



OVERVIEW

Harsh Arora is a Partner in the firm's Fort Lauderdale office where he focuses his practice on business litigation and handling complex and international corporate transaction matters. He has experience in various industries both in domestic and international markets with a focus on health care, hospitality, leisure, real estate, retail, technology and finance sectors. He represents clients in business litigation matters in both federal and state courts at the trial and appellate levels. He also assists clients in resolution of their business disputes through mediations and arbitrations. Harsh is accustomed to handling cases of exceptional complexity, such as parallel civil and administrative proceedings, and multidistrict litigation. Additionally, he has represented and counseled clients in cases involving labor disputes and investigations, shareholder disputes, commercial leasing matters, construction liens, non-competition agreements, intellectual property litigation, and commercial torts. He has the unique ability to approach issues as both a talented business advisor and a seasoned business litigation attorney.

In his approach to cases, Harsh takes pride in being a problem solver by identifying the client's specific goals and then incorporating those goals into the objectives of the litigation or alternate dispute resolution proceeding. He is a certified county mediator in Florida and he has mediated several business disputes. In his prior position as a corporate transactions attorney, he has extensive experience advising privately held businesses on mergers, acquisitions, conversions and domestications. In addition to corporate restructuring, Harsh has handled a wide range of business closings, negotiations, corporate governance and complex business tax matters in connection with audits by the Internal Revenue Service, Florida Department of Revenue and New York Department of Taxation and Finance. He has assisted clients in several cross-border business transactions, federal chartering of credit unions and related finance matters. He has also handled several domestic trademark applications, office actions and appeals before the United States Patent and Trademark Office and international trademark applications before the World Intellectual Property Organization.

Harsh has an international background and diverse work experience in business industries in Asia, Europe and the United States of America. Born in India, he later attended IMI University Centre in Switzerland majoring in Hotel Operational Management and graduated with first class honors. He attended Rosen College of Hospitality Management at the University of Central Florida majoring in Hospitality Management and graduated as class valedictorian receiving an honor medallion and magna cum laude honors. Harsh received his Juris Doctorate from the Florida A&M University College of Law, where he was selected as a law student ambassador and research assistant for the dean. He also attended the Boston University School of Law and holds a Legum Magister (Masters in Law) in Taxation and has been published in prestigious publications such as the Tax Notes and the Tax Notes International on topics relating to the value added tax and new tax proposals in the United States, Australia and in Europe.

Harsh has also published legal commentary and articles relating to international business law, dispute resolution and tax controversies. He has also been invited as a speaker at legal and business conferences and meetings to speak on topics dealing with cross-border transactions and business litigation. He remains active in legal and community

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PRACTICE AREAS

- General Business Litigation
- Business Transactions
- Real Estate – Commercial Transactions
- Real Property Litigation
- Employment & Labor
- Multinational Client Practice

ADMISSIONS

- The Florida Bar
- New York Bar
- Supreme Court of Florida
- United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit
- United States Tax Court
- United States District Court, Middle District of Florida
- United States District Court, Southern District of Florida
- United States District Court, Eastern District of New York
- United States District Court, Southern District of New York

EDUCATION

- Boston University, School of Law, LL.M., Taxation, 2016
- Florida A&M University, College of Law J.D., 2006
- University of Central Florida, Rosen College of Hospitality Management B.S., 2002
- IMI University Centre, Switzerland, D.P., July 1999

organizations. He is the past president of the South Asian Bar Association of Florida and currently serves on the board of directors. Harsh is also a member of the board and vice president of The India US Chamber of Commerce of South Florida. He is also a member of the Business Law Section of the Florida Bar, American Bar Association and the Greater Miami & The Beaches Hotel Association.

Harsh is fluent in Hindi, Punjabi, Urdu and Swiss German.

PUBLICATIONS

- *Benefits of Diversity at the Workplace*, Entrepreneur's Alert, Jun. 2017.
- *Older Workers & Age Discrimination Claims*, Entrepreneur's Alert, Jun. 2017.
- *Are You Familiar With Pari Passu Clauses*, Entrepreneur's Alert, Apr. 2017.
- *An Evaluation of the Measures in Action 14 of the Action Plan of the OECD/G20 BEPS Initiative Intended to Make Dispute Resolution More Effective*, Bulletin for International Taxation, IBFD, Apr. 2017.
- *Protecting Assets in a Litigious Society*, Entrepreneur's Alert, Aug. 2016.
- *Benefit & Social Purpose Corporations For Socially Conscious Entrepreneurs*, Entrepreneur's Alert, Jun. 2016.
- *S. Income Taxes and International Taxpayers*, Entrepreneur's Alert, Apr. 2016.
- *Foreigner's Real Estate Tax Burden*, Entrepreneur's Alert, Feb. 2016.
- *Get Back Your Personal Property*, Entrepreneur's Alert, Feb. 2016.
- *Fair and Flat Taxes Compared With a Progressive Consumption Tax*, Tax Notes, 2015.
- *Understanding Australia's 'Netflix' Tax*, Tax Notes Int'l, Dec. 2015.
- *Equity Crowdfunding Under the Jobs Act*, Entrepreneur's Alert, Dec.2015.
- *Foreign Business Entering the U.S.*, Entrepreneur's Alert, Apr.2015.
- *Mediation Arbitration*, Entrepreneur's Alert, Apr. 2015.
- *Money For Your Business From Foreign Banks*, Entrepreneur's Alert, Jun. 2015.
- *Preserving Your Business Documents*, Entrepreneur's Alert, Aug.2015.

ASSOCIATIONS

- South Asian Bar Association of Florida, Inc., Past President (2011); Director
- The India-U.S. Chamber of Commerce Inc., South Florida, Past Vice President (2018); Director
- Florida Bar, Business Law Section, Inclusion/Mentoring/Fellowships Committee Member

SEMINARS

- *Chindia Summit 2017*, India China America Institute at the Kennesaw State University, Division of Global Affairs, March 2017
- *Investment Opportunities and Legal Pitfalls*, August 2016
- *India: Jewel of Emerging Market*, HSBC Global Connection, June 2014
- *Diversity Leadership Forum*, University of Miami School of Law, December 2011
- *General Strategies for Preparing for the Florida Bar Exam with Practical Advice for Minority Law Students*, June 2009