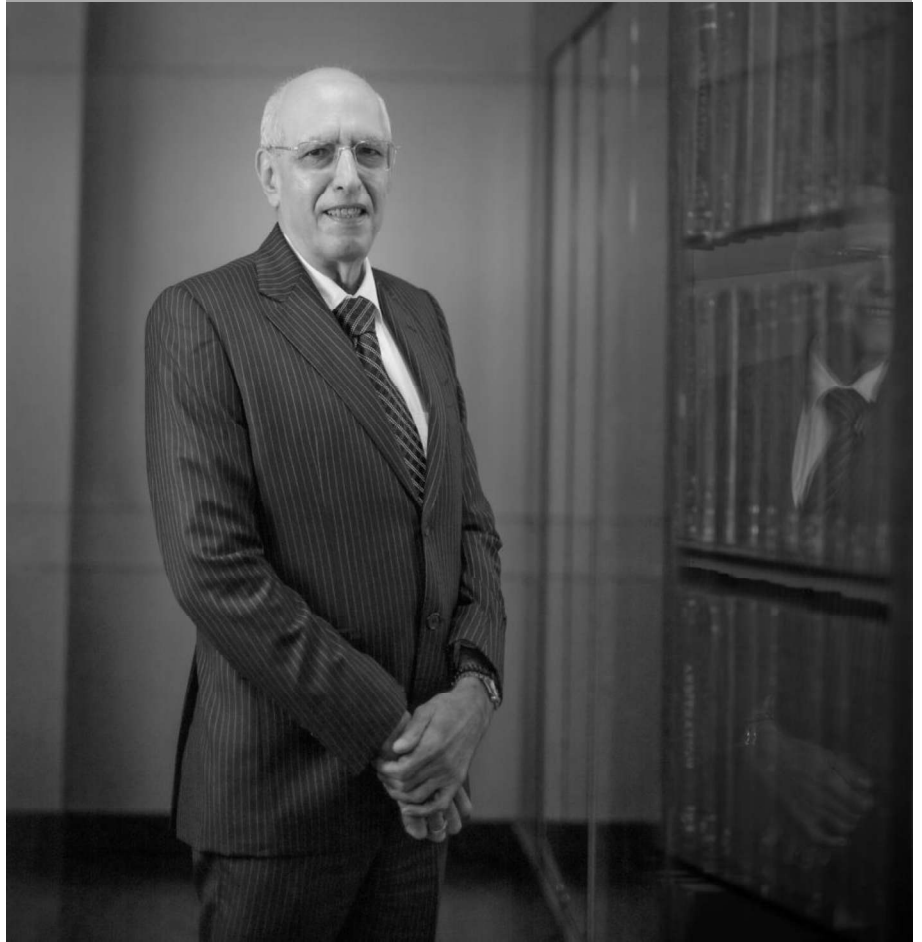




MP Bharucha

Founder, Senior Partner

Practice Areas

Commercial Litigation
International & Domestic Arbitration
Governance, Ethics, & Anti-Corruption
General Corporate & Commercial
Advisory

Admissions

Advocate on Record, Supreme Court of India
Solicitor, High Court, Mumbai
Solicitor, Supreme Court of England and Wales
Solicitor, Hong Kong

Professional Affiliations

Bar Council of Maharashtra and Goa
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Introduction

Often described as the “weapon of choice”, Marezban, or MP as he is often called, is the first-choice lawyer for many and is known for his strategic vision and depth of knowledge. With over 45 years of practice, MP’s experience ranges from dispute resolution to M&A and commercial advisory. He is lauded by his clients as “one of the leading lawyers in the country,” who “has been on the top of his game for a long time.”

In his dispute resolution practice, MP often takes the role of arguing counsel and has advised international and domestic clients in a variety of arbitration proceedings including those governed by the rules of the Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC), London Court of Arbitration (LCIA), and the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC). His experience ranges from hostile takeovers to corporate restructuring. His multi-disciplinary abilities are particularly helpful in corporate disputes in courts as also in arbitration.

He has been relied on as an Indian law expert in several jurisdictions.

MP is also an experienced arbitrator.

MP began his career at Mulla & Mulla & Craigie Blunt & Caroe where he was elected Partner in 1978 and a member of the management team in 1992. He was one of the founding partners of the erstwhile Amarchand & Mangaldas and Suresh A. Shroff & Co. in 1995.

He founded Bharucha & Partners in 2008.

Our Practitioner’s experience includes:

- Representing Sony Pictures Networks India Private Limited before Bombay High Court in: (i) its challenge against Telecom Regulatory Authority of India’s new tariff order on broadcasting; and (ii) defending its claims against the Board of Control for Cricket in India.
- Representing Idea Cellular Limited (now Vodafone Idea Limited) in: (i) regulatory proceedings concerning the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India’s Interconnection Usage Charge Regulations; and (ii) various penalty proceedings in relation to spectrum usage charges and license conditions.
- Representing ITC Limited before various fora (including Securities and Exchange Board of India and Securities Appellate Tribunal) in the restructuring of Hotel Leelaventure Limited and protecting interest of minority shareholders.
- Representing Besso Limited before Bombay High Court in resisting reinsurance claims by Reliance General Insurance Company Limited in relation to personal accident death insurance policies of State Bank of India.
- Representing and advising Diageo plc and its associate companies: (i) before Directorate of Enforcement in proceedings initiated under Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002 and Fugitive Economic Offenders Act, 2018 against Vijay Mallya; (ii) before Securities and Exchange Board of India and Securities Appellate Tribunal concerning show-cause-notices issued in relation to the acquisition of shares of United Spirits Limited by its subsidiary; and (iii) for disputes in the United Kingdom with Vijay Mallya.
- Representing and advising United Spirits Limited in its disputes with IDBI Bank Limited relating to prepayment of a loan facility and release of securities including its equity shares that were pledged with IDBI Bank Limited.
- Representing and advising Gautam Thapar, Avantha Holdings Limited and other promoter entities of CG Power and Industrial Solutions Limited (CG Power) in regulatory proceedings and in Central Bureau of Investigation inquiries regarding claims by CG Power.
- Advising Zee Entertainment Enterprises Limited in regulatory inquiries and issues of corporate governance.
- Representing Prysmian Cavi e Sistemi s.r.l. before Supreme Court regarding enforcement of an international award against Vijay Karia and settling the law on ‘public policy’ as a ground of challenge.
- Representing Kalpataru Power Transmission Limited before an arbitral tribunal in disputes relating to construction of the Mundra-Bhatinda 550 km oil pipeline.
- Representing Cowtown Infotech Services Private Limited (a Lodha Group company) in claims arising out of the construction of a residential complex.