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**Sonali Mehta** Associate Partner

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Sonali Mehta is an Associate Partner at Desai & Diwanji with over a decade of experience in dispute resolution, specialising in arbitrations, commercial litigation, insolvency and complex liability insurance claims.

She has advised and represented a wide spectrum of domestic and international clients across forums, including the Supreme Court of India, various High Courts (Bombay, Delhi, Madras, Calcutta), the NCLT and NCLAT, domestic ad-hoc arbitrations and other regulatory and quasi-judicial bodies. These domestic and international clients span across a wide range of industries including construction, infrastructure, technology, real estate, logistics, manufacturing, and financial services.

Her arbitration practice includes high-value disputes including but not limited to matters involving breach of contract, specific performance, and large-scale claims recovery. In litigation, she has acted in several disputes including insolvency proceedings, banking and financial claims, testamentary matters, recovery suits, construction and infrastructure disputes, copyright disputes and a wide range of other contractual disputes.

Sonali has also developed a strong niche in insurance claims and coverage disputes, advising corporates, insurers, and brokers on contentious matters under various insurance policies.

Drawing on her extensive litigation experience and deep understanding of policy wordings and claims assessment, she has successfully advised and represented clients in multi-crore insurance arbitrations, often involving highly technical coverage and quantum disputes with cross-border elements.

Known for her strategic thinking, solution-oriented approach, and ability to simplify complex disputes, Sonali combines legal precision with commercial insight to deliver outcomes that align with her clients' business objectives. She frequently achieves effective resolutions through mediation and negotiated settlements, ensuring efficiency without compromising results.

#### **PRACTICE AREAS**

- Domestic Arbitrations
- Civil and Commercial Litigation
- Insurance Claims & Coverage Disputes
- Insolvency & Bankruptcy
- Mediation

### **EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATION**

- LL.B University of Mumbai, Mumbai
- B.Com University of Mumbai, Mumbai

## PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATION

- Admitted to Practice in India (Bar Council of Maharashtra and Goa)
- Member of Bombay Bar Association

### **LANGUAGES**

- English
- Hindi
- Gujarati