

Interviewees appreciate his commercial awareness as well as his ability to "look at the macro picture to find solutions."

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Bahram N. Vakil – FOUNDER AND SENIOR PARTNER

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One of the founding partners of AZB & Partners, Bahram N. Vakil is amongst India's foremost infrastructure and project finance attorneys and has been acknowledged as a leading project finance lawyer by most international publications for over a decade. The World's Leading Lawyers for Business mentions that Bahram N. Vakil is a gregarious and hard headed lawyer and clients value his "smart, reliable and practical advice". His finesse in negotiations is especially singled out. "He adds value in negotiations, ensuring both parties see the other's point of view" states Chambers Global. He has a LLM from the Columbia University, and is a member of the New York State Bar.

*Bahram Vakil is an instantly recognizable figure who is commended for his being able to "get into the details" of more complex matters. A peer further states that Vakil's "strength lies in his ability to bring the commercial point of view to the table." –
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PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

- Solicitor, India : 1986
- Member, New York State Bar Association : 1985
- LLM, Columbia University, New York, USA : 1983
- Advocate, Bar Council of Maharashtra & Goa : 1982
- Bachelor of Law, Bombay University : 1982

EXPERIENCE

- Founding Partner, AZB & Partners
2004 onwards
- Founding Partner, CZB & Partners
2002 to 2004
- Partner, Little & Co.
1991 to 2001
- Associate, Little & Co.
1985 to 1991
- Associate, McCutchen, Doyle, Brown & Enersen, San Francisco, U.S.A.
1984 to 1985
- Associate, Debevoise & Plimpton, New York, U.S.A.
1983 to 1984

KEY PRACTICE AREAS

INFRASTRUCTURE AND PROJECT FINANCE

- Advised various infrastructure projects in India in the power, oil and natural gas, telecommunications, mining, airports and port sectors

Seasoned practitioner Bahram Vakil has considerable experience in handling both project finance and M&A transactions. According to one interviewee, "he is a great lawyer with great business sense."- Project Finance and M&A- Chambers Global - 2016

The 'outstanding' Bahram Vakil leads AZB & Partners' 'creative' and 'well-connected' group, which covers a broad range of financial products and related services in India. - Leading Individuals, The Legal500 Asia-Pacific 2015

- Involved in the drafting, reviewing and negotiation of various project, finance and security documents

BANKING, FINANCE AND DERIVATIVES

- Advised foreign and domestic sector banks on various financing transactions. Drafted and reviewed loan and finance documentation for banks and financial institutions and assisted the banks to standardize the legal procedure relating to granting of facilities to body corporates and individuals

JOINT VENTURES, ACQUISITIONS, RESTRUCTURING OF COMPANIES AND CORPORATE LAW

- Acted for and advised clients in major corporate acquisitions in India as well as in the merger of companies in India
- Advised in relation to foreign investment into India, regulatory approvals for such investment and interfacing with the regulatory authorities in this regard
- Extensive experience in negotiation, drafting of documentation and corporate and foreign exchange related issues
- Represented and advised private parties in the Government of India's disinvestment process

PRIVATE EQUITY FUNDS AND VENTURE CAPITAL

- Advised and negotiated transactions for various venture capital funds and investor companies
- Advised and assisted in the structuring of offshore and domestic venture capital funds. The scope of work included drafting the necessary fund documents including the private placement memoranda, investment management agreements, subscription agreements etc. Negotiated with potential investors and advised and assisted in the registration of the venture capital funds with the Securities and Exchange Board of India

ACCOLADES & COMMITTEES

- Appointed as a key member of the Dr T K Viswanathan Committee on Bankruptcy Law Reforms (BLRC) constituted by the Ministry of Finance, Government of India. The BLRC drafted the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2015
- U.K. Sinha Committee - Working Group on Foreign Investment in India
- Financial Sector Legislative Reforms Committee (FSLRC) - SEBI Advisory Group
- SEBI Sub - Group on Regulatory Guidelines for Redeemable Non - Convertible Preference shares
- Leading Lawyer for Banking & Finance by Chambers Global 2011 to 2016
- Leading Individual for Banking & Finance; and Projects & Energy by The Legal500 Asia-Pacific 2012 to 2016
- Leading Lawyer for Banking, Project Finance, Energy and Infrastructure by IFLR1000, 2016

- Recommended by International Who's Who Legal for Project Finance 2013 to 2016
- Leading Lawyer for Banking & Finance and Corporate/M&A - Asia Law Leading Lawyers 2014 - 2016
- Leading Lawyer for Banking and Project Finance by IFLR 1000 Financial & Corporate and Energy & infrastructure Guide 2011 to 2015
- Band 1 for Banking & Finance (2012 to 2015) and Highly Recommended for Corporate/M&A (2012 to 2015) by Chambers Asia-Pacific

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