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Primary Practices

Energy & Infrastructure
Public Private Partnerships
Project Finance
Policy & Regulatory
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Secondary Practices

Corporate Commercial
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Education

B. Com. (H) University of
Delhi
LL.B, University of Delhi, 1988

Admissions

Delhi High Court Bar
Association
Bar Council of Maharashtra &
Goa
International Bar Association

Other Training

Attended the Programme on
"Project Finance in Asia"
conducted by the New York
Institute of Finance,
Singapore: November 1997

Hemant Sahai is the Founding Partner of HSA Advocates, a leading law firm in India and is recognized by peers, clients and diverse international legal publications as an "astute lawyer", and one of the "leading lawyers" in India.

For the last three decades, Hemant has been a trusted legal counsel to some of the largest corporates in India and overseas and is widely recognized for his role in shaping the Indian legal industry. In addition to the traditional legal transactional and advisory assignments for corporate groups, Hemant has also been an adviser to central government ministries, PSUs, regulatory authorities, multilateral institutions (World Bank, IFC, ADB, etc.), banks and financial institutions, etc. on a range of policy and regulatory issues.

Hemant has served as an adviser to several working groups and committees formed by top government bodies/institutions including certain extra ministerial policy advisory bodies set up by the Prime Minister's Office, Ministry of Power, Ministry of New and Renewable Energy and other government bodies, from time to time. Hemant has advised the Planning Commission, Niti Aayog and other Governmental bodies on policy issues, drafting model transaction and policy documents, etc.

Hemant has also been appointed to provide legal advisory services to the High-Power Committee constituted by the Government of Gujarat to give recommendations, pursuant to deliberations with the relevant stakeholders including the generating companies, lenders and discoms for ensuring the financial viability of the following thermal power plants (TPPs) which were conceived and set up based on the usage of imported coal from Indonesia.

Hemant has long-standing practical experience in advising on strategy on matters as diverse as general corporate and commercial practices including corporate governance, mergers & acquisitions, dealing with SEBI and Listing Agreement issues, corporate finance & investment, regulatory affairs including dealings with diverse governments and government authorities, and tax-related matters.

He has served clients across an array of industries and sectors including Automotive, Aviation, Banks and Financial Institutions, Ecommerce, Education, Energy including Renewable Energy, Environment, Health and Safety, Hospitality and Healthcare, Infrastructure-urban and rural, Insurance, Manufacturing, Media and Entertainment, etc.

He has also been the Strategic Adviser to the Japanese government through the Japanese Embassy in India, on the Infrastructure sector in India for the last several years. He also sits on the Confederation of Indian Industry's (CII) Regional Committee on Energy. He is regularly called upon to speak at diverse Indian and International forums, seminars and workshops.

Hemant was recognized by several international publications including –

- "In-House Community, Commended External Counsel of the Year, 2019" for India by the "In-House Community" of Counsels at an awards function held in Hong Kong.
- "Top 100 lawyers in India", "Top 35 legal icons of India" by India Business Law Journal ("IBLJ")
- "Infrastructure Lawyer of the Year" by "American Lawyer's Emerging Markets Awards", in Singapore.

Hemant has also been highly recommended as a leading lawyer by Asia Pacific Legal 500, Chambers Asia Pacific as well as Chambers Global, among many others.