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A Fulbright fellow, Jeeva understands the pulse of complex business transactions and applies his expertise in Commercial Laws to provide valuable advice to his clients. As a partner at Fox Mandal, he heads the Chennai office and co-chairs the Corporate and Commercial practice of the firm in South and West India. He has significant experience in the energy sector, especially renewable and technology related. He has been recognized as one of the Top 100 Lawyers in India by Forbes India, 2022 as well as other renowned publications including Chambers, Legal500 and Top Ranked.

Well-acquainted with over two decades of diverse experience, he advises on a variety of arrangements that go to the core of clients' ongoing business. These include foreign investment in India, joint ventures, debt and equity funding of projects and companies. He also works on inbound & outbound investments, mergers and acquisitions transactions and specializes in promoter/founder/investee representation.

He further deals in structuring and advising on overseas direct investment by Indian entities and Intellectual Property laws with a specific focus on transaction IP, IP strategies and facilitation and management of technology transfers.

His expertise also encompasses advising on debt and equity funding strategies, private equity and fund investments, as well as management of compliance. In addition, Jeeva has been mentoring several entrepreneurs and start-ups, often hand-holding many of them through multiple rounds of funding and exits.

His leadership skills and entrepreneurial approach has helped him to serve as the co-chair of ABA's International Sub Committee of Young Lawyers since 2013 and be one of the first non-American lawyers to be recognized by ABA as Ambassador for its Business Law Section. He is also a committee member of the British Business Group and a member of the renewable energy and law committees of the Madras Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

He was instrumental in helping the firm win an award for its 'corporate and commercial practice' by the Indian Business Law Journal, where his clients commended his 'professionalism and quality of advice'.

## PRACTICE AREAS

- Corporate
- Intellectual Property Rights
- Funds
- Mergers & Acquisition
- Renewable Energy

## QUALIFICATION

- Global Leadership Program – Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, USA
- B.A. (Law) and B.L. – University of Madras

## ADMISSION

- Bar Council of Tamil Nadu
- Patent Agent

## PUBLICATIONS & WEBINAR

- M&A Deals Surge, But Challenges Still Loom, May 2025
- Recent Company and LLP Law Amendments Impacting Startups, May 2025
- INDIA: An Introduction to Corporate/M&A: Highly Regarded, 2025
- Governance, Risk & Compliance: Future Trends & Strategies, Feb 2024
- A Guide to Conquer the Cross-Border Compliance Challenges, Aug 2023
- Private Equity Investment in Sports: The Off-centre Opportunity, Dec 2021
- Webinar on: Re-Calibrating Contracts and Collaborations-during Covid-19 & beyond, April 2020.

## SECTORS

- Energy – Renewable & Technology
- Education
- Hospitality
- Healthcare & Life sciences
- Infrastructure & Transportation
- Manufacturing
- Technology, Media & Telecom

## AFFILIATION

- Madras Bar Association
- American Bar Association
- International Bar Association (IBA)
- International Trademark Association (INTA)
- British Business Group

## RECOGNITIONS

- Distinguished Practitioner – Corporate and M&A, 2024, 2023: **Asialaw**.
- Top 10 Influential Corporate/Commercial Chennai Lawyers Revolutionizing Indian Legal Landscape in 2023: **Business Today**
- Notable Lawyer – M&A, 2024, 2023: **IFLR1000**
- Distinguished Practitioner – Commercial & transaction, 2024 & 2025: **Benchmark Litigation**
- Winner – Top 100 Lawyers in India, 2022 - **Forbes India**
- Recommended Lawyer, 2025, 2024, 2023, 2022 and 2021 Asia Pacific Guide, **Legal500**
- Ranked Lawyer – Corporate Commercial Chennai, **Chambers** Asia Pacific Guide 2015, 2016, 2017, 2023.
- Highly Recommended Lawyer for M&A, **Leaders League** Ranking 2022