

**IMC ARBITRATION COMMITTEE'S
KNOWLEDGE SERIES WEBINAR
on
VISION OF ARBITRATION BAR OF INDIA
Friday, 27th September, 2024
From 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.**

Dear Sir/Madam,

To create awareness on various topics in arbitration law and its practice amongst the public and stakeholders in arbitration (parties, lawyers and arbitrators), IMC's Arbitration Committee organizes knowledge series webinars from time to time.

The next in this knowledge series in the ever-evolving field of arbitration is a webinar on Vision of Arbitration Bar of India, the details of which are as follows:

The Webinar is being organized as per following details:

Topic : Vision of the Arbitration Bar of India
Speakers : Mr. Gourab Banerji, Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India,
Mr. Shikhil Suri, Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India,
Mr. Gautam T. Mehta, Advocate & Counsel, Bombay High Court.
Moderator : Mr. Vyom Shah, Advocate & Counsel, Bombay High Court.
Day & Date : Friday, 27th September, 2024.
Time : 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Platform : Online through Video Conferencing (on ZOOM platform)
Fees : No Participation Fees but Online Registration is mandatory.



Link & QR Code for the registration: <https://www.imcnet.org/events-2385>

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After the talk by the Speaker(s), time permitting, there will be a short 'Q & A' (Question & Answer) session / interaction for participants.

Objective of the webinar & Introduction of the Topic:

The Arbitration Bar of India (ABI) was inaugurated on May 11, 2024, at the Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi. The need for a specialized arbitration bar in consonance with world wide accepted practices was felt and discussed for a long time. ABI symbolizes a significant milestone in India's legal journey in the practice of arbitration, and with a focus on fostering excellence, ethics, diversity and best practices in arbitration. Much is expected of ABI in the times to come to bring unity in diversity and some uniformity.

This webinar is focused on how ABI can play a pivotal role in ensuring the growth and development of arbitration practice in India and globally, advocating for legislative reforms and fostering collaboration within the arbitration community. The webinar will also include discussions on how to ensure a more efficient, fair and equitable future of arbitration in India.

About the Speakers & Moderator:

Mr. Gourab Banerji is a Senior Advocate appearing in the Supreme Court of India and the President of the Arbitration Bar of India (ABI). He has appeared in varied cases before the Indian courts and in many domestic and international arbitration in India and overseas. He is an alumnus of Cambridge University (1986-1989), from where he graduated with First Class Honor's and has been practicing in India since 1990. As an Additional Solicitor General of India in the Supreme Court (2009-2014), he represented the Union of India in many sensitive and landmark cases.

Mr. Banerji has also been appointed *amicus curiae* by the Courts in several matters relating to land laws, international commercial arbitration, Supreme Court practice and procedure, as well as indirect tax. He is also an Overseas Associate at the Essex Court Chambers, London. Mr. Banerji has appeared as *amicus curiae* in NN Global (2023) 7 SCC 1 and in the Seven Judge Constitution Bench judgment in Interplay between Arbitration Agreements under Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 and Stamp Act, 1899 in Re (2024) 6 SCC 1 which held *inter alia* that parties may be referred to arbitration despite an unstamped or insufficiently stamped agreement.

Mr. Shikhil Suri is a Senior Advocate, practicing before the Hon'ble Supreme Court, Hon'ble Delhi High Court, Hon'ble NCLAT/NCLT and other fora. His practice focuses on commercial litigation, dispute resolution, criminal law, and public causes.

He earned his Law degree and an LL.M from University of Mumbai and Certificate in Business & Public Policy from the University of Pennsylvania Law School & The Wharton School, US. He has practiced with the law firm of M/s. Mulla & Mulla in Mumbai and at an AMLAW 100 firm, Crowell & Moring in Washington DC in the field of litigation and dispute resolution.

He is a member of IMC Arbitration Committee, the former Co-Chair of India Committee of the American Bar Association, Section of International Law and the former Chapter Chair for India of the New York State Bar Association International Section and is actively involved in promoting ties and building bridges between Indian and legal communities worldwide.

Mr. Gautam T. Mehta is the Chairman of IMC's Arbitration Committee and Director of IMC International ADR Centre. He is known in the legal fraternity, practicing and appears as a Counsel in matters before Supreme Court of India, High Court at Bombay – Original and Appellate side jurisdictions, The Debt Recovery and Appellate Debt Recovery Tribunals - Mumbai; in matters relating to arbitration, property, banking, commercial and consumer disputes. Appears as Counsel in matters before Arbitral Tribunals. Appointed as Arbitrator in various matters by private parties since 2007, and also, by the High Court at Bombay. Did a short stint as a part time lecturer in Government Law College, Mumbai. Takes a keen interest in the spread of the practice of arbitration, and in dissemination of knowledge on arbitration.

Mr. Vyom D Shah is a Solicitor and practicing as a Counsel in the Bombay High Court. He is a member of IMC's Arbitration Committee and registered as an Advocate on Record with the Supreme Court of India.

Interested participants can register themselves by following the Link or scanning the QR code provided above.

Access details to join the Webinar on ZOOM platform will be shared on the day of or a day prior to the webinar with all the registered participants on their email ids provided by them at the time of registration. The participants shall not share these details with any person who has not registered as a participant.

No taking pictures, images or otherwise recording of the webinar in any manner, in part or full and in any manner is permitted.

Please note that considering the capacity of the online platform and to maintain standards and quality, limited number of participants will be registered for the webinar.

Participants are also requested that they should not register if they are not going to be able to attend, to attend if they register and once registered, to forthwith communicate to the IMC Secretariat on email ID: sia.wagle@imcnet.org or mobile no. +91 8108822282 of any inability to attend so that others desirous of attending can participate in the webinar.

You are requested to kindly spread the word about this webinar amongst your contacts and professional circle for wider circulation and participation.

For other details and help in registration, kindly contact Ms. Sia Wagle or Mr. Prajakt Palladwar on 8108822282 or 9820848868 or by email at legal@imcnet.org

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