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Avi Singh SA is a Senior Advocate based in New Delhi. He appears in matters before the Supreme Court of India, the Delhi High Court, other High Courts, Special Courts, arbitration tribunals, international criminal tribunals, and statutory tribunals. His practice spans criminal law, commercial law, international and domestic arbitration, economic regulation, environmental law, constitutional and administrative law, transnational law, competition law, human rights, and major commercial fraud.

He is an arbitrator with the Delhi International Arbitration Centre (DIAC). He is admitted to the Bar Council of Delhi and was also admitted to the California Bar. He has held roles including Former Additional Standing Counsel (Criminal) at the Delhi High Court for the Delhi Government, and Professor at the International University College, Turin. He is Deputy Director General of the Institute for the Rule of Law at the Union Internationale des Avocats and has published in the Hastings Journal of International & Comparative Law, Oxford University Press, and other outlets.

## Expertise

### International Crime and Criminal Law

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Avi Singh SA advises and appears in serious and complex criminal matters, including cases with cross-border elements. His experience includes advocacy before higher courts and specialist courts, with a focus on international crime, public interest prosecutions, and major fraud. He has also appeared before international criminal tribunals and related forums. He works with instructing lawyers on early case strategy, jurisdiction, evidence, and procedural challenges, and supports teams on hearing preparation, written submissions, and oral advocacy.

Representative matters (titles to be confirmed):

- Instructed in cases before the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (for the former Rwandan foreign minister, Jerome Bicomumpaka and Colonel Bagasora in his Appeals Case), Special Court for Sierra Leone for Charles Taylor, International Criminal Tribunal for Yugoslavia (amicus for Radovan Karadzic)
- Currently instructed in one of the largest money laundering trials in India, relating to the Amtek Auto Group, where Avi Singh appears for the main accused Arvind Dham.

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- Instructed in numerous high profile corruption trials, including those related to money laundering in the Chhattisgarh NAN and liquor trials.
- International criminal tribunal related work.

## **International Arbitration and Commercial Disputes**

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Avi Singh SA acts in arbitration and commercial disputes, including matters linked to economic regulation, competition, and transnational issues. He has appeared before arbitration tribunals and is also an arbitrator with the Delhi International Arbitration Centre (DIAC). His work includes advising on claims and defences, interim relief, jurisdiction and governing law points, and enforcement planning. He supports parties through pleadings, witness and expert evidence, and hearings. He also advises on risk, settlement options, and communications with stakeholders.

Representative matters:

- Represented an Indian Company in an arbitration against a US company in an International Chambers of Commerce (ICC) arbitration in Switzerland.
- Represented Kedrion s.p.A. (Italian pharmaceutical company) in a LCIA arbitration resulting in a substantial Arbitration award against the Indian distributor.
- Representing ARIS spA, an Italian defence manufacturer in an international commercial arbitration against the Indian border security force for disputes arising from large public procurement.
- Represented Alpha TND Ltd., a Ghanaian power company in a dispute with an Indian power distributor regarding tenders.
- Represented an Indian mining company before commercial courts in Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of the Congo.

## **Public International Law, Human Rights, and Transnational Law**

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Avi Singh SA has worked on matters engaging public international law and human rights, including cases with multi-jurisdiction features. His practice covers questions of state responsibility, jurisdiction, treaty and customary international law issues, and the interaction between domestic public law and international obligations. He advises on strategic case framing, evidence development, and legal submissions for complex factual records. He has also published on international and comparative law topics.

Representative matters:

- Currently engaged in arguments for Bhopal victim groups on the jurisdiction of Indian criminal courts over Dow Chemical Corporation as a successor to Union Carbide Limited for criminal liability for Bhopal gas tragedy, as well as liability for dumping of toxic waste at the factory.
- Represented numerous freedom of religion cases for Jehovah's witnesses on foreign funding, as well as prosecution for illegal conversions across India.
- Represented Green Peace India successfully in seizure of bank accounts for violation of Foreign Contribution Regulation Act.



- Advised the South Sudan opposition when numerous members of the cabinet were imprisoned.
- Instructed by the family of Danish Siddiqui, the Pulitzer's prize winning journalist, killed in Afghanistan in 2021, for claims against Reuters, which has resulted in a settlement.
- Instructed for the family of Danish Siddiqui pursuing an investigation before the International Criminal Court (ICC) against members of the Taliban.
- Published article on Expert Evidence in Principles of Evidence in International Criminal Justice (OUP, 2010)
- Published journal article on Criminal Responsibility for non State Civilian Superiors Lacking De Jure Authority (Hastings International and Comparative Law Review, 2005)
- For the ICJ to Say it is 'Plausible' that the ICJ is carrying out genocide is a defining moment (The Wire. 2024)
- Singapore's Execution of Man with Cannabis Brings 'Rule of Law' under scanner (The Quint, 2023)
- The Forgotten Option to the Pulwama Attack: The Law on Transnational Terrorism (2019)
- Examining the ICC Appeals Chamber Decision on Victim Participation in the Palestine Article 18(1) Appeal: Significance and implications (Opinio Juris, 2025)

## Appointments

Arbitrator, Delhi International Arbitration Centre (DIAC)  
Professor, International University College, Turin  
Deputy Director General, Institute for the Rule of Law, Union Internationale des Avocats  
Former Additional Standing Counsel (Criminal), Delhi High Court (for Delhi Government)

## Education

Juris Doctor (cum laude), University of California, San Francisco  
BSc, Clark University, Massachusetts  
Postgraduate Diploma in International Relations, London School of Economics

## Languages

English, Punjabi, Hindi, French.



## Memberships

Bar Council of Delhi  
Admitted to the California Bar  
Delhi High Court Bar Association  
Supreme Court Bar Association  
Union Internationale des Avocats (UIA)