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Practice areas:

- Tax, Customs, Trade & Regulatory Laws
- Anti-Corruption & Fraud Investigations

Ashok is an attorney having more than 39 years of experience. He has a unique advantage of working on both sides of the table. Ashok has worked for more than 22 ½ years in Customs, Central Excise and Service Tax department including Directorate of Revenue Intelligence, 7 years with member firms of Big4 consulting firms like Arthur Anderson which merged with Ernst & Young and KPMG and 9 years with leading law firms.

He assists clients in Indirect Taxes matters like investigation by Special Valuation Branch of Customs to determine arms' length price of imported goods in case of transaction with Associated Enterprises, classification and rate of duty under the Customs Tariff and the Excise Tariff, valuation of locally manufactured goods, applicability of exemption notifications, taxability and determination of value of services, import and export of services, levy and exemption from value added tax and central sales tax, etc.

Ashok advises clients on Import Policy and Export Policy under the Foreign Trade Policy and other regulatory laws like the Environment (Protection) Act, the Telegraph Act and the Legal Metrology Act. He has extensive experience and regularly advises clients on Export/ Import Controls of restricted goods & technologies and sanctions. He also advises clients on supply chain for sourcing and distribution of goods in a Tax efficient and compliant manner. Ashok advises clients on safety and compliance requirements for movement of hazardous and notified goods.

He advises clients and assists in taking approval for setting up and exit from 100% Export Oriented Scheme, Special Economic Zones and Free Trade Warehousing Zones Scheme.

Ashok has undergone training in Canada on Goods and Service Tax (GST) proposed to be introduced in India w.e.f. April 1, 2016, to understand implementation issues and practical difficulties faced by the industry in compliance thereto.

Ashok assists clients during investigations by authorities for levy of Anti-Dumping Duty and Safeguard Duty. In case of an adverse order he assists clients in filing appeal before the Customs, Excise and Service Tax Appellate Tribunal (CESTAT) at first stage and before the Supreme Court at second stage.

Ashok has assisted clients in investigation and adjudication under the Prevention of

Money Laundering Act. He also advises clients in raid or investigations by Tax, Trade and Regulatory authorities and undertakes briefing and debriefing of employees. He regularly appears before departmental adjudication and appellate authorities, CESTAT, High Court and Supreme Court in Tax and Trade matters.

Ashok has assisted clients in conducting audits under FCPA and the Prevention of Corruption Act, investigations of wrong doing or fraud by management or employees of Multinational Companies. He also assisted clients in options to deal with non-compliances and making self-disclosure to the authorities.

He has written several articles on key Indirect Taxes, the Foreign Trade Policy and GST, which has been well appreciated.