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Debanjan is the Managing Partner of Fox & Mandal. With over 25 years' experience, he regularly advises clients on litigations in civil, criminal, and corporate matters before all Courts and Tribunals in Calcutta, Delhi, Chandigarh, and Mumbai, including the High Courts and the Supreme Court of India. He has successfully conducted many high-stakes corporate and real estate transactions in India throughout his career, and sits on the boards of leading listed and unlisted corporations in India, including market leaders across different sectors. He has been recognised by and featured in several legal magazines and publications.

PRACTICE AREAS

Dispute Resolution
Real Estate
Private Clientele & Trusts

RECOGNITIONS

Super 50 lawyers in India

Asian Legal Business

Top Managing Partner
Forbes Legal Powerlist

A-List

India Business Law Journal

Litigation star

Benchmark Litigation

Recognised lawyer

Chambers & Partners | Asia Pacific

Recommended lawyer
Legal 500 | Asia Pacific

Notable practitioner

IFLR1000 2024 Southern Asia, Australasia and Central AsiaChambers & Partners (Spotlight) 2023-24

EDUCATION

LLB, Hooghly Mohsin College, Burdwan University (1999)

MEMBERSHIPS

Bar Association of the Supreme Court of India
Indian Chamber of Commerce
Incorporated Law Society, Calcutta High Court

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

Harsh Vardhan Lodha (HVL)

On securing the chairmanship of HVL in a probate petition in relation to the estate of Late Priyamvada Devi Birla, having broader impact on corporate governance and succession planning within industrial groups

Apollo Multispeciality Hospitals Ltd

On a writ petition challenging the advisory of Clinical Establishment Regulatory Commission fixing rates of private hospitals as being a violation of the Fundamental Right to carry on business

Birla Corporation Ltd

On the refusal to disburse INR 141 crore as Industrial Promotion Package under the West Bengal Incentive Scheme, 2000; successfully argued before the Calcutta High Court and Supreme Court

Uranus Softech Park Pvt Ltd

On the takeover of Ispat Profiles India Ltd, a company promoted by LN Mittal, in CIRP; represented the successful resolution applicant before NCLT, Kolkata and NCLAT

Apeejay Surrendra Park Hotels Ltd

On the resolution of variance *vis-à-vis* Kolkata Municipal Authority in the computation of property tax for a 3.5-acre project along EM Bypass including a luxury hotel and shopping arcade

West Bengal Power Development Corporation Ltd

On a writ petition by the Shapoorji Pallonji Group challenging the award of tender for a solar power project; successfully defending the tender process

On a challenge by the resolution professional to the termination of a mining contract with a Sical group entity during the CIRP of another Sical group entity before the National Company Law Tribunal, Chennai; succeeded in getting the termination upheld

West Bengal State Electricity Distribution Ltd

On an SLP challenging the levy of delayed payment surcharge under Section 56(2) of the Electricity Act, 2003 and Clause 4.14 of Regulation 48 of the Regulations

On a writ petition challenging the levy of surcharge on the ground of limitation before the Calcutta High Court and Supreme Court

West Bengal Housing Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd

On successfully defending a batch of 50 writ petitions challenging the cancellation of allotment of land under the Chairman's Discretionary Quota before the Calcutta High Court and the Supreme Court

On an application seeking rejuvenation of Adi Ganga; strategising and defending the infrastructure projects before the NGT

DSK Real Estates Ltd

On a challenge to the construction of a multi-storied luxury real estate building near an Ordnance Depot; involving issues of national security and constitutional right to property

Woodlands Multispeciality Hospitals

On successfully dismissing an application under Section 66 of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 against alleged fraudulent and wrongful trading during the insolvency of Duncan Industries Ltd

PUBLICATIONS

The tussle over jurisdiction: The Controller General of Patents v. Competition Commission of India, Kluwer Competition Law Blog

Artificial intelligence – the need for development of a regulatory framework, Bar & Bench

Developing a framework for adjudication in a Phoenix insolvency situation: Can the enterprise theory offer a viable solution?, Kluwer Law