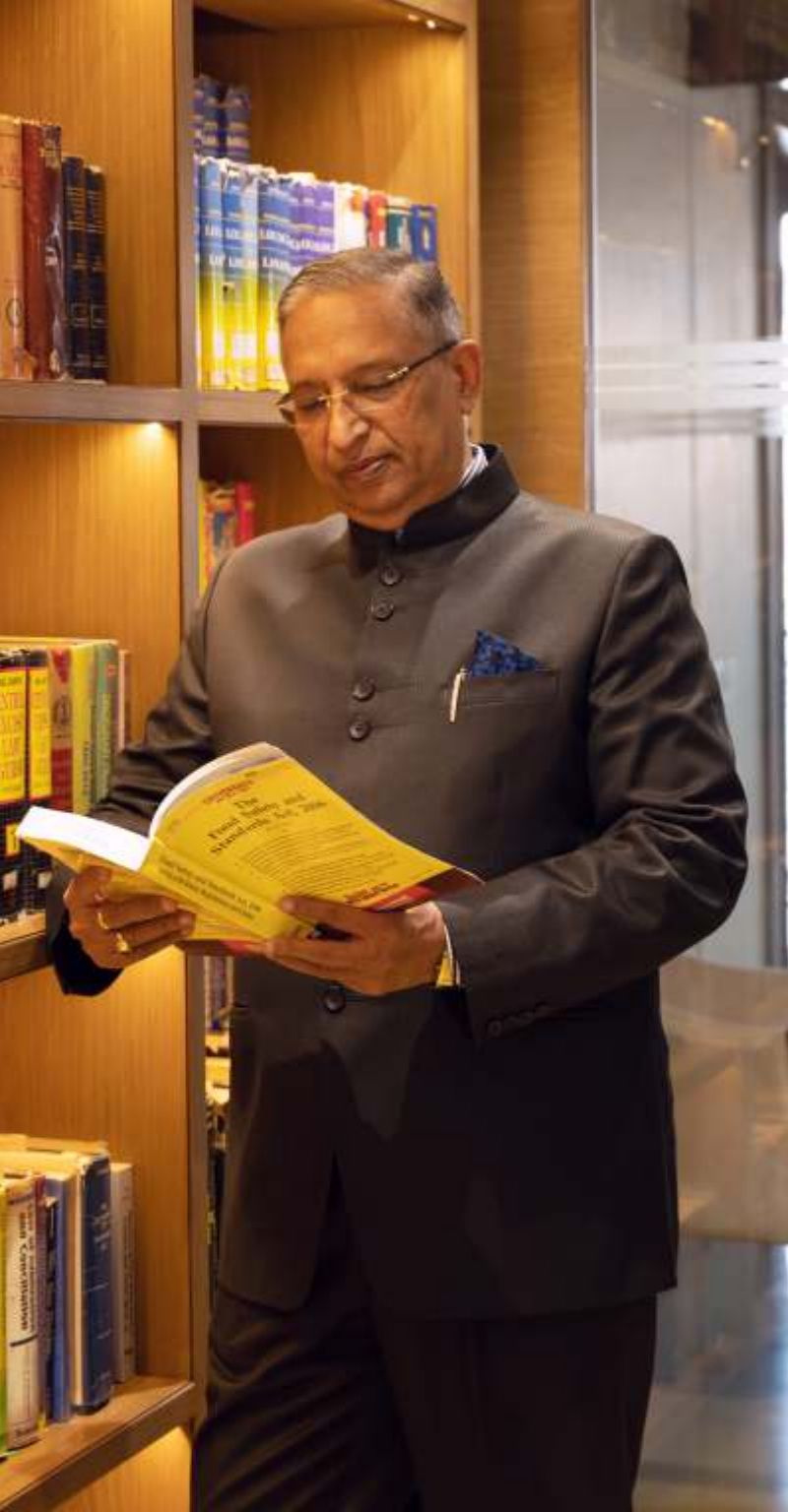




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Dr. Justice Vineet Kothari, a former High Court Judge, is resident of India. Born on 2nd September, 1959, in Jodhpur, Rajasthan, India, he had keen interest in academics and sports. With his interest in academia he obtained the following degrees :

1. Bachelor of Commerce B.Com.(Hons.)
2. Chartered Accountant (CA)
3. Company Secretary (CS)
4. LL.B.
5. LL.M.
6. Ph.D. (Taxation)

He is now a designated Senior Advocate by the Supreme Court of India and practices law in Constitutional Courts in India. His main areas of practice are Domestic Tax laws, International Taxation, Arbitration, Corporate and Insolvency laws, Property and Family Laws. His keen and active involvement in Alternate Dispute Resolution (ADR) encompasses Commercial & Contractual disputes resolution through various Domestic & International Arbitration & Mediation Institutions. He is empaneled as an Arbitrator with most of the High Courts annexed Centres in India and is also on board of private Arbitration and Mediation Centres in India like Nani Palkivala Arbitration Centre. He is a senior advisor with KPMG, India and MBG, Dubai. He is on the panel of Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC) & Dubai International Arbitration Centre (DIAC) as an Arbitrator.

Dr. Kothari was elevated to the Bench on 13.6.2005 as a Judge of Rajasthan High Court where he served till 17.4.2016. He then served at Karnataka High Court from 18.4.2016 to 22.11.2018. Afterwards, he also served at Madras High Court from 23.11.2018 to 3.1.2021 and later towards the end of his career as a Judge, he also served at Gujarat High Court from 4.1.2021 to 1.9.2021. He served at both Madras and Gujarat as an Acting Chief Justice. While serving as Judge at various High Courts for over 16 years he decided approximately 50,000 contested Tax Appeals, Writ Petitions, Writ Appeals, Civil Appeals.

Dr. Kothari has contributed papers at various National and International Conferences on International Taxation and other allied subjects at various places including Amsterdam, Helsinki, Luzern, Switzerland and Brisbane, Australia on subjects like "Transfer Pricing and Use of Secret Comparables", "Social Networking by Judges", "Application of Foreign Judgments by Indian Courts" etc. and is a Member from last 10 years and an Honorary Director on the Board of International Association of Tax Judges (IATJ) for last 5 years. He is also a Member of (Commonwealth Magistrates and Judges Association) CMJA, London. His two Papers have been published by Korea Legislative Research Institute (KLRI) in their Global Legal Issues viz. "Constitutional Features & Indian Democracy" (2012) and "Applicability of Foreign Decisions and Interpretation of Tax Treaties in International Taxation" (2017).

He is a regular participant and a speaker at various conferences across the country and at global platform. He regularly addressed several Webinars during Covid period between 2020 to 2021 on various subjects

ranging from Taxation to variety of law subjects to cross sections of professionals including his address to various Institutions and School Children about Indian Legal system.

He served as Executive Chairman of Tamil Nadu State Legal Services Authority, Executive Chairman of Gujarat State Legal Services Authority as also as the Chairman of the Tamil Nadu Mediation and Conciliation Centre. While he was in Gujarat, he was also the Chairman of the Gujarat Arbitration Centre & Mediation Centre.

He completed his 40 Hours Mediation training approved by MCPC, a Committee constituted by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India and decided several cases amicably between disputants through mediation process as a sitting Judge.

Significantly, his Article on "Child Education & Poverty Alleviation in India" giving various suggestions with regard to character building of youth of the country was acknowledged and appreciated by the then Hon'ble President of India, Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam in 2006.

As a practising Advocate he also performed the role as that of the Chief Editor of Sales Tax Literature, a National Level Law Journal, from the year 1986 till 1990. He was also Author of the CTR Yearly Digest & STC Yearly Digest from 1979 till 1990.

He was also a Guest Faculty cum Professor in the Faculty of Law, Jai Narayan Vyas University Jodhpur, for about six years from 1994 till 2000.



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Kothari & Associates (Advocates & Solicitors) an innovative, forward-thinking full service law firm, founded in 1984, has offices at Jodhpur, Jaipur and Pali (Rajasthan). Kothari & Associates together with B.M. Kothari & Co. has provided consultancy and legal services for over a period of 50 years to a variety of clients including domestic and international clients Corporations, financial entities, Government agencies and individuals.

The legal practice was started by Dr. Vineet Kothari in 1984, who later got elevated as Judge of Rajasthan High Court in 2005. Justice Kothari during his term of more than 16 years HC Judge served 4 major HCs of the country namely, Rajasthan, Karnataka, Madras and Gujarat. He also served as Acting Chief Justice of Madras HC and retired Acting Chief Justice of Gujarat HC 2nd September 2021. Justice Kothari is also an Honorary Director of IAT (International Association of Tax Judges) and a member CMJA (Commonwealth

Magistrates' and Judges Association), London. Dr. Vineet Kothari is now a Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India.

The firm deals and specializes in number of practice areas and has an experienced team across, to deal with range of areas including Corporate and Commercial laws. The firm has proven capabilities in handling financial disputes including insolvency, restructuring, enforcement and asset recovery.

The firm has expert team of Lawyers and Chartered Accountants, known for their proactive support on a wide spectrum of Direct and Indirect Taxes as well as International Taxation related issues. It has dedicated disputes team that directly represents clients and argues matters before various Courts and Tribunals. It also has dedicated team to advice on Competition law issues emanating from various corporate transactions.



The firm has specialist capabilities in Alternate Dispute Resolution including Arbitration, Negotiation, Conciliation and Mediation. It has dealt with variety of cases in issues involving Civil Frauds, matters relating to SFIO (Serious Fraud Investigation) and Enforcement Directorate (ED), Debt Recovery, White Collar Crime Frauds and Broadcasting & Cable Service Disputes.

The firm has experienced team to assist on all employment related and compliance issues with due consideration of confidentiality and discretion.

The firm has dealt with a variety of matters pertaining to Drugs & Cosmetic Act, Insecticides and Pesticides Act, Criminal law related matters. It also deals with subject matters involving Mining, Land and real estate related disputes. It has also represented clients in matters related to Trademark and Copyright issues.

The lawyers and consultants of the firm also provide Legal and Business process outsourcing services.

Our team believes in establishing strong & enduring relationships with our clients by ensuring that we are flexible as per clients' requirements and are always available to attend to our clients' needs. We believe in a constant communication with our clients to discuss case assessment and litigation strategies, as well as make recommendations and provide insight into every step of the process by analysing and sharing latest legal, regulatory and policy developments to update clients on issues impacting their business interests.

M/s. B.M. & Kothari Co. started by Shri B.M. Kothari, (C.A. LL.B.) (Ex-Senior Member of the Income Tax Appellate Tribunal), is the Chartered Accountancy wing partnered with the firm mainly providing Accounting, Auditing and Consultancy services in Direct Tax related planning and matters. The team rendering Accounting and Auditing services is headed by Mr. Amit Kothari (C.A.) who has now been practising for past more than 30 years.



MR. VINAY KOTHARI



Mr. Vinay Kothari obtained his Bachelor's degree in Law (LL.B.) (Hons.) from the prestigious National Law University (NLU), Jodhpur along with a graduation in Business Administration (B.B.A.). He did his Masters in Law (LLM) from the coveted Kings College, London. He joined the Bar in year 2007, after having an enriching work experience with a variety of International and some of the major law firms in India. He also worked with the then Attorney General of India, two senior most judges of the Supreme Court of India. He now regularly appears before various Courts, Tribunals, forums across the country. He is a Panel lawyer for the Hon'ble Rajasthan High Court for Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd. (ONGC), Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd. (HPCL), Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd. (BPCL), Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. (IOCL) National High Authority of India (NHAI), Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE), National Stock Exchange (NSE). He is regularly appearing for some of major corporates on a variety of issues and is being regularly engaged by major Solicitor firms to represent them across the country. He is also a retainer with various Companies and Trusts.

MEENA KOTHARI

Mrs. Meena Kothari along with her Bachelor's degree in Law and Commerce also holds a Post Graduate Diploma in Journalism (P.G.D.J). She is also qualified tutor for students with special ability, holds the degree of B.Ed. (Special Education), she has done her M.A. in Prakrit language. She enrolled with the Bar Council of Rajasthan in year 1988. With her deep interest towards Mediation she complete her training as a Mediator. She is now a Senior Mediator and Trainer and has a diversified experience of working with various Legal Aid Services Authorities across the India. She widely travels to train Mediators across the country. Her specialisation provides a new facet and dimension to the organisation.



MRS. RICHA KOTHARI



Mrs. Richa Kothari holds an Honors degree in Bachelors of Commerce, she did her law degree from the Jai Narain Vyas University, Jodhpur. She has holds a diploma in Capital Markets conducted by the NSE and has completed her CA (Inter). With her educational background and deep interest in securities market, she regularly advises Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) and National Stock Exchange (NSE) for their litigation before various forums including High Court, National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) and at other lower courts.

MR. MEHUL KOTHARI



Mr. Mehul Kothari did his Bachelors in Law LL.B. (Hons.) from Jindal Global Law School along with a graduation in Bachelors of Arts (B.A). His LL.M. was one of the most desired programs from Erasmus Mundus (EMLE), which entailed with an opportunity to specialize in Competition law while studying in 3 countries (Israel, Netherlands, Austria). Mehul enrolled with the Bar Council of Rajasthan in 2017. Prior to joining to Kothari & Associates he had an enriching experience of working with AZB & Partners, Bangalore Office He is empanelled with couple of General Insurance Companies for their matters before the Hon'ble Rajasthan High Court. He is keenly interested and dealing with matters involving White Collar Crimes, Money Laundering cases. He is also providing consultancy on variety of legal issues to various business houses.

MR. PRADEEP SINGH KHICHI

Mr. Pradeep Singh Khichi graduated from the prestigious National Law University at Patiala and obtained his degree of B.A. LL.B. (Hons.). He enrolled with the Bar in 2019. He has been regularly appearing before the Hon'ble Rajasthan High Court and various other subordinate Courts and Tribunals. He is handling matters involving multi-disciplines of law relating to taxation, company law and other civil law related issues.



MISS. KUMKUM SHAH

Miss Kumkum Shah graduated from the Institute of Law, Nirma University, Ahmedabad with degree of B.BA LLB (Hons) she did her Masters in Law (LLM) from National Law University, Jodhpur. She enrolled with the bar in 2018. Prior to joining Kothari & Associates she had enriching internship experiences with Economic Law Practice, Wadia Chandy & Co, Legal Department - Cadila Healthcare Ltd. (Zydus) and other Senior Advocates at Rajasthan High Court. She has authored various articles on diverse subject matters and has done extensive research and drafting assignments across a broad spectrum of legal issues.





MR. AYUSH GOYAL

Mr. Ayush Goyal has recently graduated from the esteemed NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad with the degree of B.A. LLB (Hons.). He has joined us recently and is the youngest member of our team. His prior internship experiences includes working with various AoR, Supreme Court, Keystone Partners, Bengaluru, Law office of Panag and Babu, Bengaluru. He regularly deals with and appears in matters relating to RUHS (Rajasthan University of Health Sciences) and is appears for various General Insurance Companies for whom K&A is panel lawyer. He has experience of researching and drafting on various issues and is keenly interested in matters relating to criminal, civil and commercial laws.

MR. PRANJUL CHOPRA

Mr. Pranjul Chopra graduated from the prestigious National Law (NLU), Jodhpur. He is an experienced advocate with a demonstrated history of working in diverse areas including commercial disputes, arbitration matters, property disputes, service disputes, and criminal law. Pranjul is on the panel for State Corporation and development authority. Pranjul is based at Jaipur.



MRS. LUCKY AGARWAL

Mrs. Lucky Agarwal graduated from the prestigious Nirma University at Ahmedabad and obtained her degree of B.Com. LL.B. (Hons.). She enrolled with the Bar in 2022. She has internship experience with various law firms including Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas, Samwad Partners, Dua Associates and HAS Advocates. With her keen interest and past experience in Corporate Laws, Arbitration, Competition Law, IBC & Civil Laws she is presently working in the said areas of the law with firm.





MRS. ADITI KOTHARI

Mrs. Aditi Kothari specializes in Indirect and International Taxation with a stronghold in Accounting and Financial Management. Having studied in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, and having an international exposure to various taxation matters, Aditi is B.Com (Hons), Chartered Accountant (C.A.) and currently pursuing Law. She is advising Clients in matters involving corporate affairs, taxation and corporate insolvency.

MR. GAUTAM YADAV

Mr. Gautam Yadav graduated from National Law University, Jodhpur in 2022 with the degree of B.A. LLB (Hons). His previous internship experiences include working with HSA Advocates in their New Delhi office, Capstone Legal in Jaipur and Law Care Legal Consultants in Jaipur. He has extensive research and drafting experience across a broad spectrum of legal issues and is interested in developing his expertise further in taxation laws.

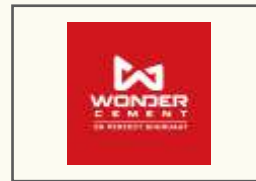


MISS BHARTI JANGID

Miss Bharti Jangid graduated from Jai Narain Vyas University, Jodhpur with degree of B.A. LL.B. Her prior internship experiences include working with the office of Assistant Solicitor General of High Court of Rajasthan, other Advocates and NGOs. She has interned with Major Shaitan Singh Fellowship Committee, Lok Sabha, Parliament of India, which helped her work for upliftment of girl students at the grass root level. She has done extensive research and drafting assignments across a broad spectrum of legal issues and is interested in developing her expertise further in commercial laws.



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