

Economic Laws Practice announces two significant appointments to its business practices

Mumbai May 01, 2018: Economic Laws Practice (ELP) one of the leading law firms in the country today announced the appointment of two significant members to its team - Ashutosh Gupta for Strategy and Planning and Karishma Maniar for their Defense & Aerospace practice.

Ashutosh Gupta (Partner - Strategy and Planning)



With nearly 12 years of business development and strategy consulting experience across diverse markets and industry sectors, most recently and notably in the legal space, Ashutosh will be filling a role that is vital to **ELP's** path forward.

Prior to joining **ELP**, Ashutosh has worked with Khaitan & Co as Director – Business Strategy & Business Development and has earlier worked with KPMG and Aon Hewitt in different capacities. He studied law at Delhi University and is an LLM graduate from Columbia University as well as an MBA graduate from University of Oxford.

Karishma Maniar (Associate Director Defence & Aerospace)



With over 11 years of experience within the defence sector, Karishma has been responsible for long and medium-term strategy and business planning, bidding, strategic HR and Investment planning, along with key activities related to strategic teaming arrangements, partnerships and alliances. She has been the lead on many largedeals with the Ministry of Defence (MoD) and/or clients as well as foreign OEMs and brings to the table an in-depth understanding of the issues faced by all the stakeholders in the defence sector. Additionally, Karishma has actively engaged in Policy Advocacy along with Industry Associations including FICCI, ELCINA, DIIA and CII to drive changes in Procedures and Policies in the Defence sector.

Prior to joining **ELP**, Karishma has worked with Tata Power's Strategic Engineering Division as Principal-Corporate Strategy and Legal & Contracts. She holds a bachelor's degree in Engineering (Electronics) from Sardar Patel College of Engineering and is a Post Graduate in Executive Management Programme from SP Jain Institute of Management Research, Mumbai.

“At **ELP** we always endeavour to remain relevant to our clients' business and legal needs as they keep changing. While we are strengthening the defense & aerospace portfolio with the appointment of Karishma, the plethora of new laws and regulations today provide an opportunity for **ELP** to work closely with clients to evolve legal thought leadership efficiently and relevant to their businesses. To demonstrate our commitment to this space we have Ashutosh, who has joined us as a partner to lead that effort. I look forward to working closely with Ashutosh and Karishma as we embark on this exciting new phase of **ELP's** journey” said **SuhailNathani, Managing Partner**.

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Notes to Editors:

About Economic Laws Practice

ELP is a leading full-service law firm based in Mumbai. The Firm was established in 2001 by eminent lawyers from diverse fields. **ELP** brings to the table a rather unique combination of professionals which comprise of not only the sharpest legal minds in India but also chartered accountants, cost accountants, economists and company secretaries; enabling us to offer a seamless cross-practice service experience and top-of-the-line expertise to our clients.

ELP has a unique positioning amongst law firms in India from the perspective of offering comprehensive litigation and advisory services across the entire spectrum of our offerings. Our areas of expertise include Banking & Finance; Competition Law & Policy; Corporate & Commercial; Hospitality; Infrastructure; International Trade & Customs; Litigation & Dispute Resolution; Private Equity & Venture Capital; Securities Laws & Capital Markets and Tax.

With offices in six (6) cities pan-India - Mumbai, New Delhi, Pune, Ahmedabad, Bangalore and Chennai, they have a team of over 250 qualified professionals who have specialized expertise in diverse practice areas. **ELP** works closely with leading global law firms based in the UK, U.S., Middle East and Asia Pacific region.

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