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Merger Control & Combinations

Merger Control Law Firm in India for CCI Filings, Remedies, and Combinations

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Overview

Our Merger Control & Combinations practice specializes in navigating India's merger control regime to enable timely transaction closures. We assist clients across industries in evaluating notification requirements, preparing comprehensive filings, and representing their interests before the Competition Commission of India during review proceedings. With strategic insight into regulatory priorities and emerging enforcement trends, we help structure transactions to minimize competition concerns while negotiating appropriate remedies when necessary, ensuring smooth regulatory clearance with minimal business disruption.

Our Services

- Strategic assessment of notifiability under merger control thresholds
- Preparation and filing of Form I (simplified) and Form II (detailed) notifications
- Representation during Phase I and Phase II merger review proceedings
- Negotiation of structural and behavioural remedies to address competition concerns
- Implementation of gun-jumping compliance protocols during transaction planning
- Advisory on transaction timing and closing conditions related to merger control
- Coordination with global merger filings in multi-jurisdictional transactions

Key Professionals



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Partner

Frequently Asked Questions

Q1 **What does merger control and combinations practice involve in India?**

It covers the assessment of whether a proposed transaction, such as a merger, acquisition, or amalgamation, triggers notification thresholds under the Competition Act, 2002. The practice includes preparing CCI filings, securing regulatory clearance, and advising on remedies if competition concerns arise.

Q2 **When should a company engage merger control counsel during a transaction?**

Ideally, before signing definitive agreements. Early engagement allows counsel to assess notifiability, structure the deal to reduce regulatory friction, and build gun-jumping compliance protocols into the transaction timeline. Waiting until post-signing compresses review periods and increases risk.

Q3 **Which regulator and statute govern merger control filings in India?**

The Competition Commission of India (CCI) administers merger review under Sections 5 and 6 of the Competition Act, 2002, read with the CCI (Combinations) Regulations, 2011. Transactions meeting prescribed asset or turnover thresholds must be notified to CCI before closing.

Q4 **How long does CCI merger review typically take from filing to clearance?**

Phase I review under a Form I filing generally concludes within 30 working days. If CCI identifies potential concerns, it may initiate a Phase II investigation, which can extend to 210 days. Incomplete filings or remedies negotiation often add to overall timelines.

Q5 What documents and information are needed to prepare a CCI merger filing?

Key inputs include audited financials of all parties, transaction documents such as the SPA or merger scheme, market share data for overlapping segments, details of vertical relationships, and internal board presentations or strategy documents relevant to the deal rationale.

Q6 What is gun-jumping and why is it a serious risk in Indian transactions?

Gun-jumping occurs when parties implement a combination, wholly or partly, before receiving CCI approval. This includes exchanging competitively sensitive information or exercising control prematurely. CCI can impose penalties and even unwind completed transactions for such violations.

Related Practice Areas

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