



Geeta Thakerar

Seasoned, experienced legal and compliance professional. Over 3 decades of legal experience. UK solicitor. Admitted to the “Role of Solicitors” in November 1985.

5 years in private practice in City of London with Tarlo Lyons (2 years) and Reynolds Johnson & Green (3 years), respectively.

Specialising in corporate and commercial legal matters both in U.K and since late 2000 in the Asia Pacific region based in Singapore.

23 years in-house pharmaceutical industry experience with GlaxoSmithKline (GSK).

2 years in-house for fast moving consumer goods company, Kimberly Clark (KC).

In GSK held role as Vice President and in both GSK and KC held the position as Asia Pacific General Counsel. The roles in both GSK and KC were to lead/head up regional legal and compliance teams in markets across Asia. The roles involved handling all legal and compliance issues pertaining to the organisation. In both GSK and KC I was reporting into the Senior Vice President for Legal Operations within the International region, who in turn reported to the global General Counsel of the company.

Strong legal management skills. Experienced at overseeing and managing large in-house country legal and compliance teams, extensive legal budgets, external legal services spend and managing external law firms across Asia Pacific, (including India, Pakistan, Japan, China and Australia/NZ).

Extensive project and transaction management and organisation skills, including complex matrix management within multinational organisation and handling complex legal regulatory matters.

Solid stakeholder management skills both internal as well as external. Presiding on various governance committees (commercial, R&D, clinical and medical). Member of the Asia Pacific commercial executive leadership team. Experienced business partnering and crisis management skills.

Experienced in internal compliance investigations/forensics and FCPA, U.K. Bribery Act and Sanctions and Export controls advisory work.

Seasoned coach and mentor for junior lawyers and young business executives within the organisation. Strong partnering with finance, tax, human resources, supply chain and procurement departments.

Active Associate Member of the Singapore Corporate Counsel Association (SCCA).

Active participation at the Asia Pacific Pharma/Medical Devices Legal/Compliance Industry Association as “Observer”.

Participant in recent *grass root* dialogues with “Legal Technology Vision” working group of Singapore Academy of Law (SAL).

Participant at the YSIAC 2017 Forum in Singapore.

Research interests from a legal/compliance perspective: Digital healthcare; AI and impact on legal/compliance community, cybersecurity developments and legal/compliance implications, impact on liberalisation of legal sector on local law firms, thought leadership and advocacy.

Providing adhoc consultancy services on APAC legal and compliance matters. Sole Proprietor of Geeta Thakerar Consultancy Services.