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Sukhada Wagle

PARTNER

Sukhada Wagle has over 14 years of experience in litigation and dispute resolution. She represents clients across Civil, Commercial and Criminal matters with a strong focus on real estate and general commercial disputes. Her practice spans a wide spectrum of contentious matters, including high-stakes arbitrations related to commercial contracts and property transactions.

She provides end-to-end strategic counsel from pre-litigation advisory to representation before civil courts, tribunals and quasi-judicial authorities. Sukhada also regularly advises on wills and succession and partition matters, consumer disputes and regulatory issues in the petroleum sector. Her litigation experience includes handling complex writ petitions, white-collar crime, intellectual property and insolvency and bankruptcy (IBC) disputes.

She adopts a client-focused approach, working in close partnership with clients to build lasting professional relationships grounded in trust and understanding.

Indicative Experience

LITIGATION & DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Commercial Disputes and General Litigation

- Advised and successfully represented **ICICI Bank Limited** before the Supreme Court of India against its former MD and CEO Chanda Kochhar on the issue pertaining to the interim release of retiral benefits including entitlements like ESOPs that were revoked following her termination in view of the findings of the Enquiry Report of the 'gross/serious violations' of the bank's Code of Conduct and other norms by sanctioning loans to Videocon group of companies between 2009 and 2011 during her tenure as CEO & MD in complete conflict of interest and breach of trust.
- **ICICI Prudential Life Insurance** in writ proceedings before the Bombay High Court in a dispute pertaining to the illegal claims made by a third party in respect of ICICI Pru's property by challenging the permissions and approvals granted by MCGM to ICICI Pru.



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Practice Areas

Litigation & Dispute Resolution

Real Estate

White Collar Crime

Sectors

- Real Estate
- Hotels & Hospitality
- Retail & Franchise

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- Advised and represented **Reliance Industries Limited and Reliance BP Mobility Limited (RBML)** on the strategy in a matter pertaining to the levy of betterment charges by the local authority and recourse against the same before the High Court of Gujarat.
- Advised and represented **Reliance BP Mobility Limited (RBML)** on the strategy in a matter pertaining to contempt proceedings arising out of an order passed by lower court in a dispute pertaining to the dealers of a petrol pump before the Bombay High Court – Nagpur Bench.
- Advised **Reliance Industries Limited** on the strategy in a matter involving a State Road Transport Corporation relating to the tender for setting up of retail outlets for petroleum in the State.
- Advised **Reliance BP Mobility Limited (RBML)** on the petroleum industry related laws, rules and regulations including issues arising out of the Competition law in India.
- Represented clients in **landmark judgments** before the Supreme Court of India viz. whether limitation is a preliminary issue of jurisdiction under Section 9-A of the CPC, whether the jurisdiction of a civil court for specific performance of a lease deed is barred by Section 41 of the Presidency Small Causes Courts Act, 1882, etc.
- Advised and represented the **State of Goa** and the **State Wildlife Board** before the Supreme Court of India on an important issue pertaining to the declaration of Tiger Reserve in the State of Goa.
- Advised and successfully represented a **pharmaceutical giant** in writ petitions before the Bombay High Court for quashing the demand notices pertaining to the overpricing of certain scheduled drugs as also before the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority of India (NPPA), New Delhi.
- Advised and represented clients in proceedings before the Bombay High Court relating to **copyright infringement in movies including infringement of script as well as lyrics**.
- Represented **authorized dealer of an automobile giant** in Mumbai before various consumer fora. Represented **developers and real estate houses** before the District and State Consumer Commission. Represented an individual client upto the National Consumer Commission against a nationalised insurance company in an overseas mediclaim policy matter.

Memberships & Affiliations

- Bar Council of Maharashtra & Goa, India
- Bombay Bar Association
- Bombay Incorporated Law Society

Professional Experience

- May 2025 to Present
- Partner, Veritas Legal – April 2024 to May 2025
- Principal Associate, Veritas Legal – April 2022 to March 2024
- Principal Associate, Hariani & Co. – April 2021 to March 2022
- Senior Associate, Hariani & Co. – April 2016 to March 2021
- Associate, Hariani & Co. – July 2010 to March 2016

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Real Estate Litigation

- Advised and represented **K. Raheja Corp and its group companies** in various civil and commercial suits pertaining to real estate and contractual disputes before the Bombay High Court and the Supreme Court of India.
- **Mont Blanc Properties Private Limited** in relation to the ongoing dispute pertaining to the conveyance of the land to the Grand Paradi Coop Housing Society. Successfully defended the grant of any stay orders from various fora staying any transaction pertaining to such land. Represented the client in obtaining favourable orders from the Bombay High Court for transfer of the court proceedings to the lower court having appropriate pecuniary jurisdiction in light of the Bombay City Civil Court Amendment Act 2023.
- **Inorbit Malls (India) Pvt. Ltd.** in writ proceedings before the Bombay High Court initiated by flat purchasers in its real estate Project in Pune with respect to the formation of a condominium as against a cooperative society and handling the settlement talks between the parties.
- **Ivory Properties and Hotels Pvt. Ltd.** in a matter relating to deemed conveyance filed by the society of unit purchasers before the Dy. Registrar of Cooperative Societies.
- Advising **Mahindra Lifespace Developers Limited (MLDL)** with respect to the contentious issues arising out of the proposed redevelopment of two cooperative housing societies in a prominent locality in the suburbs of Mumbai.
- Advised **Novel Properties Private Limited** (K Raheja Group Company) on the provisions of MOFA and related land laws with respect to the requirement of obtaining NOC from a Co-operative Society already existing on a plot of land for utilizing the potential FSI/TDR available on the said plot of land for one of its real estate projects.
- Advising and representing **Reliance BP Mobility Limited (RBML)** on issues pertaining to the leases and sub-leases and the clauses to be incorporated therein to protect and safeguard the interests of RBML and to avoid potential disputes in future with the landowners of the petrol pumps. Advising on the disputes arising out of the existing leases and sub-leases on a PAN India basis.
- Advising and representing a registered Co-operative Housing Society in a dispute before the Bombay High Court pertaining to conveyance of land to the Society from the erstwhile owners, defending the Society before the Bombay High Court

Education

Solicitor, Bombay Incorporated Law Society, India.

LL.M, Constitutional and Administrative Law, University of Mumbai.

B.L.S. LL.B., (5 Year Law Course) Government Law College, University of Mumbai.

Diploma in Cyber Law, Government Law College in association with the Asian School of Cyber Law.

ACCOLADES

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- in relation to the arguments extended about reliance on unregistered property documents for obtaining ad-interim/interim reliefs.
- Represented and advised clients in writs relating to contentious issues including levy of development charges on residential and commercial users, show cause notices by public authorities, etc., effect of exemption orders passed under Section 20 of the ULC Act by virtue of the Repeal Act and challenge to constitutional validity of service tax on sale of flats.
- Advised several clients in respect of real estate transactions including redevelopment and real estate related litigations.

Arbitration

- Advising and representing **Reliance BP Mobility Limited (RBML)** in various arbitrations including applications under Sections 9 and 11 of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act 1996 in matters arising out of the Dealership Agreements with various dealers for running the petrol pumps. Developed and executed a complete strategy for RBML to deal with their dealers in disputes arising out of the various clauses of the Dealership Agreement on a PAN India basis.
- Represented **various clients including FMCGs** in arbitrations involving commercial contracts and real estate transactions and in petitions for challenge of arbitral awards before the Bombay High Court. Represented a real estate giant in an application for appointment of arbitrator where the arbitrability of the issue of fraud was under determination before the Bombay High Court.

Succession and Partition

- Advising and representing **Sugandha Hiremath against her brothers Baba Kalyani and Gaurishankar Kalyani** in matters pertaining to Sugandha's succession rights as a daughter in her family's HUF, partition of the joint family assets, as also representing her in the testamentary proceedings before the Bombay High Court and the Courts in Pune and Karad/Satara.
- Advising and representing a high net worth individual client in on-going disputes with the client's sisters involving issues pertaining to the enforcement of Mutual Will executed by the client's parents, removal and discharge of the executor appointed under such Mutual Will, distribution of assets under such Will.

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Insolvency and Bankruptcy (IBC) Disputes

- Represented a **public sector undertaking** in an application under Section 9 of the IBC and in guarantor petitions under Section 95 r/w Section 60 of the IBC.
- Advised **financial and operational creditors** in insolvency proceedings and related issues under Section 7 and 9 of the IBC.
- Advised clients on various issues including applications under Section 60(5) of IBC, termination of agreements during the moratorium under Section 14(2) and 14(2A) of the IBC.

White Collar Crime

- Representing the directors of **Ivory Properties and Hotels Pvt. Ltd.** in criminal proceedings initiated against them emanating out of a contractual dispute before the Magistrate Court, Mumbai and related proceedings in the Magistrate Court, Sessions Court, Mumbai and Bombay High Court.
- Representing various **K Raheja Group Companies** before the Bombay High Court in relation to investigation initiated by the SIT of the State Police against a service provider and enforcement directorate officials.

APPEARANCE BEFORE COURTS, FORUMS, TRIBUNALS AND AUTHORITIES

Supreme Court of India | Bombay High Court | High Courts within India | National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) | National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT) | Securities Appellate Tribunal (SAT) | National, State and District Consumer Tribunals | Maharashtra Real Estate Regulatory Authority (MahaRERA) | Maharashtra Real Estate Appellate Tribunal | City Civil Courts | Court for Small Causes | District Courts within Maharashtra | Magistrate Courts within Mumbai and Sessions Court, Mumbai | Co-operative Societies Registrar and Court | Charity Commissioner | Court Receiver's office | Revenue authorities | Quasi-judicial authorities.