal head, Larsen & Toubro Construction

Session 11: “Arbitration a one-stop forum – an Illusion or a reality?” by JSA, Advocates & Solicitors

Speakers – Dharendra Negi, Partner, JSA, Advocates and Solicitors; Steven Lim, Arbitrator & Barrister 39 Essex Court; Zal Andhyarujina, Senior Advocate; Clara Tung, Managing Associate, International Arbitration, Linklaters

Session 12: “From Ad-hoc to Institutional Arbitration – Need for a paradigm shift in approach” by IIAC [Virtual]

Speakers – Ganesh Chandru, Member, IIAC & Partner, Dua Associates; Charles Bear, King’s Counsel, Fountain Court Chambers; Jan K. Schaefer, Partner, King & Spalding; Ashish Chugh, Baker McKenzie, Wong & Leow

Session 13: “Pleading damages in international arbitration-what do Tribunals like to see?” by MCIA

Speakers – Alok Das, Director, Kroll; Amit Bansal, Partner, Financial Advisory, Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu India LLP; Sneha Jaisingh, Partner, Bharucha & Partners; Steven Lim, Arbitrator and Barrister, 39 Essex Chambers; Vyapak Desai, Head, International Dispute Resolution, Nishith Desai Associates

Session 14: “Role of GCs in running efficient and effective arbitration proceedings” by MCIA

Speakers – Ankoosh K Mehta, Partner, Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas; Nitesh Jain, Partner, Trilegal; Nidhi Parekh, Head of Legal, Essar OGD&S; Rajendra Barot, Partner, AZB & Partners; Zarina Chinoy, General Counsel, EPC Division, Shapoorji Pallonji Group

Delhi:

Keynote Address – Hon’ble Mr. Justice Ravindra Bhat, Judge, Supreme Court of India

Guest of Honour – Hon’ble Mr. Justice S. Muralidhar, Former Chief Justice, High Court of Orissa

Session 1: “How Technological Advancements are Reshaping the Dispute Resolution Process : Digitization of Documents , Discovery, Virtual Courtroom proceedings, Admission and Preservation of Evidences” by PwC

Speakers – Sumit Makhija, Partner, PwC India; Atul Luthra, Partner, PwC India; Abhijit Yadav, Partner, PwC India; Vijay Purohit, Partner, P&A Law Offices

Session 2: “Navigating the Future of International Arbitration in the Asia Pacific Region” by AIAC



Special Remarks - His Excellency Dr. Kamalinne Pinitpuvadol, Secretary-General of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization

Speakers - Mrinal Jain, Managing Director, Secretariat's Economic Damages and Valuation Practice; Abinash Barik, Co-Founder & Partner, Finvest Legal; Harald Sippel, Foreign Lawyer, Skrine; Ajay Thomas, Independent Arbitrator & ADR Consultant; Ng Chu Yin, Advocate and Solicitor of the High Court of Malaysia; Bhavini Singh, International Case Counsel, AIAC

Session 3: "De-Risking International Arbitration" by Selendy Gay Elsberg

Speakers - David Elsberg, Founding Partner, Selendy Gay Elsberg; Vivek Tata, Senior Associate, Selendy Gay Elsberg; Divyam Agarwal, Partner, JSA; Anurag Sharma, General Counsel, Makemytrip

Session 4: "Sanctions and International Dispute Resolution" by Twenty Essex

Speakers - Rishab Gupta, Advocate, Bombay High Court; Barrister, Twenty Essex; Baiju Vasani, Barrister, Twenty Essex; Rajat Rana, Partner, Selendy Gay Elsberg; Piyush Joshi, Partner, Clarus Law Associates; Samantha Rowe, Partner, Debevoise & Plimpton; Dipen Sabharwal KC, Partner, White & Case; Niyati Gandhi, Principal Associate, Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas

Session 5: "The Unsettled Territories in Indian Arbitration" by NPAC [Virtual]

Speakers - Payal Chawla, Founder, JUSCONTRACTUS; Anirudh Krishnan, Founding Partner, AK Law Chambers; Shreyas Jayasimha, Counsel, Arbitrator, Mediator, Aarna Law (India) Simha Law (Singapore); Renu Gupta, Olive Law, Founding Partner

Session 6: "Reforms in Indian Arbitration Law: What to expect and global best practices?" by YMCIA

Speakers - Shreya Aren, International Arbitration Associate, Debevoise & Plimpton, London; Co-Chair, Steering Committee, Young MCIA; Hyunah Park, Partner, Yulchon LLC, Seoul; Shouvik Bhattacharya, Senior Associate, King & Spalding, London; Arush Khanna, Partner, Numen Law Offices; Mayank Mishra, Partner, Indus Law; Manmeet Singh, Partner, Saraf & Partners

Session 7: Debate on “Debate on 'Confidentiality is the biggest roadblock to legitimacy of the arbitral process” by YMCIA

Moderator - Alipak Banerjee, Leader, Nishith Desai Associates, New Delhi; Co-Chair, Steering Committee, Young MCIA

Speakers - Dharshini Prasad, Counsel, Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP, London; Aditya Jalan, Partner, AZB & Partners, New Delhi; Steering Committee Member, Young MCIA; Anjali Anchayil, Principal Associate, JSA, Advocates and Solicitors New Delhi; Steering Committee Member, Young MCIA; Rebecca James, Partner, Linklaters, Singapore

Judge - Ritin Rai, Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India, New Delhi and Door Tenant, 7 King’s Bench Walk

Session 8: “Arbitration Cross Talk” by PSL Advocates & Solicitors and YAWP

Speakers - Justice Gita Mittal (Retd.), Former Chief Justice of Jammu & Kashmir High Court; Yuet Min Foo, Director, Dispute Resolution, Drew & Napier LLC; Manini Brar, Head, Arbridge Chambers, Steering Committee Member, YAWP; Rebecca James, Partner, International Arbitration, Linklaters; Jayashree Parihar, Counsel, PSL Advocates & Solicitors

Session 9: “Interim Measures in Arbitration and their Enforceability in India” by Trilegal

Speakers - Hon'ble Mr. Justice U.U. Lalit, Former Chief Justice of India, Supreme Court; Hon'ble Mr. Justice B.N. Saikrishna (Retd.), Judge, Supreme Court; Hon'ble Mr. Justice Deepak Verma (Retd.), Judge, Supreme Court, Mr. Ashwini Kumar, Senior Advocate and Former Union Law Minister, Mr Kailash Vasdev, Senior Advocate; and Milanka Chaudhury, Partner, Trilegal

Session 10: "Arbitrator's Disclosure Obligations: When is it Enough?" by Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co.

Speakers - Hon'ble Mr. Justice U. U. Lalit (Retd.), Former Chief Justice of India; Baiju Vasani, Barrister & Arbitrator, Twenty Essex ; Sanjeev Gemawat, Group General Counsel, Vedanta Group; Smarika Singh, Partner, Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co.; Ananya Aggarwal, Counsel, Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co.

Session 11: "Judicial intervention in enforcement of awards" by IPBA

Speakers - Abha Malhotra, Advocate, Delhi High Court; Gautam Bhatikar, Partner, Phoenix legal; Senthil Dayalan Partner, Dentons Rodyk & Davidson; Priti Suri, PSA Legal; Tejas Karia, Partner & Head, Arbitration, Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co.

Session 12: "Third party funding in international arbitration - trends and challenges" by IPBA

Speakers - Nusrat Hassan, Managing Partner, Dentons Link Legal; Ajay Bhargava, Partner, Khaitan & Co.; Naresh Thacker, Partner, Economic Laws Practice; Neeti Sachdeva, Registrar and Secretary General, MCIA; Badrinath Durvasula, Ex Managing Director and Legal Advisor: Essar Group; Shweta Bharti, Senior Partner, Hammurabi & Solomon.

Session 13: Debate on "This House Believes that There is a Need for Publication of Arbitral Awards" by IAMC [Virtual]

Speakers - Mr. Prashanto Sen, Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India; Hannah Fry, Barrister, 39 Essex Chambers; Andrew Pullen, Barrister, Fountain Court Chambers; Mahesh Rai, Partner, Drew & Napier LLC; Ila Kapoor, Partner, Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas

Session 14: "Intersection of arbitration and insolvency - the World perspective" by MCIA

Speakers - Naresh Thacker, Partner, Economic Laws Practice; Amit Bansal, Partner, Financial Advisory, Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu India LLP; Kiran Sequeria, Managing Director, Secretariat; Yuet Min, Director, Dispute Resolution, Drew & Napier LLC; Sidharth Sharma, General Counsel, Tata Sons; Jagdeep Singh, Deputy General Counsel, Vedanta

Session 15: "Early dismissal in arbitration proceedings - is the Arbitration World ready?" by MCIA

Speakers - Nish Shetty, Partner, Clifford Chance; Ankit Goyal, Partner, Allen & Gledhill LLP; Gourab Banerjee, Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India; Andrew Battison, Partner, Linklaters; Samantha Rowe, Partner, Debevoise & Plimpton

Session 16: "Disclosure and Arbitrator Challenges- Where do we stand after Halliburton?" by MCIA

Speakers - Daniel Sharma, Partner, DLA Piper; Alexandre Vagenheim, VP Global Legal Data, Jus Mundi; CV Raghu, Group General Counsel, Samvardhana Motherson Group; Dheeraj Nair, Partner, JSA Advocates and Solicitors; John Fletcher, Director, Dispute Resolution, RICS; Jasleen Oberoi, Executive VP, Legal & Secretarial, JCB; Rajshekhar Rao, Senior Advocate, High Court of Delhi

Session 17: "Enforcing arbitral awards in India - what can foreign parties really expect?" by MCIA

Speakers - Paula Hodges KC, Head, Global Arbitration Practice, Herbert Smith Freehills; Amit Sibal, Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India; Atul Sharma, Executive Chairman, Dentons Link Legal; Joongi Kim, Professor, Yonsei Law School; Ritin Rai, Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India; Door Tenant, 7 King's Bench Walk; Vijayendra Pratap Singh, Senior Partner & Head Litigation, AZB & Partners

Session 18: Panel Discussion by IPBA International Construction Projects Committee

Speakers - Vyapak Desai, Head, International Dispute Resolution, Nishith Desai Associates; Naresh Thacker, Partner, Economic Laws Practice; Anand Srivastava, Managing Partner, Dentons Link Legal; Amit Kapur, Joint Managing Partner, JSA, Advocates & Solicitors; Ruchika Nayyar, General Counsel, Nexus Malls

Valedictory & Closing Ceremony:

Keynote Address - Hon'ble Mr. Justice Vikram Nath, Judge, Supreme Court of India

Guest of Honour - Mr. Tushar Mehta, Solicitor General of India

# List of events supported by MCIA

S No.	Webinar/Event	Date
1.	Chanakya National Law University (CNLU) National Mediation Competition, 2023	11 February 2023
2.	<p>Delhi Arbitration Weekend, 2023</p> <p>Session 3B was powered by MCIA, on the topic 'Reimagining Arbitration in a Post-Covid World: Right to Physical Hearing'.</p> <p>The panel was chaired by Hon'ble Mr. Justice Badar Durrez Ahmed and the speakers were: Constantine Partasides KC, Partner, Three Crowns; Pinky Anand, Senior Advocate; and Neeti Sachdeva, Secretary General and Registrar at MCIA.</p>	16-19 February 2023
3.	GAR Live: Mumbai	18 February 2023
4.	Law Ninjas GC Summit, Mumbai	20 February 2023
5.	Tel Aviv International Arbitration Week, 2023	26 February - 2 March 2023
6.	Roundtable by Osborne Clarke	6 March 2023
7.	California Arbitration Week, 2023	13-17 March 2023
8.	Paris Arbitration Week, 2023	27-31 March 2023
9.	Maxwell Chambers' Maxwell Conversations on 'Party Representation and Equal Treatment'	5 April 2023
10.	Columbia Arbitration Day	14 April 2023

11.	Singularity Legal - Expert Talk, titled 'Digital Assets Disputes Demystified'	28 April 2023
12.	London International Disputes Week, 2023	15-19 May 2023
13.	THAC-APRAG Symposium	19 May 2023
14.	FICL-Delhi Discourse 2023	26 May 2023
15.	CIArb India Session	17 June 2023
16.	'Corporate Dispute Resolvers: the Role of General Counsel, Professionals and the Industry' by CIArb	15 July 2023
17.	East Africa International Arbitration Conference 2023	23-25 August 2023
18.	Armenian Arbitration Days	4 September 2023
19.	Uzbek Arbitration Week (UzAW) 2023	10-15 September 2023
20.	Berlin Dispute Resolution Days 2023	12-15 September 2023
21.	CIArb Webinar on 'Role of CIArb in ADR'	14 September 2023
22.	12th Annual Virtual ADR Conference by KCAB	30 October - 2 November 2023
23.	India Disputes Conference by ThoughtLeaders 4 Disputes (TL4D)	1-2 December 2023
24.	4th Biennial International Conference by The Society of Construction Law India	8-10 December 2023



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