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EDUCATION

- LLB, 1990, Delhi University
- M.A. (Mathematics), 1986, Delhi University
- B.A. (Hons.) Mathematics, 1984,
St. Stephen's College, Delhi

MEMBERSHIPS

- Co-Chair - IWIRC India Network
- Regional Co-Director - IWIRC Asia Network
- Member - IWIRC DIB Committee
- Member - IWIRC UNCITRAL Working Group
- Member - INSOL India & INSOL International
- Member - User's Council, India International Arbitration Centre
- Mediator - Delhi High Court Mediation Centre
- Vice President - Women in Law & Litigation (WILL)
- Vice Chairman - Society of Construction Law

EXPERTISE

- Corporate Restructuring & Insolvency
- Commercial Litigation
- Arbitration (Domestic & International)
- Telecom
- M&A

Maneesha is a highly reputed litigation lawyer with over three decades of expertise in handling wide range of cases in Corporate Restructuring & Insolvency, Commercial Litigation, Arbitration (Domestic & International), Telecom and M&A. She represents a myriad client base, including Business Houses, MNCs, Banks/FIs, and PSUs besides Central and State Governments, Ministries and Departments before the Supreme Court of India, Delhi High Court and various other Courts, Tribunals and Appellate bodies.

She has served as a member on committee formed for framing rules / regulations relating to National Company Law Tribunal /National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (Adjudicating Authorities) and drafting of Insolvency & Bankruptcy Code 2016. Further, she served as Secretary of INSOL India from 2008 to 2015. She was a member of Bankruptcy Law Reforms Committee (BLRC), which was formed to draft the structure of new Insolvency & Bankruptcy code, part of the Achutan Committee, which was formed to advise the Government on the Takeover Code of Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) (Substantial Acquisition of Shares and Takeovers).

She was a member of The Bimal Jalan Committee, which was set up by SEBI to examine issues arising from the ownership and governance of Market Infrastructure Institutions (MIIs) and member of the committee to amend Chartered Accountants Act, 1949, Cost and Works Accountants Act, 1959 and Company Secretaries Act, 1980 to strengthen the disciplinary mechanism for regulation of the members of Institutes.

She is widely acclaimed for handling Telecom issues in both regulatory sphere and litigation. She was a Senior Counsel for Department of Telecom (DoT), Govt. of India, which grants licenses for various telecom services. She represented DoT in a high profile and complex matter of 3G Spectrum. She was also appointed as Special Counsel by the Office of the Custodian and MCA in the matters of Satyam Computer, Maytas Infra Limited, Maytas Properties Limited, Sahara India before the Company Law Board, Delhi High Court and Supreme Court of India and Office of custodian and MCA in the matter of Ketan Parekh & Companies.

She was appointed as a Panel Advocate/Central Government Pleader at Delhi High Court and a Senior Panel Counsel for the Union of India by Ministry of Law and Justice, Department of Legal Affairs for conducting Central Government Litigation before the Court/Tribunal. She was a Standing Counsel of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) and a Retainer Counsel with TRAI.

She has been bestowed with many awards and has received various accolades for her myriad contributions such as 'National Bar Award' by All India Bar Association in recognition of her dedication to the study and practice of Commercial Litigation, 'Lawyer of the Year Award' for Insolvency & Restructuring 2023-24 by Legal Era, 'Managing Partner of the Year (Female) 2023' by The Economic Times, 'ESG Law Firm of the Year - Legal Leader Awards 2024' by BW business world, and 'Woman Lawyer of the Year 2020' Award by Public Diplomacy Forum.

She was ranked amongst India's 'Top 15 Dispute Resolution lawyers' by Asian Legal Business. She has been recently recognised as 'Highly Regarded-Women Leader 2024' by IFLR1000. She was also ranked as 'Recognised Practitioner', Distinguished Practitioner and Litigation Star by Chambers & Partners, AsiaLaw Profiles and Benchmark Litigation respectively.

She is a regular speaker at various global conferences on Insolvency Laws, Arbitration, AI and DIB and has conducted many study circles in Delhi High Court on IBC 2016. She has delivered guest lectures in various law schools and professional institutions connected with law.

She regularly contributes articles to leading publications and has published a book on Artificial Intelligence titled 'AI For Good: India & Beyond'. She has also contributed the India Chapter on Global Legal Insights - IPO guide published by Global Legal Group in April 2024.

Beyond professional commitments, she supports social causes and conducts pro bono matters. She also advises Rural Medicare Centre, which offers advanced healthcare at affordable cost.

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Recipient of 'Lawyer of the year - Insolvency & Restructuring' 2023-24 by Legal Era



Recipient of 'Managing Partner of the Year (Female) 2023' by The Economic Times



ESG law firm of the year -Legal Leader Award 2024 by BW Business world



Recipient of 'Woman Lawyer of the Year 2020' Award by Public Diplomacy Forum



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INSOL FOCUS WEBINAR: NAVIGATING CROSS-BORDER INSOLVENCY RECOGNITION IN ASIA - CURRENT LANDSCAPE AND FUTURE PERSPECTIVE

20 FEBRUARY 2024 12PM GMT



Moderator: Veronica Chan
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Speaking at Webinar titled INSOL Focus Webinar: Navigating cross-border insolvency recognition in Asia - Current Landscape and Future perspective organized by INSOL International



Guest lecture on Artificial Intelligence at Dr. Ram Manohar Lohiya National Law University campus,
Lucknow on 19th March, 2024



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Collaboration with The Jindal Global Law school, O.P. Jindal Global University, Sonipat, Haryana for Career guidance, academic/industry sessions and internship opportunities



The IWIRC Diversity, Inclusion and Belonging Committee
Asia Focus Group presents:

Panel Discussion: "DIB in Asia: Done Deal or Work in Progress?"

SPEAKERS :



JOEY SUNG

Senior Director,
Restructuring & Insolvency,
Perun Consultants



MANEESHA DHIR

Managing Partner,
Dhir & Dhir Associates and Chair



CATHERINE SHEN

Senior Manager,
Asian Business Law Institute

MODERATED BY:

ARUNI WEERASEKERA

Senior Consultant,
Turnaround Consulting, Grant Thornton

15TH NOV 2022

9.30 am - 10.30 am IST

12.00 noon - 1.00 pm SGT/HKT

1.00 pm - 2.00 pm KST

ZOOM REGISTRATION LINK:

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2022 IWIRC
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Presentation

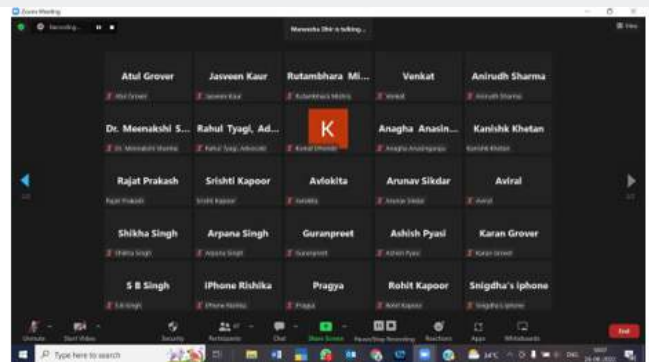
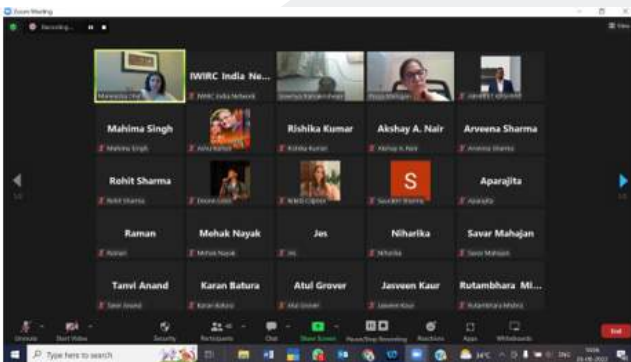
REGISTRATION:

OPEN TO ALL IWIRC MEMBER
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Maneesha Dhir speaking as a panellist on "Diversity, Inclusion and
Belonging in Asia: Done Deal or Work -in -Progress?"



Maneesha Dhir speaking on 'Tightrope Bias for Women' at virtual meet-and-greet event called "TWIRC Huddles" on 13th August, 2022, organised by IWIRC Singapore and IWIRC India



26th August, 2022 - Study Circle on Analysis of the law on Wilful Defaulters in India



Addressing webinar on 'Arbitration and New Normal' by Lex Witness on 25th July, 2020



Maneesha Dhir, Managing Partner addressing the Conference on 'Combating Insolvency & Bankruptcy Intelligently' by IWIRC India on 24th Jan, 2019 at Le Meridien, Delhi



Speaking at the Webinar on The Art of Cross Examination in Criminal Trials by Women in Law and Litigation (WILL) on 16th April, 2020



Chairing the Session at a Seminar on International Women's Day organized by Insolvency And Bankruptcy Board Of India on 8th March, 2020



Launch event of the India network of the International Women's Restructuring and Insolvency Confederation (IWIRC), which is Chaired by Ms. Maneesha Dhir on 31st May, 2017.



Panel session workshop on the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 organised by Women in Law and Litigation (WILL) on 26th September 2017 at the Delhi High Court



The Grand Masters 2015 (Media, Advertising & Entertainment Legal Summit) Witness - November 2015 - New Delhi



TAX India Online - Panel discussion on "Bankruptcy Code - Is it a game change?"
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0HxuJuhk1IU>



Inaugural function of Women in Law and Litigation (WILL)



Seminar on Cross Border Insolvency and Restructuring by INSOL India, on 23rd April 2016, New Delhi



Seminar on Cross Border Insolvency and Restructuring by INSOL India, on 24th April 2016, New Delhi



New Bankruptcy Code Restructuring India Summit, September 2016 by Legal Era and INSOL India



Addressing from L to R Dr Navrang Saini, Regional Director(N), Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Mr. A.S. Chandhiok (Addl. Solicitor General and President, Delhi High Court Bar Association), Mr. Pavan Kumar Vijay (Past President-ICSI), Mr. Santosh Kumar, (Registrar, LLP, Ministry of Corporate Affairs), Mr. Alok Dhir (Advocate), Mr. Pramod Jain (CA) and Ms. Maneesha Dhir (Secretary, INSOL)



Inaugural Session: From L to R Mr. Hitender Mehta, Mr. Justice A.K. Sikri (Hon'ble Judge, Delhi High Court), Mr. Justice A.P. Shah (Hon'ble Chief Justice, Delhi High Court), Mr. Atul Mittal, Mr. A.S. Chandhiok (Addl. Solicitor General and President, Delhi High Court Bar Association), Mr. P.K. Mittal and Ms. Maneesha Dhir (Secretary, INSOL)



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