

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 an Advocate, Counsel & Arbitrator. His areas of practice are as Counsel in civil and commercial litigations and in arbitrations (both as Counsel and as Arbitrator). He has conducted several arbitrations as arbitrator (appointed by parties or by court). His primary areas of practice are arbitrations, final hearings and trials. He has appeared as Counsel before courts (Bombay High Court, Supreme Court of India and City Civil Court at Bombay), DRT & DRAT, Tribunals, Fora, Commissions, etc.

Gautam delivers lectures and talks on arbitration law and practice at various institutions and bodies. He briefly assisted late Mr. D. M. Papat (Sr. Partner Mulla Mulla Craigie Blunt and

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Gautam is involved with IMC Chamber of Commerce and Industry (IMC) for almost 2 decades as member, Co-chairman and Chairman of its Arbitration Committee. He is one of the key persons' in devising and conduct of IMC's flagship event – the 7 Day Arbitration course held annually for the past 17 years and, its other activities including webinars and seminars. He is a speaker at IMC's 7 Day Arbitration course. He, for the past several years, is also a member of IMC's Managing Committee. Presently, he is IMC's representative member to Indian Council of Arbitration (ICA). He has represented IMC before Parliamentary Committees on arbitration and mediation.

In 2016, Gautam was actively involved with others in drafting IMC International ADR Centre's (IIAC) Rules and Code for arbitration. He is empanelled on IIAC's Panel of Arbitrators.

Since the past few years, Gautam is actively involved as a director on IIAC's Board of Directors.

Gautam was a member of Bombay Bar Association's (BBA) Standing Committee. Since 2022, he is actively involved as a certified Trainer in BBA's Advocacy Training course (ATC) regularly held by BBA for young lawyers.

Gautam graduated from Narsee Monjee College of Commerce and Economics (N M College). He graduated from Government Law College (GLC). He joined and trained in M/s. Kanga & Company – Advocates & Solicitors for several years, whereafter he joined the Chambers of Sr. Advocate Mr. Rohit A. Kapadia as a junior for several years, before setting up his own chambers.

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.