

About us

Nishith Desai Associates (NDA) is a research based international law firm with offices in Mumbai, Bangalore, Silicon Valley, Singapore, New Delhi & Munich. We specialize in strategic legal, regulatory and tax advice coupled with industry expertise in an integrated manner. We focus on niche areas in which we provide significant value and are invariably involved in select highly complex, innovative transactions. Our key clients include marquee repeat Fortune 500 clientele.

Our practice areas include International Tax, International Tax Litigation, Litigation & Dispute Resolution, Fund Formation, Fund Investments, Corporate & Securities Law, Mergers & Acquisitions, Competition Law, JVs & Restructuring, Capital Markets, Employment and HR, Intellectual Property, International Commercial Law and Private Client. Our specialized industry niches include funds, financial services, IT and telecom, pharma and healthcare, media and entertainment, real estate and infrastructure & education.

Our research oriented approach has also led to the team members being recognized and felicitated for thought leadership. NDAites have won the global competition for dissertations at the International Bar Association for 5 years. Nishith Desai, Founder of Nishith Desai Associates, has been voted '**External Counsel of the Year 2009**' by Asian Counsel and Pacific Business Press and the '**Most in Demand Practitioners**' by Chambers Asia 2009. He has also been ranked No. 28 in a global Top 50 "**Gold List**" by Tax Business, a UK-based journal for the international tax community. He is listed in the Lex Witness '**Hall of fame: Top 50**' individuals who have helped shape the legal landscape of modern India. He is also the recipient of Prof. Yunus '**Social Business Pioneer of India**' – 2010 award.

We believe strongly in constant knowledge expansion and have developed dynamic Knowledge Management ('**KM**') and Continuing Education ('**CE**') programs, conducted both in-house and for select invitees. KM and CE programs cover key events, global and national trends as they unfold and examine case studies, debate and analyze emerging legal, regulatory and tax issues, serving as an effective forum for cross pollination of ideas. Our trust-based, non-hierarchical, democratically managed organization that leverages research and knowledge to deliver premium services, high value, and a unique employer proposition has now been developed into a global case study and published by John Wiley & Sons, USA in a feature titled '**Management by Trust in a Democratic Enterprise: A Law Firm Shapes Organizational Behavior to Create Competitive Advantage**' in the September 2009 issue of Global Business and Organizational Excellence (GBOE).

Rewards & Rankings

Nishith Desai Associates has been ranked as the Most Innovative Indian Law Firm (2014 & 2015) at the Innovative Lawyers Asia-Pacific Awards by the Financial Times - RSG Consulting. Nishith Desai Associates has been awarded for **“Best Dispute Management lawyer”**, **“Best Use of Innovation and Technology in a law firm”**, **“Best Dispute Management Firm”**, and **“M&A Deal of the year”** by IDEX Legal 2015 in association with three legal charities; IDIA, iProbono and Thomson Reuters Foundation. Nishith Desai Associates has been recognized as a Recommended Tax Firm in India by World Tax 2015 (International Tax Review’s directory). IBLJ (India Business Law Journal) has awarded Nishith Desai Associates for Private equity & venture capital, structured finance & securitization, TMT and Taxation in (2014/2015). IFLR1000 has ranked Nishith Desai Associates in Tier 1 for Private Equity (2014).

Chambers and Partners ranked us as # 1 for Tax and Technology-Media-Telecom (2014/2015). Legal 500 ranked us in # 1 for Investment Funds, Tax and Technology-Media-Telecom (TMT) practices (2011/2012/2013/2014). IDEX Legal has recognized Nishith Desai as the Managing Partner of the Year (2014). Legal Era, a prestigious Legal Media Group has recognized Nishith Desai Associates as the Best Tax Law Firm of the Year (2013). Chambers & Partners has ranked us as # 1 for Tax, TMT and Private Equity (2013). For the third consecutive year.

International Financial Law Review (a Euromoney publication) has recognized us as the Indian **“Firm of the Year”** (2012) for our Technology - Media - Telecom (TMT) practice. We have been named an Asian-Mena Counsel ‘In-House Community Firm of the Year’ in India for Life Sciences practice (2012) and also for International Arbitration (2011). We have received honorable mentions in Asian Mena Counsel Magazine for Alternative Investment Funds, Antitrust/Competition, Corporate and M&A, TMT and being Most Responsive Domestic Firm (2012).

We have been ranked as the best performing Indian law firm of the year by the RSG India Consulting in its client satisfaction report (2011). Chambers & Partners has ranked us # 1 for Tax, TMT and Real Estate – FDI (2011). We’ve received honorable mentions in Asian Mena Counsel Magazine for Alternative Investment Funds, International Arbitration, Real Estate and Taxation for the year 2010.

We have been adjudged the winner of the Indian Law Firm of the Year 2010 for TMT by IFLR. We have won the prestigious **“Asian-Counsel’s Socially Responsible Deals of the Year 2009”** by Pacific Business Press.

In addition to being Asian-Counsel Firm of the Year 2009 for the practice areas of Private Equity and Taxation in India. Indian Business Law Journal listed our Tax, PE & VC and Technology-Media-Telecom (TMT) practices in the India Law Firm Awards 2009. Legal 500 (Asia-Pacific) has also ranked us #1 in these practices for 2009-2010. We have been ranked the highest for ‘Quality’ in the Financial Times – RSG Consulting ranking of Indian law firms in 2009. The Tax Directors Handbook, 2009 lauded us for our constant and innovative out-of-the-box ideas. Other past recognitions include being named the Indian Law Firm of the Year 2000 and Asian Law Firm of the Year (Pro Bono) 2001 by the International Financial Law Review, a Euromoney publication.

In an Asia survey by International Tax Review (September 2003), we were voted as a top-ranking law firm and recognized for our cross-border structuring work.

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