

SNAPSHOT
White Collar Crimes Practice

About PSL

PSL - Advocates & Solicitors is a new-age boutique law firm offering specialised legal services to leading Indian and multi-national corporations, Sovereign States, Financial Institutions, Government Instrumentalities including Public Sector Undertakings, Royal Families and Individuals.

PSL (formerly known as PAMASIS Law Chambers) was renamed in 2017 and has been consistently recognized and awarded by various international and national directories. The team at PSL comprises of a group of dynamic counsels with rich experience who come across as a close knit group that really value their relationships with clients. PSL offers its expertise in areas of International Arbitration, Litigation, Insolvency & Bankruptcy, White Collar Crimes, Tax and Corporate Advisory.

The Firm is committed towards delivering bespoke and pragmatic solutions to its clients in short turnaround time. PSL has advised and represented clients from a wide range of industrial sectors including Aviation, Banking, Automotive, Food, Hospitality, Real Estate, Retail, Defence, Infrastructure, Manufacturing, Electricity, Power, Telecom and Oil & Gas. PSL's practice is unique because the partners' experience spans across vast areas of practice.'

PSL has uniquely positioned itself to adeptly handle a wide spectrum of complex matters in various areas – from domestic to cross border disputes and advisory, with passion and motivation. Our practice areas have lawyers who have intellectual depth, expertise, and geographic scope to successfully resolve a varied range of legal issues while also retaining the advocacy inhouse and not outsourcing it to external counsels. The team at PSL is composed of experienced professionals of high reactivity. Our dedication to understanding the client and the cases along with the importance given to availability and adaptability is consistently appreciated by the clients.

PSL boasts of a culture driven on the strength of knowledge, research and innovation, highlighted by the constant pursuit of subject matter expertise and excellence in advocacy. Lawyers at PSL keep pace with international best practices and constantly implement the use of innovative technology for effective results. The firm has taken strides in this sphere by strategically investing in and developing artificial intelligence (AI) based applications for an unparalleled client experience and accuracy in research and due diligence.

White Collar Crimes/Socio-economic Offenses Practice

The rapid advancement of technology and the modernization of the Indian economy has led to a steep rise in white collar crimes. PSL's white collar practice has kept pace with the evolving legal and regulatory regime in India and abroad. The increasingly complex framework of criminal laws and rising prosecutions associated with white collar crime are increasing risks associated with running businesses in India. We have extensive experience in representing clients in white collar crime matters both at a preventative and prosecution stages.

PSL has a flourishing white-collar crimes practice and regularly advises various domestic and international clients. Lawyers at PSL are well equipped to assist our clients conduct internal audits and create appropriate risk mitigation strategies, defence in investigations, criminal trials and appellate proceedings before courts, corporate investigations and general advisory in relation to liabilities attributed to promoters and other employees, proceedings to protect personal liberty, blacklisting proceedings and cancellation of contracts. Indian companies tied to corporations in the U.S and the U.K are increasingly exposed to investigations under the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, 1977 and UK Bribery Act, 2010. With anti-corruption laws becoming more stringent in India, it has become incumbent on the directors of companies to put in place a mechanism to prevent fraud and corruption. PSL also assists foreign businesses operating in India with false criminal cases filed against them to settle business disputes.

Our team ensures that our clients are compliant with Indian and foreign law at every step of a transaction, while also putting in place a safety net in a post-transaction scenario. PSL has been handling various matters in this practice area, notably:

- ✓ Advised and successfully represented a high net worth individual before the trial court in a prosecution under the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988.
- ✓ Advised and successfully represented a high net worth individual before the High Court of Delhi in a matter pertaining to quashing of a FIR related to land grabbing.
- ✓ Advised and assisted a leading UAE banking institution in extradition proceedings of an Indian bank fraud offender.
- ✓ Advised and successfully represented a master franchisee company in a serious fraud investigation matter before the NCLT, Delhi.
- ✓ Advised and successfully defended an accused in the criminal trial pertaining to the infamous Haryana educational scam allegedly involving recruitment of unqualified individuals.
- ✓ Advised and successfully defended an accused in a criminal trial pertaining to the multi crore Railways Freight Scam.
- ✓ Advised and successfully represented a celebrated Indian film actor before the Supreme Court of India in a matter under the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.
- ✓ Advising and representing world renowned German multinational conglomerate against the fraudulent and malafide practices of the Resolution Professional of a Corporate Debtor for fraudulent invocation of performance Bank Guarantees amounting to INR 20 Crores.
- ✓ Represented Developer before the Adjudicating Authority, PMLA challenging provisional attachment of project assets.
- ✓ Represented a banking institution before the Appellate Tribunal, PMLA to secure release of assets mortgaged with the bank attached by the in the enforcement action on the group company of the borrower.
- ✓ Advised an accused facing prosecution on charges relating to fraudulent allotment of coal block before the trial court.

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Soayib Qureshi is an Advocate-on-Record, Supreme Court of India, with expertise in Dispute Resolution, Corporate Structuring, Insolvency and Bankruptcy and Constitutional Issues.

He has advised and acted for clients in contentious matters before various forums, including arbitral tribunals relating to asset misappropriation and complex issues of breach of contract, invocation of bank guarantees, share-holder disputes across various sectors, criminal negligence, etc. He has an extensive experience in handling real-estate and financial transactions, with a strong track record of advising clients on complex arrangements across a wide range of key sectors for buyers, sellers and investors.

Soayib also involves himself in pro-bono work, with emphasis on protection of rights of the economically weaker section of the society through enforcement of remedies provided under the Constitution of India.

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Suvigya's practice primarily focuses on corporate commercial disputes as well as criminal litigation. Suvigya holds a specialized master's degree in International Arbitration and Dispute Resolution from the National University of Singapore and has more than eight years of extensive litigation experience behind him. He regularly advises and represents a diverse portfolio of clients including senior executives from multinational corporations, public sector corporations and high net-worth individuals in matters pertaining to socio-economic offenses and other penal offences.

Suvigya regularly appears before specialised legal forums constituted under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002, Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999, Customs Act, 1962, Companies Act, 2013 et al. and has served as lead counsel in several matters involving intricate and complex legal issues before such legal forums as well as the constitutional courts in India. He has also advised and assisted clients under investigation by the Enforcement Directorate, Central Bureau of Investigation, Serious Fraud Investigation Office etc. and navigated them through tough financial investigations.

In his stint as a government counsel, Suvigya has advised and closely worked with various state prosecution agencies in matters pertaining to financial fraud and other socio-economic offenses. He has also assisted eminent senior counsels in high-profile litigations such as the 2G spectrum allocation scam, coal block allocation scam, and secured bails for accused persons in the notorious Madhya Pradesh Vyapam scam. His enviable experience in criminal litigation lends him formidable skills to effectively assist clients exposed to criminal liabilities with ease.

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