

About Us

J&M Legal

Started in the year 2017 in the city of Chennai, J&M Legal is an initiative by a team of young visionary lawyers Ms. Preeti Mohan and Mr. Rajkumar Jhabakh, seeking to offer qualitative and ethical legal services. This firm was founded with the view to address the unique demands of a rapidly changing world, with an innovation-first and agile approach, backed by fine legal minds with high subject-matter expertise.

In a short span of time, J&M Legal has grown to become one of the most sought-after corporate law firms in the city, offering full time legal services across all major areas of commercial law, with a specific focus on Corporate Dispute Resolution and General Corporate Advisory Services. The firm has built a strong foundation for its legal expertise, combined with a keen understanding of business and commercial realities, distinguished by its capability to provide strategic and specifically tailored solutions for its clients' unique requirements. The Partners' in-depth understanding of regulatory requirements from their individual experiences over the course of their career, has also enabled them to assist clients in successfully navigating the complex regulatory regime for businesses in India.

Today, the firm is comprised of a small team of robust and dynamic lawyers who believe that team work and consistency lie at the core of effective client-servicing. They bring to bear a high level of commitment, focus and energy to their clients and operate with a singular focus of providing them with absolute assurance. The collective experience of the team spanning over two decades positions them to be able to offer expert solutions to complex legal issues. The firm also has on board, a full-fledged and efficacious litigation team to tackle complex litigation, and the multiple challenges these pose to businesses.

Over these years, J&M Legal has earned the reputation for being one of the most accessible firms in the city with a strong client base that has witnessed exponential growth. Their commitment to their clientele is grounded in a meticulous approach towards solving complex and technical legal problems in a cost-efficient manner. The firm also demonstrates unequivocal commitment to integrity, honesty and professionalism while serving the best interests of its clients.

J&M Legal's client base includes large business houses, engineering and infrastructure companies, real estate companies, financial enterprises, banks and financial institutions, private equity funds, government bodies, educational and charitable trusts, cultural institutions, individuals, and estates and trusts from India and overseas.

Our social responsibility:

As a team of professionals cognisant of the importance and need for making the law more accessible, we have been actively seeking to partner with organisations, individuals, and philanthropic organisations dedicated to creating a social impact. We are also committed towards developing a strong practice of pro-bono litigation, and in that regard, our teams are involved in offering legal services to various Non-

Profit Organisations and individuals in connection with causes which are of general and public interest. Our team simultaneously strives to make our best contributions to the academic discourse on law. We are actively engaged in monthly newsletters, articles and our blog posts to help our readers and clients stay abreast of the legal developments across the world.

Philosophy

Our Vision:

To create a new legacy for a new world with fast changing customer challenges, with a work philosophy and approach that places every client's need on equal footing – thus empowering a new breed of young entrepreneurs.

Our Mission:

To provide complete attention and bring deep expertise and foresight to each and every customer – big or small – wherein no brief is seen as too small.

Our Core Values:

Pragmatic - We come with a holistic understanding of the law and facilitate a pragmatic application of the law for our clients

Agile - Consistently keeping abreast with the developments in the law, we are extremely agile in being able to navigate a constantly evolving ecosystem – both within the law as well as external circumstances

Cutting Edge - Our team possesses high subject matter expertise, with a proclivity for out-of-the-box thinking and an innovative approach.

Peace of Mind - Focus on providing 100% client satisfaction through a highly personalised approach, great attention to detail, with one partner assigned to the matter– ensuring that all bases are covered meticulously.

Partners

RAJ KUMAR JHABAKH

PARTNER

Raj Kumar Jhabakh is a graduate of the National Law University, Jodhpur, and has been a practising advocate since 2007. His practice areas include mergers, acquisitions, strategic and financial

investments, joint ventures, general corporate law advice and compliance, corporate and tax litigation, drafting, review, and negotiations of agreements related to various sectors such as Information Technology, Banking (including NBFCs), Real Estate and Pharmaceuticals.

He began his career at Tata Consultancy Services, wherein his primary focus was on reviewing, drafting and negotiating complex IT contracts, and on issues related to Cyber Laws. He subsequently went on to work with Universal Legal and Vichar Partners, two corporate law firms based in Chennai, as part of their corporate and litigation team.

At present, Jhabakh's focus lies in providing clients with advice on corporate and commercial laws, and on strategy and pre-litigation advice. Further, he also provides companies with transaction related advice, documentation assistance for companies and funds, and conducts due diligence for real estate. Insolvency and bankruptcy and restructuring within this framework, are also his particular areas of focus, and he has successfully navigated several large-scale restructuring exercises within the framework of the IBC.

Raj Kumar Jhabakh is also a standing counsel for the Income Tax Department, and Customs and Excise Department, Ministry of Revenue, Government of India and represents them in the various fora in the state of Tamil Nadu. He is a member of Yi (Cii) and is also associated with the International Bureau of Fiscal Documentation, Netherlands.

PREETI MOHAN

PARTNER

Preeti Mohan graduated in law from the ILS Law College, Pune and has been in practice since 2007. She has consistently focussed on commercial and corporate litigation, and advisory services related to dispute resolution. With over a decade of experience in her armour, she has deftly handled several complicated shareholder disputes, bankruptcy proceedings and contractual disputes.

An important focal area for Preeti is arbitration, wherein she has notably acted for, and continues to represent major corporations in the infrastructure sector, in litigation relating to several engineering and construction projects, and road projects across the country. She has also appeared in and successfully resisted constitutional challenges to the Public-Private Partnership models adopted in the road sector, and in particular, for the development of highways.

Preeti's arbitration experience extends to the energy and power sectors as well, and includes domestic as well as cross-border disputes. She has appeared in arbitral proceedings before international bodies such as the ICC, London and the SIAC, Singapore. Further, Preeti has lent her expertise as arbitrator in several disputes, wherein she has been appointed by the parties themselves, as also the Chief Justice of the Madras High Court as arbitrator.

Corporate Restructuring is another important area of focus, where Preeti has successfully overseen the restructuring of companies in several large corporate groups, as also small and medium sized companies.

Apart from her experience and skill as a legal professional, Preeti has a deep and abiding interest in

the arts and culture. This has led her to be published in several leading publications such as The Hindu & The Deccan Chronicle. She has also held positions of responsibility, including as a member of the Independent Editorial Board of a regional news channel.