

Curriculum Vitae – Renu Gupta

Renu is an experienced commercial litigator, based in New Delhi, and has more than 14 years of experience in dispute resolution. She has represented clients in complex and high value arbitrations before arbitral tribunals and courts. She regularly represents corporate clients and Government bodies in commercial litigation and arbitrations.

Educational Qualifications

Renu read law for the 5-year integrated degree in Social Sciences and Law (B.S.L. LL.B.) at the *Symbiosis Law School, Symbiosis International University, Pune*, where she secured First Class with Distinction in 2007.

She also read law at the *London School of Economics and Political Science, United Kingdom (LSE)* for the Master of Laws (LL.M) degree in International Business Law.

Professional Experience

She started her career at *Economic Laws Practice* (a Tier-I law firm in Mumbai, India), where she worked as a corporate transactional lawyer. In 2009, she moved to Delhi and started her career in litigation and arbitration in the Chambers of Mr. Gaurav Pachnanda, Senior Advocate.

After completing her post-graduation from *LSE*, in 2012, she started her practice as an independent self-employed advocate in Delhi.

In addition to her private practice, Renu is the Standing Counsel for the North Delhi Municipal Corporation (NDMC) before the Delhi High Court. She is also a panel counsel for Steel Authority of India Limited.

She regularly conducts workshops on law of contracts, arbitration, insolvency and other subjects. She has conducted training sessions for civil servants including (i) organised for senior government officers at the Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration; (ii) organised for officers of Punjab Government. She also accepts pro bono work from the Delhi High Court Legal Services Committee. She is also a visiting faculty at Symbiosis Law College, Noida and School of Law, Manav Rachna University.

Memberships

The Society of Construction Law, UK
Young ICCA

Selective representations in arbitration

- Successfully represented **Sime Darby Engineering Sdn Bhd** (Sime Darby) and **Swiber Offshore Construction Pte Ltd** (Swiber), including as junior counsel, in an international commercial arbitration against a major Indian public sector corporation, involving claims of approximately USD 100 million. The contract pertained to offshore engineering, procurement, construction, installation, and commission contract services.
- Successfully represented a prominent civil contractor in the State of Jammu & Kashmir, **M and Co Engineers and Contractors**, as lead counsel, against the Indian Railways, under 3 different contracts for construction of railway bridges.
- Successfully represented, an entity of **Usha Breco Group**, a pioneer in the business of design, supply, civil engineering, erection, commission, operation and maintenance of aerial ropeways in India, including as junior counsel, in its claims of about USD 3 million against a municipal corporation. Usha Breco Limited is a joint venture between Usha Martin Limited, India and British Ropeway Engineering Co. Ltd. (BRECO), United Kingdom.
- Representing **North Delhi Municipal Corporation**, including as lead counsel, in an international commercial arbitration for construction contract, in defending claims by IJM Berhad for an amount of approximately USD 45 million.
- Represented **Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL)**, including as lead counsel, in an international commercial arbitration, in defending claims and also agitating counterclaims against an Austrian contractor on the issue of service tax liability and certain other tax liabilities.
- Part of legal team for **Aditya Birla Group**, which assisted Lord Peter Goldsmith, QC (former Attorney General of the United Kingdom), in defending a claim of more than USD 500 million, asserted by one of the biggest Indian conglomerates against an entity of Aditya Birla Group, in an international commercial arbitration in India.
- Representing, **Karamchand Group** in an arbitration, including as counsel, in respect of disputes arising out of a joint venture development and collaboration agreement, proposed to develop a commercial space in Gurugram, jointly with one of the largest developers in India and some foreign investors.
- Successfully defended, including as junior counsel, a claim for damages of approximately USD 10 million, filed by a **group company of India Bulls**, in a real estate transaction, for termination of agreement to sell; and successfully pursued counterclaim of about USD 5.5 million.

Selective representations in litigation

- Represented SAIL in a matter related to arbitration before the Delhi High Court. The decision is reported as ***McNally Bharat Engineering Company Limited v. Steel Authority of India Limited and others, MANU/DE/1519/2022***
- Successfully represented a **prominent hotel in Dehradun**, including as junior counsel, in proceedings by the operator seeking stay on the termination of the hotel operation agreement. This decision is reported as ***Royal Orchid Associated Hotels Private Limited v. Kesho Lal Goyal, 2020 SCC OnLine Del 1708.***
- Represented the appellant, including as lead counsel, before the Supreme Court, in appeal under Section 37 of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996. This decision is reported as ***Dyna Technologies Pvt. Ltd. v. Crompton Greaves Ltd., at 2019 SCC OnLine SC 1656.***
- Successfully defended application for interim relief by the judgment-debtor in the arbitration. This decision is reported as ***Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited v. Consortium of Sime Darby Engineering Sdn. Bhd. and Swiber Offshore Construction Pte. Ltd., 2018 SCC OnLine Bom 6034.***
- Successfully opposed an appeal under Section 37 of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996. The decision is reported as ***Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited v. Consortium of Sime Darby Engineering Sdn. Bhd. and Swiber Offshore Construction Pte. Ltd., 2021 SCC OnLine Bom 985.***
- Currently representing **Sime Darby** and **Swiber**, including as counsel in proceedings challenging the arbitral award and in execution proceedings before Bombay High Court.
- Successfully represented the New Delhi Municipal Corporation (**NDMC**), including as junior counsel, before the Delhi High Court, in a challenge to an interim award of about USD 2 million in favour of IJM Berhad, a Malaysian contractor. This decision is reported as ***North Delhi Municipal Corporation v. IJM Berhad., 2017 SCC OnLine Del 6382.*** IJM Berhad's appeal was dismissed by the Division Bench of the Delhi High Court. The decision dismissing the appeal is reported as ***North Delhi Municipal Corporation v. IJM Berhad, 2018 SCC OnLine 6956.***
- Representing **Karamchand Group**, including as junior counsel, in proceedings before National Company Law Tribunal and National Company Law Appellate Tribunal, arising out of a joint venture development and collaboration agreement, proposed to develop a commercial space in Gurugram, jointly with one of the largest developers in India and some foreign investors.
- Represented **IREO Group**, a major real estate group in Gurugram, as lead counsel, before the National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission (NCDRC), in

proceedings brought by several apartment buyers against the developer, seeking compensation for delay caused by the builder in handing over possession of the apartments. The decision is reported as ***Geeta Bansal v. Ireo Grace Realtech Private Limited., 2018 SCC OnLine NCDRC 1404.*** Currently representing **IREO Group**, as lead counsel, before the NCDRC, in several complaints by several apartment buyers against the developer, seeking compensation for delay caused by the builder in handing over possession of the apartments.

- Represented **NDMC**, including as lead counsel, in several connected matters before the Delhi High Court, where NDMC as an employer contracted to pay its contractors dues on a queue basis, dependent on availability of funds, as per the terms of the contract. This decision is reported as ***North Delhi Municipal Corporation and Anr. v. Shish Pal., 2018 SCC OnLine Del 8039.***
- Assisted in a matter involving issue of periodic delimitation of electoral constituencies under the Constitution of Jammu and Kashmir and other issues of administrative law. The decision of the Supreme Court of India is ***J&K National Panthers Party v Union of India, (2011) 1 SCC 228.***
- Representing clients *pro bono* before the Delhi High Court as part of the Delhi High Court Legal Services Committee.

LIST OF REPORTED JUDGEMENTS – RENU GUPTA

S.No	Judgement Title
1.	North Delhi Municipal Corporation vs. IJM Corporation Berhad (26.04.2022 - DELHC) : MANU/DE/1441/2022
2.	Mcnally Bharat Engineering Company Limited vs. Steel Authority of India Limited and Ors. (19.04.2022 - DELHC) : MANU/DE/1519/2022
3.	Vipul Sez Developers Pvt. Ltd. and Ors. vs. Solitaire Capital India and Ors. (20.01.2022 - NCLAT) : MANU/NL/0058/2022
4.	Shamshul Hoda Khan vs. Ireo Victory Valley Pvt. Ltd. and Ors. (27.10.2021 - NCDRC) : MANU/CF/0293/2021
5.	Sanjay Gopinath and Ors. vs. Ireo Grace Realtech Pvt. Ltd. and Ors. (31.08.2021 - NCDRC) : MANU/CF/0196/2021
6.	Max Life Insurance Co. Ltd. vs. Satender Singh (04.08.2021 - SCDRC Delhi) : MANU/QI/0026/2021
7.	Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd. vs. A Consortium of Sime Darby Engineering and Ors. (03.07.2021 - BOMHC) : MANU/MH/1594/2021
8.	Solitaire Capital and Ors. vs. Vipul SEZ Developers Pvt. Ltd. and Ors. (04.01.2021 - NCLT - New Delhi) : MANU/ND/1179/2021
9.	Pankjeshwar Sharma and Ors. vs. State of J and k and Ors. (03.12.2020 - SC) : MANU/SC/0913/2020
10.	Royal Orchid Associated Hotels Private Limited vs. Kesho Lal Goyal (03.11.2020 - DELHC) : MANU/DE/1951/2020
11.	Tata Projects Limited vs. Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (09.10.2020 - DELHC) : MANU/DE/1859/2020
12.	Solitaire Capital India and Ors. vs. Vipul Sez Developers Pvt. Ltd. (14.09.2020 - NCLT - New Delhi) : MANU/ND/1543/2020
13.	Shaheena Chadha and Ors. vs. Ireo Grace Real Tech Pvt. Ltd. and Ors. (28.08.2020 - NCDRC) : MANU/CF/0681/2020
14.	Kamla Sharma vs. North Delhi Municipal Corporation (06.05.2020 - DELHC) : MANU/DE/1016/2020
15.	Vipul Sez Developers Pvt. Ltd. and Ors. vs. Solitaire Capital India

	and Ors. (13.03.2020 - NCLAT) : MANU/NL/0248/2020
16.	Vineet Sethi and Ors. vs. Ireo Pvt. Ltd. (25.02.2020 - NCDRC) : MANU/CF/0247/2020
17.	Dyna Technologies Pvt. Ltd. v. Crompton Greaves Ltd. (18.12.2019 – SC) 2019 SCC OnLine SC 1656
18.	Siddharth Vasisht vs. Ireo Pvt. Ltd. and Ors. (06.12.2019 - NCDRC) : MANU/CF/0878/2019
19.	Pankaj Malik vs. Ireo Victory Valley Pvt. Ltd. and Ors. (31.10.2019 - NCDRC) : MANU/CF/0758/2019
20.	Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd. vs. A Consortium of Sime Darby Engineering Sdn. Bhd. and Ors. (28.08.2019 - BOMHC) : MANU/MH/2601/2019
21.	Solitaire Capital India and Ors. vs. Vipul Sez Developers Pvt. Ltd. and Ors. (09.08.2019 - NCLT - New Delhi) : MANU/ND/10208/2019
22.	Promila Kashyap vs. Ireo Grace Realtech Pvt. Ltd. and Ors. (12.04.2019 - NCDRC) : MANU/CF/0209/2019
23.	Daraksha Khan vs. Ireo Grace Realtech Pvt. Ltd. and Ors. (04.04.2019 - NCDRC) : MANU/CF/0180/2019
24.	Shamshul Hoda Khan vs. Ireo Victory Valley Pvt. Ltd. and Ors. (17.01.2019 - NCDRC) : MANU/CF/0018/2019
25.	Radhey Shyam and Ors. vs. North Delhi Municipal Corporation and Ors. (31.10.2018 - DELHC) : MANU/DE/4029/2018
26.	North Delhi Municipal Corporation vs. Ravi Builders (16.10.2018 - DELHC) : MANU/DE/3874/2018
27.	Subodh Pawar vs. Ireo Grace Realtech Pvt. Ltd. and Ors. (24.09.2018 - NCDRC) : MANU/CF/0668/2018
28.	Ritu Bansal vs. Ireo Grace Realtech Pvt. Ltd. and Ors. (24.09.2018 - NCDRC) : MANU/CF/0669/2018
29.	Geeta Bansal vs. Ireo Grace Realtech Pvt. Ltd. and Ors. (24.09.2018 - NCDRC) : MANU/CF/0670/2018
30.	Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board vs. Gauri Maulekhi and Ors. (01.08.2018 - SC Order) : MANU/SCOR/20412/2018
31.	Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited vs. Consortium of Sime

	Darby Engineering Sdn. Bhd and Ors. (27.04.2018 - BOMHC) : MANU/MH/1026/2018
32.	North Delhi Municipal Corporation and Ors. vs. Shish Pal (22.03.2018 - DELHC) : MANU/DE/1200/2018 North Delhi Municipal Corporation vs. Kamal Gupta (22.03.2018 - DELHC) : MANU/DE/1201/2018 North Delhi Municipal Corporation and Ors. vs. Sanjeev Kumar (22.03.2018 - DELHC) : MANU/DE/1184/2018 North Delhi Municipal Corporation and Ors. vs. Sanjeev Oberoi (22.03.2018 - DELHC) : MANU/DE/1187/2018 North Delhi Municipal Corporation and Ors. vs. Raj Rani (22.03.2018 - DELHC) : MANU/DE/1193/2018 North Delhi Municipal Corporation and Ors. vs. Munish Anand (22.03.2018 - DELHC) : MANU/DE/1188/2018 North Delhi Municipal Corporation and Ors. vs. Sanjeev Oberoi (22.03.2018 - DELHC) : MANU/DE/1191/2018 North Delhi Municipal Corporation and Ors. vs. Sanjeev Oberoi (22.03.2018 - DELHC) : MANU/DE/1189/2018 North Delhi Municipal Corporation and Ors. vs. Munish Anand (22.03.2018 - DELHC) : MANU/DE/1190/2018 North Delhi Municipal Corporation vs. Harpreet Arora (22.03.2018 - DELHC) : MANU/DE/1186/2018 North Delhi Municipal Corporation and Ors. vs. Gautam Anand (22.03.2018 - DELHC) : MANU/DE/1185/2018
33.	North Delhi Municipal Corporation vs. IJM Corporation Berhad (31.01.2018 - DELHC) : MANU/DE/0476/2018
34.	Municipal Corporation of Delhi vs. Engineering Development Corporation (20.07.2017 - DELHC) : MANU/DE/6271/2017
35.	North Delhi Municipal Corporation and Ors. vs. Deepak Manchanda and Ors. (14.03.2017 - DELHC) : MANU/DE/3993/2017
36.	North Delhi Municipal Corporation vs. IJM Corporation Berhad (02.01.2017 - DELHC) : MANU/DE/0001/2017
37.	Ireo Fiveriver Pvt. Ltd. and Ors. vs. Nirmal Panghal and Ors. (19.12.2016 - NCDRC) : MANU/CF/0759/2016
38.	Singhania Horizons vs. HRC Engineers Estate Private Limited and Ors. (28.01.2016 - DELHC) : MANU/DE/0244/2016
39.	Master Tours and Travels vs. The Chairman, Shri Amarnath Ji Shrine Board and Ors. (15.12.2015 - SC) : MANU/SC/1480/2015

40.	State of J and K and Ors. vs. Lakhwinder Kumar and Ors. (25.04.2013 - SC) : MANU/SC/0437/2013
41.	Social Jurist vs. Govt. of N.C.T. of Delhi and Ors. (13.03.2013 - DELHC) : MANU/DE/3054/2013
42.	State of J and K and Ors. vs. Ajay Dogra (07.04.2011 - SC) : MANU/SC/0372/2011
43.	National Campaign Committee for Central Legislation on Construction Labour vs. Union of India (UOI) and Ors. (15.03.2011 - SC) : MANU/SC/0241/2011
44.	Birla Technologies Ltd. vs. Neutral Glass and Allied Industries Ltd. (15.12.2010 - SC) : MANU/SC/1063/2010
45.	J and K National Panthers Party vs. The Union of India (UOI) and Ors. (09.11.2010 - SC) : MANU/SC/0931/2010
46.	Prakash Singh and Ors. vs. Union of India (UOI) and Ors. (08.11.2010 - SC) : MANU/SC/1009/2010
47.	All India Judges Association. and Ors. vs. Union of India (UOI) and Ors. (13.09.2010 - SC) : MANU/SC/0737/2010
48.	Central Bank of India vs. Asian Global Ltd. and Ors. (06.07.2010 - SC) : MANU/SC/0459/2010

Legal Writing

1. Should there be separate fee for arbitrators on claims and counterclaims? (<http://www.lawstreetindia.com/experts/column?sid=642>)
2. Should courts have the power to modify arbitral award? (<http://www.lawstreetindia.com/experts/column?sid=632>)
3. Looking at Dark Patterns in Light of the Competition Law in India (<https://www.law.ox.ac.uk/business-law-blog/blog/2021/11/looking-dark-patterns-light-competition-law-india>)
4. How the Drone Rules, 2021 threaten the right to privacy (<https://www.theleaflet.in/how-the-drone-rules-2021-threaten-the-right-to-privacy/>)
5. Swiss Challenge in India (<http://www.lawstreetindia.com/experts/column?sid=622>)
6. The landscape of sustainable reporting (<http://www.lawstreetindia.com/experts/column?sid=612>)
7. Non-Fungible Tokens - Pathway to Money Laundering (<http://www.lawstreetindia.com/experts/column?sid=601>)
8. All that is not right with Indus Biotech v. Kotak | Indus Biotech (P) Ltd. v. Kotak India Venture (Offshore) Fund: A case comment (<https://www.sconline.com/blog/post/2021/06/12/indus-biotech-v-kotak/>)
9. Validation by courts of arbitrator nominated by defaulting party after application under Section 11(6): Loser takes it all? (<https://www.barandbench.com/columns/validation-arbitrator-nominated-defaulting-party-after-section-116-application>)
10. Irretrievable harm as ground to restrain the operation of irrevocable and unconditional security (<https://www.barandbench.com/columns/irretrievable-harm-as-ground-to-restrain-the-operation-of-irrevocable-and-unconditional-security>)
11. Singapore COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) Act, 2020 and whether India can benefit by following the Singapore model? (<https://www.barandbench.com/columns/singapore-covid-19-temporary-measures-act-2020-and-whether-india-can-benefit-by-following-the-singapore-model>)
12. Should a valid panel of arbitrators proposed by one party have 31 names or 4 names? (<https://www.barandbench.com/columns/policy-columns/should-a-valid-panel-of-arbitrators-proposed-by-one-party-have-31-names-or-4-names>)

13. Rules applicable to appointment of substitute arbitrator. (<https://barandbench.com/rules-applicable-to-appointment-substitute-arbitrator/>)
14. Existence of arbitration agreement under Section 11(6-A) of Arbitration and Conciliation Act. (<https://barandbench.com/npac-arbitration-review-existence-arbitration-agreement-section-11-6a-arbitration-act/>)
15. Consequences of setting aside an arbitral award. (<https://barandbench.com/npac-arbitration-review-consequences-of-setting-aside-an-arbitral-award/>)
16. Named arbitrators – No petition under Section 11 of Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996. (<http://indiacorplaw.blogspot.in/2014/04/guest-post-named-arbitrators-no.html>)
17. Avoiding litigation under Section 11 of the Arbitration Act. (<http://indiacorplaw.blogspot.co.uk/2012/01/guest-post-avoiding-litigation-under.html>)
18. Power of arbitrator to punish for contempt. (<http://indiacorplaw.blogspot.co.uk/2011/10/power-of-arbitrator-to-punish-for.html>)
19. Arbitration update. (<http://indiacorplaw.blogspot.co.uk/2011/12/guest-post-arbitration-update.html>)