

# ELP LITIGATION, ARBITRATION & DISPUTE RESOLUTION PRACTICE PROFILE

**ELP** has been consistently recognised as one of the leading Litigation, Arbitration and Dispute Resolution firms in the country with our Partners being recognised as leading individuals in the litigation space in India. The areas covered by the practice extend across all domains including corporate disputes, commercial disputes, regulatory disputes, tax disputes, domestic & international arbitration and white collar crimes.

Our Litigation, Arbitration and Dispute Resolution Practice is built on the strength of a team that is not only at the cutting edge of legal knowledge and research skills, but equally has mastered the art of advocacy. The team prides itself on its diversity and depth of experience and each team member is acknowledged to consistently deliver results. We represent clients across fora and practice areas ranging from the inquiry & investigation stages right up to the Supreme Court of India, playing a dual role of Solicitor and Counsel, thus setting us apart from other practices in India.

## ELP - SERVICES

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### Arbitration

**ELP** is recognised internationally as a thought-leader in India for arbitration. The team is sought out for its knowledge and received tremendous appreciation from industry stalwarts as well as professionals for its Analysis of the Amendments to Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996. We have represented clients in proceedings before various institutions such as the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA), LCIA India, Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC), London Maritime Arbitrators Association (LMAA), The Grain and Feed Trade Association (GAFTA), Kuala Lumpur Regional Centre for Arbitration (KLRC), etc. and in Ad-hoc proceedings around the world, with amount in disputes ranging from a few millions to billions of dollars. Our approach to commercial disputes has ensured a most effective representation of our clients as often these disputes require industry-specific knowledge. Our practice is strengthened by our firm expertise in various sectors including infrastructure, energy, construction, international trade, government contracts, admiralty, insurance, and product liability. We also take pride in offering cost effective services to our clients in less sizable disputes by efficient staffing.

### Tax Litigation

Tax litigation has been the forte of **ELP** since its inception. ELP handles over 400 cases on an annual basis dealing with all facets of taxation, including GST, Customs, Excise, Service Tax, Value Added Tax (VAT), Foreign Trade Policy, and Transfer Pricing. Professionals at **ELP** appear before various authorities ranging from Commissioners to various High Courts and the Supreme Court of India.

### Regulatory Litigation

**ELP** is recognised as the first choice for clients facing regulatory issues. Our team frequently handles complex cases, where client's interests are threatened by regulatory action or faced with compliance issues. We have been representing clients in various fora such as the SAT, Telecom Disputes Settlement and Appellate Tribunal (TDSAT), Electricity Tribunal, Reserve Bank of India (RBI), and National Green Tribunal. We have also helped clients in defending

themselves effectively before various regulatory and criminal investigating agencies including the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) and Economic Offences Wing (EOW). We often advise and represent clients in matters involving allegations of white collar crime such as corruption, fraud, cartel defence and corporate investigations.

### **Commercial Litigation**

**ELP** has established itself as one of the most competent and unique commercial litigation teams in India. Our approach is always tempered with understanding of clients' businesses and the commercial exigencies that lead them to litigation. The approach is to devise a comprehensive strategy from the outset of every case. We have often successfully obtained interim reliefs for our clients within a span of 24 to 48 hours from being briefed of the crisis faced by them.

### **Admiralty & Maritime**

**ELP** has been at the forefront of new developments in Maritime laws in India. The team has successfully maintained action in rem for Charterer's failure to pay for bunkers, against bunkers for wrongful arrest of vessel in a foreign jurisdiction; and for a Cargo Receiver (non-Chartering) for the damage caused to cargo by ingress of sea water. We have also successfully acted for sub-Charterers in defending a claim in arbitration on account of restraint of princes, and in various cases of force majeure; and have represented clients in one of the biggest cases of liability for damage caused at sea.

### **Dispute Management**

**ELP** offers disputes expertise to clients from the very inception of their commercial activities. Our team has been involved with many of our clients' projects during the entire tenure and has effectively safeguarded their interests through timely strategic inputs. Our team anticipates, prevents, and minimises exposure of clients to potential disputes thereby significantly reducing costs and increasing operational efficiency. The team's expertise in dispute management permeates our entire dispute resolution offering and we take pride in seeking alternate commercially beneficial solutions for our clients.

