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### EDUCATION

- LLB, 1990, Delhi University
- M.A. (Mathematics), 1986, Delhi University
- B.A. (Hons.) Mathematics, 1984, St. Stephen's college, Delhi

### MEMBERSHIPS

- Co-Chair - IWIRC India Network
- Director - IWIRC Asia Network Board
- Vice President - Women in Law & Litigation (WILL)
- Vice Chairman - Society of Construction Law
- Mediator - Delhi High Court Mediation Centre
- Member - INSOL India and INSOL International

### EXPERTISE

- Commercial Litigation
- Arbitration (Domestic & International)
- Corporate Restructuring & Insolvency
- Telecom
- M&A

**M**aneesha is a highly reputed litigation lawyer with over three decades of expertise in handling wide range of cases in Commercial litigation, Arbitration (Domestic & International), Corporate Restructuring & Insolvency, Telecom and M&A. She represents a myriad client base including Business Houses, MNCs, Banks/FIs, PSUs besides Central and State Governments, Ministries and Departments before Supreme Court of India, Delhi High Court and various other Courts, Tribunals and Appellate bodies.

She has served as a member on committee formed for framing rules / regulations relating to National Company Law Tribunal /National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (Adjudicating Authorities) and drafting of Insolvency & Bankruptcy Code 201. Further, she served as Secretary of INSOL India from 2008 to 2015. She was a member of Bankruptcy Law Reforms Committee (BLRC) which was formed to draft the structure of new Insolvency & Bankruptcy code, part of the Achutan Committee, which was formed to advise the Government on the Takeover Code of Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) (Substantial Acquisition of Shares and Takeovers).

She was a member of The Bimal Jalan Committee, which was set up by SEBI to examine issues arising from the ownership and governance of Market Infrastructure Institutions (MIIs) and member of the committee to amend Chartered Accountants Act, 1949, Cost and Works Accountants Act, 1959 and Company Secretaries Act, 1980 to strengthen the disciplinary mechanism for regulation of the members of Institutes. She is widely acclaimed for handling Telecom issues in both regulatory sphere and litigation. She was a Senior Counsel for Department of Telecommunications (DoT), Govt. of India, which grants licenses for various telecom services. She represented DoT in a high profile and complex matter of 3G Spectrum. She was also appointed as Special Counsel by the Office of the Custodian and MCA in the matters of Satyam Computer, Maytas Infra Limited, Maytas Properties Limited, Sahara India before the Company Law Board, Delhi High Court and Supreme Court of India and Office of custodian and MCA in the matter of Ketan Parekh & Companies.

She was a Panel Advocate/Central Government Pleader at Delhi High Court and a Senior Panel Counsel for the Union of India by Ministry of Law and Justice, Department of Legal Affairs for conducting Central Government Litigation before the Court/Tribunal. She was also appointed as Standing Counsel of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL). She advised them on litigation strategies and conducted their matters before TDSAT, Delhi High Court and Supreme Court of India.

Apart from this, she advised them on various issues arising out of their interconnection agreements with other telecom operators and regulatory intricacies including impact of various order / direction / regulation by the Licensor / TRAI etc. She was a Retainer Counsel with TRAI and regularly represented them in matters relating to regulations, licensing and adjudicatory proceedings besides rendering legal opinion on various consultation papers proposed by TRAI. She has been bestowed with many awards and has received various accolades for her myriad contributions such as 'National Bar Award' by All India Bar Association in recognition of her dedication to the study and practice of Commercial Litigation, 'Managing Partner of the Year (Female) 2023' by The Economic Times, 'Woman Lawyer of the Year 2020' Award by Public Diplomacy Forum.

She was ranked amongst India's Top 15 Dispute Resolution lawyers by Asian Legal Business, and recognised as Asia's Woman Leader 2022 by IFLR 1000. She is highly regarded as a leading lawyer by IFLR1000. She was ranked as Recognised Practitioner, Notable Practitioner and Litigation Star by Chambers & Partners, AsiaLaw Profiles and Benchmark Litigation respectively. as a leading lawyer by Chambers & Partners, IFLR1000, Legal 500 and AsiaLaw Profiles.

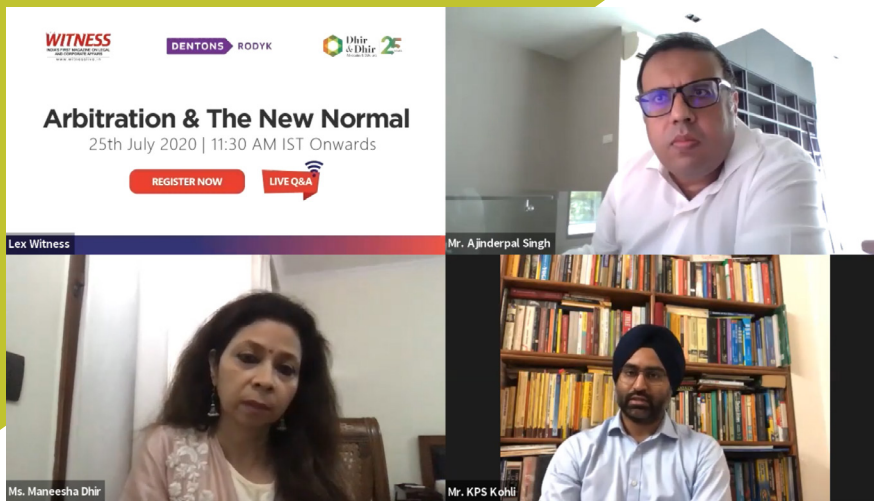
She is a regular speaker at various global conferences on insolvency laws and has conducted many study circles in Delhi High Court on IBC 2016.

Beyond professional commitments, she supports social causes and conducts pro bono matters. She also advises Rural Medicare Centre which offers advanced healthcare at affordable cost.

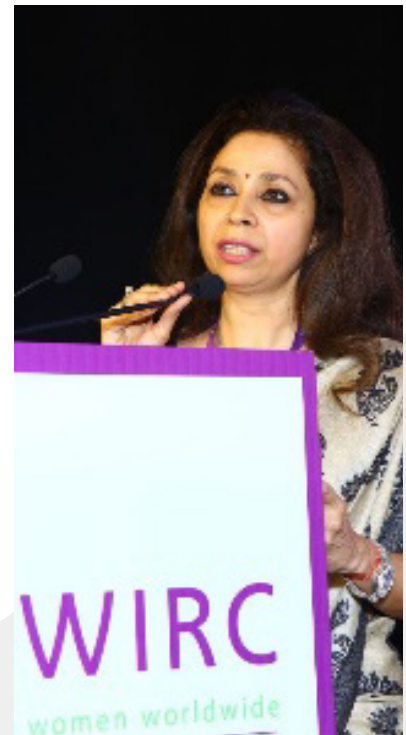
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# SELECT SPEAKERSHIPS



Addressing webinar on 'Arbitration and New Normal' by Lex Witness on 25th July, 2020



Maneesha Dhir, Managing Partner addressing the Conference on 'Combating Insolvency & Bankruptcy Intelligently' by IWIRC India on 24th Jan, 2019 at Le Meridien, Delhi



Speaking at the Webinar on The Art of Cross Examination in Criminal Trials by Women in Law and Litigation (WILL) on 16th April, 2020



Chairing the Session at a Seminar on International Women's Day organized by Insolvency And Bankruptcy Board Of India on 8th March, 2020



Launch event of the India network of the International Women's Restructuring and Insolvency Confederation (IWIRC), which is Chaired by Ms. Maneesha Dhir on 31st May, 2017.



Panel session workshop on the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 organised by Women in Law and Litigation (WILL) on 26th September 2017 at the Delhi High Court



The Grand Masters 2015 (Media, Advertising & Entertainment Legal Summit) Witness - November 2015  
- New Delhi



TAX India Online - Panel discussion on "Bankruptcy Code - Is it a game change?"  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OHxuJuhk1IU>



Inaugural function of Women in Law and Litigation (WILL)



Seminar on Cross Border Insolvency and Restructuring by INSOL India, on 23rd April 2016, New Delhi



Seminar on Cross Border Insolvency and Restructuring by INSOL India, on 24th April 2016, New Delhi





New Bankruptcy Code Restructuring India Summit, September 2016 by Legal Era and INSOL India



Addressing from L to R Dr Navrang Saini, Regional Director(N), Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Mr. A.S. Chandhiok (Addl. Solicitor General and President, Delhi High Court Bar Association), Mr. Pavan Kumar Vijay (Past President-ICSI), Mr. Santosh Kumar, (Registrar, LLP, Ministry of Corporate Affairs), Mr. Alok Dhir (Advocate), Mr. Pramod Jain (CA) and Ms. Maneesha Dhir (Secretary, INSOL)



Inaugural Session: From L to R Mr. Hitender Mehta, Mr. Justice A.K. Sikri (Hon'ble Judge, Delhi High Court), Mr. Justice A.P. Shah (Hon'ble Chief Justice, Delhi High Court), Mr. Atul Mittal, Mr. A.S. Chandhiok (Addl. Solicitor General and President, Delhi High Court Bar Association), Mr. P.K. Mittal and Ms. Maneesha Dhir (Secretary, INSOL)



Recipient of 'Managing Partner of the Year (Female)' by The Economic Times





The IWIRC Diversity, Inclusion and Belonging Committee  
Asia Focus Group presents:

## Panel Discussion: "DIB in Asia: Done Deal or Work in Progress?"

SPEAKERS :



**JOEY SUNG**

Senior Director,  
Restructuring & Insolvency,  
Perun Consultants



**MANEESHA DHIR**

Managing Partner,  
Dhir & Dhir Associates and Chair



**CATHERINE SHEN**

Senior Manager,  
Asian Business Law Institute

MODERATED BY:

**ARUNI WEERASEKERA**

Senior Consultant,  
Turnaround Consulting, Grant Thornton

**15TH NOV 2022**

9.30 am - 10.30 am IST

12.00 noon - 1.00 pm SGT/HKT

1.00 pm - 2.00 pm KST

ZOOM REGISTRATION LINK:

<https://bit.ly/3sloLVf>

2022 IWIRC  
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Asia Award  
Presentation

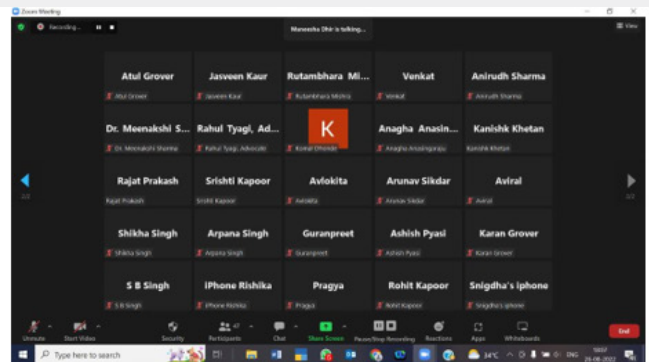
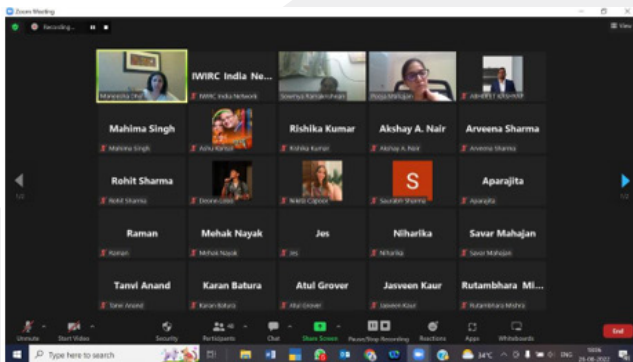
REGISTRATION:

OPEN TO ALL IWIRC MEMBER  
AND FRIENDS

Maneesha Dhir speaking as a panellist on "Diversity, Inclusion and  
Belonging in Asia: Done Deal or Work -in -Progress?"



Maneesha Dhir speaking on 'Tightrope Bias for Women' at virtual meet-and-greet event called "TWIRC Huddles" on 13th August, 2022, organised by IWIRC Singapore and IWIRC India



26th August, 2022 - Study Circle on Analysis of the law on Wilful Defaulters in India





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