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Rahul Donde specializes in international commercial and investment arbitration. Over the past ten years, Rahul has acted as arbitrator, counsel, secretary and assistant of the arbitral tribunal in over 30 international arbitration proceedings under both ad hoc (Indian Arbitration Act, 1996, Swiss PILA, UNCITRAL) and institutional arbitration rules (CEPANI, CRCICA, HKIAC, ICC, ICSID, ICSID (AF), LCIA, SIAC).

Rahul has specific experience in disputes relating to utilities, natural resources (water, oil, gas, renewable energy), commercial (agency, distribution, sales, purchase, services agreements) and corporate laws in different jurisdictions. He has a specialization in energy law with focus on oil, gas and renewable energy. Having worked in Switzerland and India for several years, Rahul has developed expertise in both common law and civil law systems.

Rahul is empaneled as an arbitrator with all major international arbitral institutions. He has been involved in high-profile disputes arising under the NAFTA and BITs as well as under complex long-term contracts.

Rahul has advised multinational companies in cross-border construction and commercial disputes and assisted parties in annulment proceedings before the Swiss Federal Tribunal. Besides, he has considerable experience representing clients in domestic disputes in India, including appearing before various judicial and quasi-judicial bodies such as the Bombay High Court, the Company Law Board and others.

Rahul is the co-editor of the first-ever TDM Special on dispute resolution in India. He is a member of the Advisory Board of the Thailand Arbitration Center and the Center for Advanced Research in Dispute Settlement. He is a Steering Committee Member of the young arbitration practitioners groups of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and the Mumbai Center for International Arbitration. He is regularly invited to lecture, speak at conferences and conduct workshops organized by the ICC World Business Institute, UN organizations and others. His publications cover topics of current interest in technology, water, energy law and international arbitration.

## EDUCATION

- LL.M. (Oil and Gas Law), Robert Gordon University, 2018
- LL.M., International Dispute Settlement (MIDS), Geneva University Law School and Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, 2011
- B.L.S., LL.B., University of Mumbai, 2008

## BAR ADMISSIONS

- Maharashtra and Goa, 2008 (India)

## LANGUAGES

- English (native)
- Hindi (proficient)
- Marathi (proficient)
- French (intermediate)

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