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## Practice Summary

### International Arbitration

Karishma is frequently instructed to:

Vet joint venture agreements for their dispute resolution clauses.

Draft and appear in interim applications concerning jurisdiction, emergency relief, security for costs, anti-suit or anti-arbitration injunctions.

Conduct cross examination and appear at trials and argue challenges from arbitration awards.

Advised a Jersey company on forfeiture of shares worth USD 12 million pursuant to the failure by a Middle Eastern investor to pay the second and third tranche of investment.

Uttam Galva Steels Ltd v Gunvor Singapore Pte Ltd [2018] EWHC 1098 (Comm). Karishma has been standing counsel for Uttam Galva Steels Limited, a publicly listed Indian steel company for all their commercial litigation and international arbitration matters seated in London. She defended the UG Group in an approximately \$35 million arbitration in a London Metal Exchange arbitration concerning whether an interim ruling in an arbitration can be akin to a summary judgment and whether bills of exchange can be arbitrated. The English High Court challenge from the interim arbitration award is a reported judgment. One leg of the proceedings included a summary action before the Bombay High Court. (Led)

Advising Indian promoters on a Geneva seated LCIA arbitration governed by English law. The matter arises out of a US \$225 million private equity agreement and concerns anti-suit injunctions, non-compete clauses and the interpretation of contracts (sole)

Representing a top Indian steel company in (a) a SIAC arbitration against a Chinese company for payments that are the subject of fraud and (b) an ad hoc domestic Indian arbitration

seated in Mumbai against its warehouse contractor worth INR 9 crores (sole)

Successfully defended an Australian cement manufacturer in a London seated LCIA arbitration against the contractor for its captive power plant (sole)

Advised a high networth individual against a major investment bank for being mis-sold worthless Icelandic bank bonds, following a FINRA arbitration award passed in New York (sole)

Defended a Singaporean company in a London seated LCIA arbitration in a breach of an Acquisition Agreement worth \$79 million to buy a Russian coal mine (led)

Defended an Indian power company in a London seated ICC arbitration in a matter concerning the non completion of a Sudanese power project (led)

Advised an Indian sugar company on the merits of appealing against a \$2.5 million arbitration award passed by the Refined Sugar Association, UK (sole)

Advised on the merits of obtaining interim relief in a shipping arbitration (led)

Advised an Indian pharmaceutical company in a mediation concerning repudiatory breach of contract and a claim for damages worth Euros 400,000 (sole)

Instructed to represent a listed Indian company before the Refined Sugar Association in an arbitration concerning the repudiation of a contract due to falling prices of sugar (sole).

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## Memberships

- Gray's Inn Barristers' Committee (January 2014 – January 2017)
- The COMBAR (Commercial Bar Association) and Combar India subcommittee
- The IBA (International Bar Association)
- The London School of Economics Lawyers Alumni Association
- The Wellington Gymkhana Club, India