

**Hybrid event**  
**In-person at TSMP Law Corporation and Virtual via Zoom**  
**5.00pm, 25 March 2024, Singapore**

## ***"2 steps forward, 1 step sideways - An eventful year for Indian Arbitration!"***

**Date: Monday, 25 March 2024**

**Time: 5.00pm to 8.00pm**

**(Registration starts at 5.00pm, networking reception from 6.35pm)**

**In-person Venue: TSMP Law Corporation**  
**(6 Battery Rd, #05-01, Singapore 049909)**  
**Virtual via Zoom**

**Speaker: Gourab Banerji SA**  
**Moderator: Abhinav Bhushan**

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### **ABOUT THE EVENT**

What happened in the Indian arbitration landscape in 2023? Mr Banerji SA will speak about the Supreme Court decision where a seven-judge constitutional bench overruled the findings of an earlier five-judge bench on the validity of unstamped arbitration agreement. He will also focus on the five-judge bench decision of the Supreme Court on the Group of Companies Doctrine.

The talk will include the creation of the India International Arbitration Centre (IIAC) and the sixteen-member expert committee to amend the arbitration law in India. He will conclude the talk by addressing the controversial recommendations of the Bar Council of India to allow entry of foreign lawyers/firms in India and how it particularly impacts the arbitration fraternity.

The event concludes with a networking drinks reception, graciously hosted by TSMP Law.

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### **PROGRAMME SCHEDULE**

5.00pm to 5.30pm:	Registrations
5.30pm to 6.35pm:	Talk and Q&A
6.35pm to 8.00pm:	Networking Drinks Reception hosted by TSMP

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### **SPEAKER**

#### **Gourab Banerji SA**

Gourab is a Senior Advocate in the Supreme Court of India (equivalent to a KC/SC), specialising in domestic and international commercial arbitrations. After graduating from Cambridge University with First Class Honors, he was called to the Bar at Lincoln's Inn in 1990, and designated as a Senior Advocate in 2003.





He served as Additional Solicitor General of India from 2009 to 2014. Presently, he represents several multinational corporations, both in domestic and international commercial arbitrations, and before the Indian courts. He has also been appointed as an arbitrator by the Supreme Court of India on multiple occasions.

Gourab was recently called upon by a Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court to assist it as amicus curiae, on the issue of stamping of an arbitration agreement. He was also appointed as an amicus curiae in a separate matter concerning enforcement of arbitral awards in India.

Gourab has also been appointed as a member of the Ministry of Law and Justice's expert committee to recommend reforms in the Indian arbitration regime, and a member of the Chamber of Arbitration of the IIAC. He is a National Correspondent of India for the UNCITRAL CLOUT system, and the Vice Chairman of the UNCITRAL National Coordination Committee for India.

## **MODERATOR**

### **Abhinav Bhushan**

Abhinav is an international arbitration specialist who has acted as counsel and arbitrator under the rules of major arbitral institutions.

Abhinav was the first Indian lawyer to be appointed by the ICC Court as Deputy Counsel for the Commonwealth team in Paris and later was the first Indian Director of the ICC Court for South Asia in Singapore. Abhinav administered hundreds of arbitration cases gaining an in-depth understanding of international arbitration as well as the jurisdictions from where the cases originated. These include Indonesia, India, Malaysia, Thailand, Australia and Europe to name a few.



He was most recently a Member, International Arbitrator and the Chief Executive for Asia at 39 Essex Chambers. He has been appointed as an arbitrator on matters from various sectors including energy, aviation, construction, commercial cases and ship building contracts. He is empanelled as an arbitrator at the Singapore International Arbitration Centre's Reserve Panel, Shanghai Arbitration Commission, and Asia International Arbitration Centre. He also serves on the Governing Council of the International Arbitration & Mediation Centre (IAMC), Hyderabad, India.

Abhinav is a thought leader in international arbitration. He has spoken in over 180 international arbitration conferences and training programs around the world. He was instrumental in establishing the ICC's Singapore case management team in collaboration with the Government of Singapore.

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## **EVENT FEES**

The event is complimentary.

The closing date for registration is **20 March 2024**. (Spaces are limited, and registrations are on a first-come-first served basis). The organizers reserve the right not to accept registrations and to cancel or alter the date and details of the event. For registration or enquiries, please email [secretariat@ciarb.org.sg](mailto:secretariat@ciarb.org.sg).

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