

Partner

A.K. Mysamy

Mr. A.K. Mysamy, a legal luminary with an extraordinary career spanning 60 years of practice. He is the driving force behind the firm's thriving litigation and arbitration practice, celebrated for his integrity and unmatched expertise in corporate and civil law. He excels in representing clients before High Courts, NCLT, NCLAT, and the Supreme Court.

As the Founder Partner of AKM, he has transformed the firm into a premier legal powerhouse known for its unwavering commitment to ethics and professionalism. His visionary leadership and exceptional legal acumen have elevated the firm to its current status as one of India's leading corporate law firms.

His extensive litigation experience encompasses complex commercial disputes, shareholder conflicts, insolvency disputes, property disputes,

contractual breaches, and recovery suits. He is renowned for offering insightful legal counsel, providing practical solutions tailored to clients' commercial interests.

With a background in both law and literature, he combines legal precision with outstanding communication skills, simplifying complex matters for clients' benefit. Additionally, he is dedicated to knowledge sharing and nurturing legal talents, ensuring clients receive the best outcome.

In summary, Mr. A.K. Mysamy is a legal icon whose enduring legacy at AKM continues to shape the future of the legal profession.



Partner

Subathra Mysamy

Ms. Subathra Mysamy, Managing Partner at AKM, has over 18 years of diverse experience in law, management, visual arts, and communications.

Armed with an International LLM and a wealth of international professional experience, she has played a pivotal role in AKM's growth and success. Her passion for legal matters shines through her disciplined work ethic and strategic management of our operations.

She's a unique leader, seamlessly combining legal expertise with sharp business acumen to deliver tailored solutions to the clients. Her creative thinking and artistic talents have left a significant mark on AKM's branding, and her innovative ideas keep us at the forefront of the evolving legal landscape.

In addition to her leadership, Ms. Mysamy has introduced the firm's monthly newsletter "The Lawtree," a unique update on the legal forefront captured in simple language with artistic visuals.

Her forward-thinking approach and dedication to mentoring junior talents exemplify her commitment to excellence. She remains focused on preserving AKM's legacy while charting an ambitious path for future growth. With her at the helm, the firm continues to thrive and shape the future of legal excellence.



Partner



K.K. Balu

**FORMER VICE-CHAIRMAN AND MEMBER OF
COMPANY LAW BOARD, CHENNAI**

As a former Vice-Chairman of the Company Law Board with a career spanning over five decades, Mr. K.K. Balu brings the wealth of legal and judicial expertise that significantly elevates AKM's practice. During his remarkable 12-year tenure as Vice-Chairman, he adjudicated over 500 complex corporate disputes and shareholders disputes, amassing invaluable experience in the process.

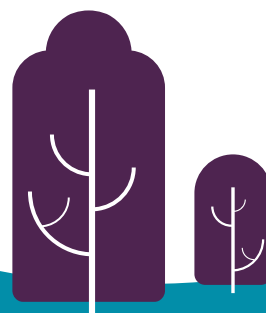
Before embarking on his illustrious judicial career, Mr. Balu amassed extensive knowledge through diverse roles, including senior positions in prominent banking institutions and as a legal advisor to banks and Corporates. This broad exposure equips him with profound insights spanning corporate litigation, banking regulations, and financial laws.

Within AKM, Mr. Balu harnesses his unparalleled legal and judicial background to guide clients through intricate business conflicts with a seasoned pragmatism. His analytical mindset and methodical approach enable him to craft solutions

that seamlessly align with the unique commercial objectives at hand.

Drawing upon his extensive experience, Mr. Balu champions alternative dispute resolution methods, advocating for arbitration and mediation to achieve timely and mutually beneficial resolutions. He frequently serves as an arbitrator resolving nearly 500 disputes and impartial mediator in high-stakes disputes.

Beyond his legal practice, Mr. Balu is deeply committed to legal academia and research, consistently pushing the boundaries of corporate jurisprudence. He has addressed conferences on topics related to corporate and insolvency laws. Mr. Balu's decades-long accumulation of knowledge and wisdom serves as a steady beacon, guiding clients with confidence through even the most challenging legal situations.



Partner

Sarah Abraham

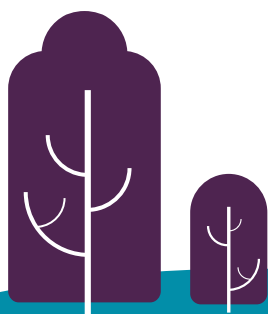
Ms. Sarah Abraham, Partner at AKM, brings over 25 years of versatile expertise in corporate advisory and litigation practice. Her practice verticals comprise of litigation and non-litigation engagements in corporate and commercial laws. The core practice areas encompass corporate litigation in courts and tribunals alongside arbitration and mediation practice. She further handles IP laws, Contracts including technology contracts, Insolvency Laws, Data Privacy Laws etc. Her educational training includes dual degrees in law and commerce and specialized studies in business laws, enriching her legal expertise.

Ms Abraham combines legal expertise to the understanding of finance and accountancy, and her solutions reflect a nuanced grasp of legal intricacies blended with commercial pragmatism.

As an MCPC certified mediator (Mediation and Conciliation Project Committee under the

Hon'ble Supreme Court of India), she is associated with Tamil Nadu Mediation and Conciliation Centre (TNMCC), annexed to the Hon'ble High Court of Madras and further is an empanelled mediator for the Hon'ble Commercial Court Egmore. She actively promotes mediation as a dispute resolution method, when found appropriate for the engagement. Her goal is to provide clients with optimal remedies in law, aligned with their business priorities.

She plays a pivotal role in expanding AKM's service portfolio by embracing emerging technologies and staying abreast of key developments in the legal field. She collaborates closely with clients to understand their needs, positioning the firm as a comprehensive one-stop legal solutions provider.



Advisor

R.S. Mani

SENIOR ADVISOR

Mr R S Mani is a representation of multidimensional proficiency. His extensive professional journey spans Commercial Banking, Finance, Hospitality, industry and freelance Journalism - underlining his significance as Senior Advisor of AKM.

For over 10 years, Mr. R S Mani undertook the mantle of Group CEO of Kodandaram M.S. Ramaiah Group, steering diverse ventures of the Group in Chemicals, Bio-Technology and Hospitality. He is on the Board of AKM Analytics, a technology company dealing in Legal Research and MRKA Trading International Pvt Ltd.

At AKM, Mr. Mani's extensive exposure to various aspects of business allows him to assess legal issues through a commercial lens. He helps clients understand the financial implications of legal strategies pragmatically. His language proficiency enables him to convey complex legal advice clearly to non-legal audiences.



Advisor

Ashok Anantram

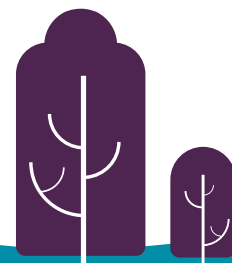
SENIOR ADVISOR

Meet Mr. Ashok Anantram, an industry luminary with an MBA from IIM Kolkata and an MSC in tourism management from the Scottish Hotel School, UK. With an illustrious four-decade career, primarily within ITC Hotels, he held senior leadership roles in marketing and HRM.

During his tenure at ITC Hotels, he represented the company in various tourism industry forums and government committees. After retirement, he

assumed the role of Business Development Head at Apollo Hospitals and served as a consultant for Sales and Marketing at GRT Hotels and Resorts.

At AKM, Mr. Anantram lends his expertise to clients in the hospitality, healthcare, and services sectors. His approach combines legal guidance with pragmatic insights, focusing on fostering business growth.



Expert

Justice (Retd.) M. Jaichandren

FORMER JUDGE OF THE MADRAS HIGH COURT

Justice M. Jaichandren's illustrious career has spanned nearly four decades, leaving an indelible mark in the legal realm. His journey commenced as an Advocate for the Government (Writs Side) in Chennai, representing various government organizations as a senior counsel.

During his tenure as an advocate, he excelled in practicing Constitutional laws, with a particular focus on writs in the Madras High Court. His commitment to justice and his stellar track record led to his appointment as a Judge in the High

Court of Madras in December 2005, where he served with distinction until his retirement in February 2017.

Beyond his legal career, Justice Jaichandren remains actively engaged with numerous educational, social, cultural, and service associations and organizations, showcasing his dedication to a well-rounded and impactful life.



Expert

S. Balasubramaniam

**FORMER CHAIRMAN OF COMPANY LAW BOARD,
DELHI**

S. Balasubramaniam, a distinguished member of the Delhi Bar Council and a versatile professional with a multi-faceted background. His journey commenced in 1966 when he joined the Indian Postal Service through the Civil Service Examination. Over the years, he expanded his horizons and became an associate member of esteemed institutions like the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India, the Institute of Company Secretaries of India, and the Management Accountants of India.

In 1991, he embarked on a remarkable journey as a member (judge) of the Company Law Board, a role he diligently served for an impressive 19 years. Notably, he ascended to the position of Chairman of the Company Law Board, a distinguished position he held for over 12 years. During this tenure, he presided over a staggering 3,000 cases, with more than 600 of them being reported.

One of his defining moments was his pivotal involvement in the Satyam Computers

Ltd case. Thanks to his proactive and timely decisions, this landmark case witnessed a remarkable revival in a mere six months. His influence extends beyond the courtroom, as he is the General Editor of 'Ramaiya's Guide to the Companies Act, 2013,' and he chaired the Editorial Board of the magazine 'Chartered Secretary' for a decade.

S. Balasubramaniam's extensive experience and expertise in Corporate Law, spanning five decades, make him a legal luminary whose insights and contributions continue to shape the legal landscape.



Expert

V. Nallasenapathy

**FORMER MEMBER (TECHNICAL) OF THE
NATIONAL COMPANY LAW TRIBUNAL**

With a legal journey spanning three decades, including his role as a distinguished Member of NCLT, Mr. V Nallasenapathy stands as a formidable legal expert. His NCLT tenure involved adjudicating numerous high-profile insolvency cases and intricate corporate litigation matters.

Noteworthy cases under his purview encompassed Innoventive Industries, Kirusa Software, Veer Gurjar Aluminium, Jet Airways, and the pivotal *Cyrus Investments Pvs Ltd v. Tata Sons Ltd Ors.* This extensive experience bestows upon him unmatched insights into corporate and insolvency laws.

Before joining NCLT, Mr. Nallasenapathy served in key positions at the Madras High Court Registry for over 23 years. His roles included overseeing insolvency estates as the Official Assignee.

As an Advisor at AKM, Mr. Nallasenapathy offers clients astute guidance on corporate legal matters and adeptly represents their interests before NCLT, NCLAT, High Courts, and the Supreme Court. His profound grasp of corporate jurisprudence ensures tailored solutions even in the most intricate scenario.



Expert

R. Sekar

HEAD OF TAXATION

Mr. R. Sekar, an accomplished veteran from the Indian Revenue Service (IRS) of the 1984 batch. His illustrious career led him to the pinnacle of the taxation domain, serving as Joint Secretary (Tax Research Unit) at the Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance, Government of India. In 2016, he retired with distinction as Principal Commissioner.

Mr. Sekar's remarkable journey in shaping taxation policies spans decades. From 1991 to 2008, he played pivotal roles within the Central Board of Indirect Tax, specifically in the Tax Research Unit, contributing significantly to the formulation of 15 Union Budgets.

His diverse assignments include serving as Assistant/Deputy Commissioner of Customs and Central Excise in Trichur and Madurai, where he gained hands-on experience in customs and excise matters. He ascended to the position of Additional Director General at the Central Economic Intelligence Bureau, as well as Additional Director at the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence in New Delhi, adding to his multifaceted expertise.



His tenure as Deputy Secretary in the Tax Research Unit of CBIC, Department of Revenue, MOF, GOS, showcased his strategic contributions to policy implementation. He later assumed the role of Director (Central Excise) at CBIC, further solidifying his legacy in revenue administration.

His journey continued as Joint Secretary in the Tax Research Unit, CBIC, Department of Revenue, MOF, GOS, and Commissioner of Customs in Pune. He culminated his public service career as Principal Commissioner (Service Tax) in Mumbai and Chief Departmental Representative at the Customs, Excise, and Service Tax Appellate Tribunal (CESTAT) in Mumbai.

Mr. R. Sekar's wealth of experience and expertise in taxation has left an indelible mark on the domain. His profound insights continue to influence the landscape of taxation in India.



Expert

S. Ramanujam

SENIOR ADVISOR

S. Ramanujam a seasoned chartered accountant and Senior Advisor at AKM, boasts a remarkable career spanning four decades. His expertise covers corporate taxation, international taxation, Mergers and Acquisitions ,accounting standards, and corporate law.

Throughout his career, he held key positions in esteemed corporations such as The Sarabhai Group, The Kothari Group, UB Group, and advised at PWC Bangalore post-retirement. Besides corporate roles, he's been a dedicated educator, contributing his knowledge to institutions like IIMs, the Institute of Company Secretaries, Costing institute, visiting faculty to senior government officials for Direct taxation Institute in Nagpur and Bangalore. He also conducted Induction programs for newly joined NCLT Members

especially in the subject of M&A and taxation.

Mr. Ramanujam's influence reaches the accounting sphere, where he served as a member of the Accounting Standard Board (ASB) and the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India. He authored three books, including the widely acclaimed "Mergers et al," now in its fourth edition. He's also a prolific author contributing 38 tax articles and more ,for a notable Tax Portal.

His legacy as a taxation expert and educator continues to shape these fields, inspiring future professionals.

