

SHISHIR DHOLAKIA

Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India

Shishir Dholakia is a Senior Counsel practising in the Supreme Court of India and a well-known arbitration law expert. He has handled a number of cases involving multi-million dollar claims. In his extensive experience of over 40 years, he has conducted several high profile cases, including one in which he represented the President of India in an election case.

He has extensive international experience in practice of Constitutional, Commercial, and Tax laws. He has been consulted often frequently by solicitors and parties in formulations and interpretations of numerous international commercial contracts and agreements.

He has represented several parties, including the Government of India, in international fora in arbitrations.

The International Chamber of Commerce, Paris, elected Mr. Dholakia to the position of Member of the ICC International Court of Arbitration located at Paris, France. He was its Member from January 2003 to December 2005.

He represents the Indian region on the Committee on International Commercial Arbitration of the International Law Association at London.

He is also a Fellow of the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators and also on its panel.

Mr. Dholakia is a Vice-President of the Asia Pacific Regional Arbitration Group at Hong Kong.

Mr. Dholakia is also a member of the Board of Governors of Construction Industry Arbitration Association, New Delhi, jointly run by the Singapore International Arbitration Centre and the Construction Industry Development Council.

He is also a consultant to the Government of India on Mediation and Arbitration legal infrastructure development partly financed by the World Bank.

SEMINARS/CONFERENCES

Lead speaker in several symposia, including to SCOPE on arbitration;

Speaker: Arbitration, at the seminar organised by American Arbitration Association (AAA)-International Chamber of Commerce, Paris (ICC)-and the Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC) held in Singapore;

Chair and speaker: Arbitration, at the seminar organised by LawAsia held in Gold Coast, Brisbane, Australia;

Speaker: Arbitration, at the seminar organised by the ICC, Paris in Karachi, Pakistan;

Speaker: Arbitration, at the seminar organised by SIAC in Singapore;

Speaker: Arbitration, at the seminar organised by the Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry held in New Delhi, India;

Speaker: Arbitration, at a conference organised by the International Chamber of Commerce, Paris (ICC) and the Indian Council of Arbitration in Bombay, India;

Speaker, Arbitration, at the seminar organised by the CIDC and the SIAC in Bombay, India;

Speaker: Arbitration, at the seminar organised by the London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA) held in New Delhi, India;

Speaker: Arbitration, at the seminar organised by the LawAsia in Goa, India;

Speaker: Arbitration, at the seminar organised by Indian Railway Institute of Management, in New Delhi, India;

Key Note Speaker: Construction law, at the International Conference on Construction—INCITE/ITCSED in New Delhi, India;

Speaker: the Convention on International Sale of Goods Convention—CISG—(Vienna Convention, 1980), at the conference organised jointly by the UNCITRAL and the SIAC in Singapore;

Speaker: Regulation of Distribution of Natural Gas, organised by Infraline.com and Trilegal held in New Delhi, India;

Speaker: the Central Sales Tax Act, 1956, at the seminar organised by the Sales Tax Bar Association held in New Delhi, India;

Speaker: Free Trade Zones and Taxation—the Indian Experience, at the conference organised by LawAsia and the China Law Society in Shanghai, China;

Speaker: Federalism, Governance and the Supreme Court, at a conference organised by the Institute of Social Sciences in New Delhi, India;

Speaker: International Law, at the conference organised by South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) Law Chapter in Paro, Bhutan;

Speaker: the Law of Torts, at the seminar organised by Construction Industry Development Council (CIDC) and SIAC in Chennai, India.

Speaker: "Awarding interest", at the Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia seminar jointly organised by the ICC and Kuala Lumpur International Arbitration Centre.

Speaker: Transfer Pricing under the Income Tax Act, 1961 organised by the Supreme Court Bar Association.

Participated in several Congresses organised by the International Council of Commercial Arbitration, Netherlands.

Invited to be a speaker: The Convention of International Sale of Goods, 1980 and its usefulness to in India in the joint conference being organised by the United Nations Commission on International Law [UNCITRAL], Singapore International Arbitration Centre and CIAA to be held in New Delhi in October 2008.

PUBLICATIONS

Author of over 30 articles and papers on arbitration, taxation, company law, contract, partnership law, law of the sea and the constitutional law;

Publications in a variety of Journals and newspapers including the ICC International Commercial Arbitration Bulletin, the IBA Newsletter on Arbitration, Journal of the Indian Council of Arbitration, the Journal of the Institute of Company Secretaries, the Economic Times, etc.;

Author of the Paper on Arbitration in the book published by the Indian Law Institute (Chairman: Honourable the Chief Justice of India) on the Fiftieth anniversary of the Constitution of India. Publisher: Oxford University Press.

Author of the book: "Rights of Minority Shareholders in Company Law", published by N M Tripathi & Co., now with the Butterworths.