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KEY FACTS

- 6PRACTICE AREAS
- 15+REPORTED CASES
- 25+REPRESENTATIVE CLIENTS
- 12PUBLICATIONS

EDUCATION

B.A., LL.B. (Hons.)
National University of Advanced Legal Studies,
2007–12

LL.M., International Dispute Resolution
Queen Mary University of London, 2024

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

2024 BW Legal World's '40 Under 40'
2026 Future Star in White-Collar Crime
Benchmark Litigation

MEMBERSHIPS

Advisory Council, Indian Society of Artificial
Intelligence and Law

Youth divisions of LCIA, ICCA & MCIA

DISPUTE RESOLUTION & WHITE-COLLAR CRIME PARTNER

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OVERVIEW

Profile

Atul is a Partner with extensive experience in litigation and dispute resolution. He advises and represents clients in white-collar crime, financial and audit-related criminal matters, arbitrations, civil litigation, and shareholder disputes. He appears before the Supreme Court of India, various High Courts, and regulatory and adjudicatory tribunals. Atul serves a diverse client base, including banks, financial institutions, large corporates, and regulated professionals, and has been involved in several high-profile and complex matters.

His experience includes insider trading matters, criminal investigations, regulatory proceedings, recovery and enforcement actions, and advisory mandates relating to oppression and mismanagement, mergers, capital reductions, and matters involving governmental authorities. He has also handled matters involving Chartered Accountants and Company Secretaries.

CAPABILITIES

Practice Focus & Areas of Expertise

White-Collar Crime	Dispute Resolution	Regulatory Litigation
Shareholder Disputes	Insolvency & Bankruptcy	M&A - Court Approvals

EXPERIENCE

Representative Matters & Reported Cases

Matter · Citation	Court
Swiss Timing Limited v. Commonwealth Games 2010 Organising Committee -(2014) 6 SCC 677	Supreme Court
Bharti Airtel Ltd. and Ors. v. Union of India (UOI) and Ors. - (2015) 12 SCC 1	Supreme Court
Sunil Bharti Mittal v. Central Bureau of Investigation -(2015) 4 SCC 609	Supreme Court
Sunnaren Seaways INC. v. MSTC Limited -2017(2) ARBLR146(Delhi)	Delhi High Court
Lakshmanan & Ors. v. G. Ayyasamy -(2016) 13 SCC 165	Supreme Court
S. Sukumar and Ors. v. The Secretary, ICAI and Ors. -(2018) 14 SCC 360	Supreme Court

Flemingo Travel Retail Limited v. Kannur International Airport

- Canara Bank
- LIC Housing Finance Limited
- IIFL
- Bangalore International Airport Limited
- Price water house Coopers
- BSR
- KPMG
- Amway India
- Virtuous Retail Pte. Ltd.
- Vivo India
- Swiss Timing
- Commerzbank
- Devki Devi Foundation
- Dentsu Communications India Ltd.
- Tata Housing Development Company Ltd.
- Dell International Services Pvt. Ltd.
- Bharti Telecom
- Bharti Airtel
- Mythri Movie Makers
- Pawan Kalyan
- Clap Entertainment

White-Collar Crimes / Criminal Litigation

- Advised and successfully represented a director of a food retail company before the Supreme Court of India in quashing criminal proceedings under the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, 1954.
- Advised and represented a leading multinational accounting company and its former and current employees in proceedings under FEMA before the Adjudicating Authority, and continuing to represent the company in appeal before the Appellate Tribunal.
- Advised and represented one of the largest IT companies in proceedings under FEMA before the Appellate Tribunal.
- Advised and represented a leading direct-selling company in proceedings under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002, including investigations before the Adjudicating Authority and Appellate Tribunal; assisted in quashing 14 FIRs across jurisdictions in Kerala.
- Advised and successfully represented former directors of a leading healthcare company in quashing cheque-bouncing complaints before the Delhi High Court.
- Advised and represented former partners of a leading auditing firm in a writ petition seeking to quash a Serious Fraud Investigation Office (SFIO) report before the Delhi High Court.
- Successfully advised and represented a former partner of a leading audit firm in a writ petition before the Karnataka High Court seeking quashing of an SFIO complaint before the Special Court.
- Advised and represented the subsidiary of a leading multinational media and digital marketing communications group in filing a criminal complaint against former employees for criminal breach of trust and misappropriation.
- Advised and represented a global media group in arriving at a settlement regarding criminal complaints filed against its employees.
- Advised and represented a leading direct-selling company in criminal proceedings concerning an alleged money-circulation scheme before courts in Chandigarh and Andhra Pradesh; successfully represented the client in quashing four chargesheets in the Kerala High Court.
- Advised and represented a renowned global media group in the settlement of a criminal complaint filed against its representatives for criminal breach of trust and cheating.

Arbitration

- Advised and successfully represented a leading Swiss timing, scoring and results-system provider before the Supreme Court of India on whether allegations of fraud can be subject to arbitration.
- Advised and represented one of the country's top real estate developers in a domestic arbitration against its JV partner arising from breach of a Joint Development Agreement.
- Advised and represented one of the leading real estate JV companies in an

international commercial arbitration against an Indian company arising from breach of a Shareholders Agreement, including related court proceedings under Sections 9, 11 and 17(2) of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996.

- Advised and represented one of the leading accounting firms and its connected sister concern in Section 11 proceedings filed by a former senior partner before the Bombay High Court.

Litigation Under Writ Jurisdiction

- Successfully represented advisors/consultants to an international airport in a writ petition before the Kerala High Court challenging the process for selecting the airport's duty-free operator, and in the subsequent Writ Appeal.
- Advised and successfully represented a renowned German bank, acting as reimbursing bank in a Letter of Credit transaction, in a writ challenging a DRT order holding it jointly and severally liable; continued representation before the DRT following remand.
- Advised and represented a leading hospital in a writ petition before the Delhi High Court challenging a penalty imposed by the Director General of Health Services.
- Advised and represented partners of leading accounting firms before the Delhi High Court challenging proceedings initiated by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI).

Regulatory Litigation

- Represented a leading telecom company before the TDSAT and in appeal before the Supreme Court, seeking to quash the DoT's rejection of its request to extend UAS licences and allocated spectrum.
- Represented a leading telecom company challenging Special Audit demands and a Licence Fee assessment issued by the DoT, turning on the interpretation of "Gross Revenue" and "Adjusted Gross Revenue" under the UAS licence, before the TDSAT and in appeal before the Supreme Court.
- Advised multinational accounting firms and their directors on proceedings before the Disciplinary Committee of the ICAI.

Other Investigative Authorities

- Advised, assisted and represented clients and their directors before the Directorate of Enforcement in FEMA investigations.
- Advised, assisted and represented clients and their directors before the SFIO during investigations.
- Advised, assisted and successfully represented a company's Company Secretary in a complaint before the ICSI and the subsequent challenge before the High Court.

Company Law Jurisdiction

- Successfully represented a reputed audit firm in proceedings under Sections 397-398 of the Companies Act, 1956 (oppression and mismanagement) before the NCLT, New Delhi.
- Successfully represented one of the largest telecom companies in India in a petition for reduction of share capital under Section 66 of the Companies Act, 2013, before the NCLT, Chandigarh, and continuing before the NCLAT, Delhi.
- Advised and represented a public-company manufacturer of explosives in

proceedings under Sections 240–241 alleging oppression and mismanagement, before the NCLAT and the Supreme Court.

Civil Suits / Recovery Proceedings

- Advised and represented a leading American global investment firm in two separate high-value civil suits before the Delhi High Court.
- Secured John Doe and anti-defamation injunctions protecting film releases for Mythri Movie Makers, Pawan Kalyan and Clap Entertainment before the Bengaluru City Civil Court.

Securities Law Litigation

- Advised and successfully represented the Chairman, Managing Director, Company Secretary and parent company in an insider-trading case before SEBI.
- Advised and represented an investment company and its director in an insider-trading case, including settlement proceedings.
- Advised and assisted a listed public company in making representations to SEBI, including in relation to alleged non-compliance with the SEBI (LODR) Regulations, 2015.

TRACK RECORD

Key Work Highlights

Banking & Financial Institutions – Empanelment, SARFAESI & Recovery

- Empanelled counsel for a leading public sector bank. Advising and representing numerous banks and NBFCs in SARFAESI and recovery proceedings before the DRTs and High Courts.

Banking Litigation – Cheque Dishonour & Payment Systems

- Handled a significant volume of proceedings under Section 138 of the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881 and the Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007.

Corporate Restructuring & Amalgamation – NCLT

- Extensively advised, assisted and represented companies in schemes of arrangement and amalgamation under Sections 230–232 of the Companies Act, 2013, before the NCLTs in New Delhi and Chandigarh.

STRENGTHS

Awards, Recognition & Appointments

- Member, Advisory Council of the Indian Society of Artificial Intelligence and Law.
 - Member of the youth divisions of leading international arbitration institutions, including the LCIA, ICCA and MCIA.
 - BW Legal World's '40 Under 40' (2024).
 - Recognised as a "Future Star in White-Collar Crime" by Benchmark Litigation.
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SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

- Panellist, session on Disputes and Investigations at the General Counsel Summit - Conference & Awards, 2025.

MEDIA CONTRIBUTIONS

- The New Indian Express (all editions), 10.09.2024 – on Section 69 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (sexual intercourse by way of deceit) - <https://www.newindianexpress.com/opinion/2024/Sep/09/the-curious-difference-between-ipc-and-bns-on-rape>
- The New Indian Express (all editions), 25.11.2025 – “Dipping into the New Data Protection Regime” – <https://www.newindianexpress.com/opinion/2025/Nov/25/dipping-into-the-new-data-protection-regime>
- The New Indian Express (all editions), 09.04.2025 – “Courts Begin to Check ED’s Summons Power” – <https://www.newindianexpress.com/opinion/2025/Apr/08/courts-begin-to-check-eds-summons-power>

MEDIA

Publications, Speaking Engagements & Media Contributions

Publications

- Contributed a chapter, "AI and the Automation of Economic Crimes: Ethical and Legal Challenges," in "The Evolving Landscape of White-Collar Crime," published by Springer.
- Co-authored "Selective Capital Reduction as a Viable Exit Route: The BTL Story and Lessons Taught" - <https://my.legal500.com/developments/thought-leadership/selective-capital->
- Contributed to the India Chapter of "White Collar Crime - Law & Practice," 2022.
- Wrote on condonation of delay sought by state machinery, "Explanation vs. Excuse The State's Battle for Condonation" - <https://www.mondaq.com/india/professionalnegligence/1389320/explanation-vs-excuse-the-states->
- Contributed to the India Chapter of "Anti-Corruption - Trends & Developments," 2023–24.
- Co-wrote "Decoding the New 'Made in India' Code of Criminal Procedure: Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha (Second) Sanhita, 2023" - <https://www.azbpartners.com/bank/decoding-the-new-made-in-india-code-of-criminal-procedure-bharatiya-nagariksurakshasecond-sanhita-2023/>
- Co-wrote a chapter for the Expert Focus page of Chambers and Partners on Manik Hiru Jhangiani v. State of Madhya Pradesh <https://chambers.com/legal-trends/the-supreme-court-on-inconsistent-legislation-india>
- Contributed to the India Chapter of "International Fraud & Asset Tracing 2024 - Trends & Developments," 2024–25, on Attachment of Properties under the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023.