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Manika Brar

Partner

Competition Law

Manika Brar joined the firm in Feb 2007 and was promoted to partnership in the Competition Law Practice in June 2015. She has carved her niche in enforcement and merger control cases.

On the cartel enforcement front, Manika acted for *Indo National Limited* in successfully overturning a finding of cartelisation for flashlights by the Director General's office before the CCI, despite leniency applications filed by the two other market players. She also represented *Carlsberg India Private Limited* on the *suo moto* proceedings initiated by the CCI against beer companies in India for price fixing and cartelization. Manika has been involved in numerous other domestic and global cartel investigations, including in the auto parts sector.

Manika is regarded as a well-seasoned and experienced abuse of dominance specialist as well. She regularly represents *DLF* before the CCI, NCLAT and Supreme Court of India in several abuse of dominance cases against the real estate major. She successfully defended the *National Stock Exchange* before the CCI against allegations that the provision of colocation services was anti-competitive. She is also acting for the *National Stock Exchange* on its appeal before the Supreme Court of India and in the compensation claims filed before the NCLAT, in a predatory pricing case.

On the merger control front, Manika has advised various international and domestic companies on merger control aspects of creation of joint ventures, reorganizations, asset sales etc. In the past, she represented *Bain Capital* in obtaining merger approval for its global acquisition of control over *DSM Sinochem Pharmaceuticals*. She has also acted for *Suzuki Motor Corporation* in relation to its global transaction with *Toyota Motor Corporation* and obtained an expedited approval for the transaction. Manika has many notable successes on this front including obtaining clearances for *Konecranes Plc* and *Terex Corporations* on *Konecranes Plc's* USD 1.3 billion acquisition of Terex Corporation's Material Handling Business, *CMA CGM SA* on its USD 2.4 billion acquisition of *NOL Limited*, *Nestle SA* on its joint venture with *PAI Partners*, *American & Efird's* acquisition of majority ownership of *Vardhman Yarns and Threads Limited*, *H. J. Heinz* on its USD 28 billion acquisition by *Berkshire Hathaway* and *3G Capital*, investment in *Future Consumer Enterprise Ltd*, the food and consumer goods arm of Kishore Biyani-led *Future Group* by *Black River Asset Management*, the private equity arm of US food and agriculture company *Cargill*, *Reliance's* acquisition of the Retail & Wholesale Business and the Logistics & Warehousing Business of the *Future group* and *EQT Fund Management S.à r.l.* and the *Goldman Sachs Group, Inc.* acquisition of *Parexel International Corporation*.

Location

- Delhi

Education

- LL.B, (Faculty of Law, Delhi University)
- LL.M, (University of Pennsylvania Law School, Philadelphia)

Practices

- Competition Law

Professional Membership

- Bar Council of Delhi

Awards & Recognitions

- **Future Stars** for Competition by Benchmark Litigation Asia-Pacific 2024
- **Global Leader** by Who's Who Legal 2021-22
- **Future Leader** in Asia Pacific lawyers in Who's Who Legal Future Leaders, 2019





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Manika was called out among the four “*Most Highly Regarded*” partners in Asia Pacific lawyers in WWL Future Leaders 2019 and acknowledged for having a reputation as “*one of the best for matters related to competition law*”. Manika has also made valuable contributions to the market intelligence chapters on cartels for Getting the Deal through. She has also been listed as a foremost practitioner under 45 in “*Who’s Who Legal: Competition – Future Leaders*”. She was also recognised as Global Leader in Who's Who Legal 2021 and 2022 Global Guides, Competition Law.

Manika also leads our Competition practice’s internal learning and development initiatives.

Manika holds an LL.B from the Faculty of Law, Delhi University, and an LL.M in Corporate Law and M&A from the University of Pennsylvania Law School, Philadelphia.

