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Rajesh is the go-to lawyer for tech startups and innovators who wish to enter the big league. As a partner at Fox Mandal's Bengaluru office, he leads the Technology and Startup team while also overseeing the Corporate Governance and Capital Market divisions. Rajesh plays a significant role in augmenting the thought leadership of the firm and is regularly published in leading newspapers in the country.

Rajesh's expertise lies in providing strategic advice on Intellectual Property, Information Technology Laws, Data privacy and E-Commerce, Investment and Securities law. He has extensively worked with tech entities in the retail, fashion, finance and defence sectors, advising them on contractual arrangements with various stakeholders and helping them cruise through regulatory and liability issues, preparing policies relating to sourcing, designing, manufacturing, product endorsements, supply chain, warehousing, imaging, content publications cataloguing and copyrights.

Over the years, he has provided a range of practical solutions on e-commerce, telecom licencing, software product licensing, software development agreements, ODCs, outsourcing contracts, data privacy & GDPR, IP patents and infringement actions, enforcement of trademark in the social media environment, trademark registrations, filing and prosecution.

He also assists clients with product liability issues, legal metrology, and FSSAI-related concerns, as well as raising private equity and debt financing, creating corporate governance structures, SEBI settlement procedures, and bringing oppression and mismanagement cases before the NCLT. Rajesh frequently represents and mentors emerging start-ups at an early stage, acting as their mentor in their legal function, often pro bono.

PRACTICE AREAS

- Information Technology and Telecom Law
- Data Protection
- Intellectual Property Rights
- Corporate Governance
  Capital Market

QUALIFICATION

- LLM – London School of Economics and Political Science
- MBL – National Law School of India University
- BAL, LLB – University of Calicut

ADMISSION

- Bar Council of Karnataka

AFFILIATION

- International Bar Association (IBA)
- ITech Law
- International Association of Privacy Professionals (IAPP)

RECOGNITION

- Notable practitioner for Project Development, 2023: **IFLR1000**
- Recommended Lawyer, TMT, Intellectual Property, Data Protection – Asia Pacific Guide 2025, 2024, 2023, 2022, 2021: **Legal500**.
- Top 15 TMT Lawyers in India, 2021: **Asian Legal Business**
- Expert in the 'IP Litigation' practice: **Global Law Expert**

SECTORS

- Aerospace
- Technology, Media & Telecom
- Consumer Products & Retail
- E-commerce and Digital platforms
- Services
- Manufacturing

RECENT PUBLICATIONS/WEBINARS

- Tariffs at the Intersection of Law, Economics and Politics, May 2025
- Intermediaries' obligation to pursue complaints against infringers: analysing the latest interpretation, May 2023
- IP Waiver during COVID Pandemic – Salvage or Apostacy? June 2021
- Copyright Framework: The Panacea for The Non-Personal Data Governance
- Games of Wager, Now A Severe Offence In Karnataka: A Case of Legislative Excess? Nov. 2021
- WhatsApp's New Policy Changes - Engrossment or Entrapment?
- Was a Monthly columnist on tech law for more than a year in The Practical lawyer.
- Coronavirus lockdown: Time for businesses to renegotiate contracts to avoid catastrophic fallouts, April 2020.
- Personal Data Protection Bill: Will it Disrupt our Data Ecosystem? July 17, 2019
- Why the personal data protection bill falls short: What this means for the common man, August 31, 2018
- Webinar on: Re-Calibrating Contracts and Collaborations-during Covid-19 & Beyond, April 2020

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