



Chamber of Commerce and Industry

**IMC ARBITRATION COMMITTEE'S
KNOWLEDGE SERIES WEBINAR**

on

ENFORCEABILITY OF ARBITRATION AGREEMENT WHICH IS NOT STAMPED

Saturday, 26th August, 2023

From 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Dear Sir/Madam,

To create awareness on various topics in arbitration amongst the public and stakeholders in arbitration (parties, lawyers and arbitrators), IMC's Arbitration Committee has taken the initiative to organize knowledge series webinars from time to time.

This webinar is on enforceability of arbitration agreements which are not stamped, and the recent landmark judgment delivered by the Constitutional Bench of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in the case of - **N. N. Global Mercantile (P) Ltd. v. Indo Unique Flame Ltd. (2023)** - in this regard.

The Webinar is being organized as per following details:

Topic : Enforceability of an Arbitration Agreement which is not stamped.
Day & Date : Saturday, 26th August, 2023.
Time : 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Platform : Online through Video Conferencing (on ZOOM platform)
Fees : No Participation Fees but Online Registration is mandatory.

Link for the registration - <https://www.imcnet.org/events-2101>

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

Introduction of the Topic:

A bench of 3 judges referred to the 5 judge Constitutional Bench specific question premised on the proposition that arbitration agreement is not amenable to Stamp Duty. Also there appears to be an impression that there were dissenting opinions given by two judges raising serious doubts about the finality in the matter. The discussion will be around these two areas with focus on reaching a true understanding of the judgment. It is hoped that some clarity will be achieved on enforceability of unstamped arbitration agreement and what to expect when it is sought to be enforced.

About the Speaker:



Mr. Anant Shende is an Advocate, Arbitrator and a member of IMC's Arbitration Committee for the past several years and a respectable member of legal profession for more than four decades. Mr. Shende started his practice with stints with Late Mr. M. V. Paranjpe (Former Advocate General of Maharashtra), Late Mr. D. M. Popat (Sr. Partner of M/s. Mulla & Mulla and Craigie Blunt & Caroe) and Late Mr. Tehmtan Andhyarujina (Former Advocate General of Maharashtra).

Mr. Shende worked as Legal Executive with Walchand Group and exclusively for Hindustan Construction Company Ltd. as well. Thereafter, he settled down in the Chambers of Mr. Rohit Kapadia, Senior Advocate, before starting his independent practice.

In a sense, he can be said to be a pioneering member of the Arbitration Bar along with few others in India. Since 1992, he has worked almost exclusively as arbitration counsel and, also acted as an arbitrator in a few cases. He has lost count of the number of arbitrations and the varied subjects of dispute that he has handled since then.

He is closely connected with the subject of today's Webinar, being a subject on which he is perhaps frequently called upon to advice.

He is empanelled as an Arbitrator on IMC International Arbitration Centre (IIAC's) panel of arbitrators.

Interested participants can register by following the Link provided above.

Access details to join the Webinar on ZOOM platform will be shared a day prior to the webinar with all the registered participants on their email ids provided by them while registration.

No recording of the webinar 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.

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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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