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Expertise: Banking & Finance, Projects & Infrastructure, Restructuring & Insolvency and Debt-Capital Markets.

Education: B.S.L., LL.B (Hons), Symbiosis Law College, Pune

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Awards:

- Recognised as '**Recommended Lawyer**' for Banking & Finance, Projects & Energy and Capital Markets practices by the Legal 500 Asia-Pacific Rankings 2024.
- Recognized amongst **India's Top Lawyers and members of prestigious A-List** for 2023-2024 by India Business Law Journal.
- Recognised as '**Rising Star Partner**' for Banking and Project Finance practices by IFLR 1000 Asia-Pacific Rankings 2023.
- Recognised as '**Rising Star**' by Asian Legal Business 2022.
- Featured in **Asia 40 under 40 Lawyers List**, 2021 by Asian Legal Business.
- Featured in **BW Legal World 40 under 40 Elite Club of Lawyers and Legal Influencers**, 2021.
- Featured as one of **India's Future Legal Leaders** by India Business Law Journal.
- Featured in India's **Super 50 Lawyer** by ALB in Client Service Category.

Overview: Abir is a Partner with the Banking & Finance (B&F), Restructuring & Insolvency, Corporate Advisory and Project & Infrastructure Practice Group at Saraf and Partners.

Abir has a vast experience of Indian B&F and other practice areas and his practice focuses primarily on rendering legal advice, structuring, drafting, risk allocation and negotiation assistance to borrowers & lenders for all their B&F needs. Abir has advised on several high-profile domestic Indian lending structures & products, and various overseas India linked borrowing and lending matters.

Abir possesses an expertise on infrastructure and PPP related laws & practices in India, foreign investment regulations & practices, and is sought out for advice on structuring investments into India.

His work has covered multiple sectors including Logistics & Warehousing, Infrastructure, Aviation, Highways, Renewable Energy, Oil & Gas, Transmission, Ports, Real Estate, Stressed Assets, Financial Services and Asset Management, and has advised on diverse products covering the entire gamut of B&F practices including Project Finance, Structured Finance, External Borrowings, Trade Finance, Acquisition Finance, INR and Foreign Currency Bond issuances, Insolvencies and Restructurings. Abir also assists Indian and foreign clients in legal risk management.

Abir is also a Guest Faculty Member at Jawaharlal Nehru Institute of Banking and Finance (JNIBF) at Hyderabad and conducted various sessions at law schools across the country. Abir is also part of Editorial Panel of various publication houses.

Publications:

- Article on Resignation of directors during the Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process – Published on Bar and Bench in May 2021.
- Article on COVID 19: The Regulators’ Response – MCA, IBBI and MCA - Published on The Law Review Anthology in July 2020.
- Article on A Stringent Regime For Housing Finance Companies Proposed by RBI - Published on Mondaq in July 2020.
- Article on Corporate Debt Restructuring – Revisiting Options post IBC - Published on Legal Era in July 2020.
- Article on Opportunities for the Law Students and Way Forward – Published in the June 2019 issue of Reorient.
- Guest Editor for the Book Series on Rule of Law in Republic India – Jus Dicere Publication.
- Blog Post on “is the period of 15 days stipulated under Section 13(3A) of SARFAESI Act to respond to a Representation by a Borrower Mandatory”.
- Blog Post on “Impact of the Companies (Amendment) Ordinance, 2018 on Registration of Charges”.
- Blog Post on “Peer to Peer Lending in India: A Chinese Lesson Well Learnt!”.
- Contributed to the Article published on LiveMint on the Angel Tax Exemption.