



LESLIE & KHETTRY

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THE FIRM

Leslie & Khettry ("the Firm") was established by Late Sreenath Dass Khettry in 1944 in Calcutta (West Bengal, India). Late Sreenath Dass Khettry was a renowned solicitor of Calcutta in his time. He was the legal consultant of choice for industrialists, tea estate owners, shipping industry and merchants of the then-booming jute market in Calcutta. He was also a notary appointed by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Church of England. Late A. A. Leslie, a renowned English solicitor was also associated with the Firm and practised in Calcutta until 1965.

The Firm is registered with the Original Side of Hon'ble Calcutta High Court. The Firm has served an illustrious list of clients that includes listed companies (in infrastructure, FMCG, jewellery and tobacco sector), banks, public sector undertakings, insurance companies, foreign law firms, governmental authorities, embassies / consulates, engineering concerns, tea estates, real estate developers, public and private trusts, jute mills, industrialists, small and medium enterprises, high net worth individuals, among others.

The Firm is ISO 9001:2015 and ISO / IEC 27001:2013 certified in relation to legal services. Working out of its two principal offices - in Kolkata and New Delhi, the Firm services clients pan India through its associates across cities.

PHILOSOPHY & APPROACH

The Firm's core philosophy is to provide the best solution in its areas of practice given the client's requirements and facts. The Firm believes in prompt response and always keeping the client updated whilst maintaining highest standards of professionalism and ethics, doing thorough research, analysis, and diligence in handling issues.

The Firm has a result driven approach with a sharp focus on issues that are significant for the client. Committed to the needs of the clients, the Firm provides clear, pragmatic and actionable solutions to their complex legal challenges.

TEAM & REACH

The Team at the Firm has a wide range of background and experience which helps in holistic thinking and delivering quality solutions. The team has worked across practices, industries and jurisdictions.

CORE TEAM

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Mr. Debashis Khettry has been an integral part of the Firm since the age of 17. He was formally inducted in 1983 after his enrolment at the bar.

With about 40 years of extensive experience, Mr. Khettry's areas of practice include corporate law; disputes resolution – litigation, arbitration, mediation; commercial contracts; property law; maritime law; trusts; taxation; and estate planning.

Mr. Khettry has been instrumental in resolving many corporate and long-standing business family disputes. He has advised on taxation issues in relation to complex business structures. He has also advised in many corporate takeovers across various sectors and successful revival of sick companies. In addition, he has been appointed as the Special Officer by the Hon'ble Calcutta High Court in numerous instances.

He is an advocate-on-record of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India and an arbitrator registered with the Indian Council of Arbitration (a leading arbitral institution under the initiatives of the Government of India and FICCI). He is also a principal member of the Mediation and Conciliation Network, a global conflict management and resolution organization.

He is a founding member and life trustee of the Supreme Court Advocates-on-Record Welfare Trust (a public charitable trust for the welfare of advocates of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India).

An alumnus of St. Xavier's, Calcutta (gold medallist), he is also involved in pro-bono initiatives and supporting organisations including an eye hospital in Chennai.

His personal interest includes gaining knowledge of world cultures and historical events.

Debanshu Khettry

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Debanshu Khettry is a fourth-generation lawyer. At the Firm, he focusses on corporate law, commercial contracts, corporate finance and banking law, securities law, property law, and legal due diligence.

Debanshu has catered to international clients looking to do business or having business in India through his association with a reputed and one of the best law firms in New Delhi. He has assisted in negotiation and documentation of various inbound investments in India. He has experience in legal due diligence of businesses in various sectors

including infrastructure, e-commerce, FMCG, biotechnology, and education. In addition, he regularly advises corporates, sporting bodies, and individuals on issues relating to commercial law and property law.

He attained LLM with distinction from University College London. He graduated from National University of Juridical Sciences, Kolkata (gold medallist).

He gained wide experience through over a dozen internships in some of the biggest law firms in India; judges of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India and Hon'ble Delhi High Court; eminent lawyers and Members of Parliament; office of additional solicitor general and NGOs. His contribution in all these places was highly appreciated.

Debanshu co-founded P-PIL, with Dr. (Prof.) Shamnad Basheer, to promote practical advocacy among law students. His extensive empirical research on the constitutionality of a statutory tribunal in India was endorsed by a former High Court Judge. He is a founding member of IDIA (established to promote diversity in law schools by training the deprived) where his co-authored policy paper was accepted by the CLAT Committee. His other initiatives include being the founding executive editor of Journal of Telecommunication and Broadcasting Law (first of its kind refereed journal); co-founder of SILC (India's first standard legal citation system); and co-founder of Lawctopus (a leading website for law students).

His articles have been published in refereed international journals and his research has been cited in various books and articles. He also takes a keen interest in developments in the financial markets.

PRACTICE AREAS

Admiralty, Shipping and Maritime

- Company Incorporation
- Contracts
- Sale and Purchase
- Ship Arrest or Release
- Claims
- Maritime Arbitration
- Other Disputes

Arbitration / Alternate Dispute Resolution

- Mediation
- Conciliation
- Negotiation

Banking, Finance and Capital Market

- Asset based Lending
- Asset Recovery
- Corporate Finance
- Debt Financing
- Insolvency and Bankruptcy
- Leveraged Leasing
- Private Equity
- Project Finance
- Real Estate Lending
- Securities
- Strategic Advisory
- Syndicated Loans
- Synthetic Leases
- Term Loans, Revolving Loans and Letter of Credit Facilities
- Venture Capital

Corporate, Commercial and Contracts

- Business Structuring and Incorporation Documentation
- Commercial Contracts
- Corporate Governance
- Corporate Recovery
- Dissolution
- Due Diligence
- Franchising
- General Corporate
- Government Contracts
- Joint Ventures and Technical Collaborations
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Restructuring
- SSA, SHA and SPA
- Technology Transfer and Licensing
- Other

Dispute Resolution

- Civil Litigation
- Commercial Litigations and Settlements
- Employment Disputes
- Insolvency and Bankruptcy
- Intellectual Property Litigation
- Product Liability and Consumer Litigation
- Real Estate / Property Litigation
- Securities Litigation
- Tax Litigation

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Employment

- Advisory
- Compliance

Intellectual Property

- Copyright
- Trade Mark

Insurance

- Advisory
- Claim Recovery

Property and Real Estate

- Commercial Property
- Conveyancing
- Due Diligence
- Leasing
- Sale and Purchase
- Other

Taxation – Direct & Indirect

- Advisory
- Compliance

Trusts and Estates

- Private and Public Trusts
- Incorporation, Management and Dissolution
- Strategic Advisory
- Taxation
- Estate Planning
- Inheritance
- Disputes

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