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Practice Areas:

- Tax, Customs, Trade & Regulatory Laws
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Sonia is a Chartered Accountant and focuses on Customs, Trade, the Foreign Trade Policy, Regulatory Laws, Anti-Money Laundering and Anti-Corruption Laws providing both advisory and litigation services to clients.

She has handled large number of investigations for Multinational Companies and assisted clients in conducting audits under FCPA and the Prevention of Corruption Act, investigations of wrong doing or fraud by management or employees, whistle blower issues. She also assisted clients in options to deal with non-compliances and making self-disclosure to various authorities.

She regularly assists clients in Indirect Taxes and Customs matters like investigation by Special Valuation Branch to determine arms' length price of imported goods in case of transaction between 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, etc.

Sonia advises clients on Import Policy and Export Policy under the Foreign Trade Policy of the Government of India and other regulatory laws like the Environment (Protection) Act, the Telegraph Act, the Legal Metrology Act the Narcotics Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, the Information Technology Act, Bureau of Indian Standards, etc. She advises clients on Export/ Import Controls of restricted goods and technologies and Sanctions. She also advises clients on safety and compliance requirements for movement of hazardous and notified goods.

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

Sonia assists clients in drafting reply to show cause notices/ appeals and regularly appears before departmental adjudication and appellate authorities in Tax and Trade matters. She also assists clients in making application before the Customs, Excise and Service Tax Settlement Commission and the Authority for Advance Ruling.

She also assists clients during investigations by Designated Authority for levy of anti-dumping duty (ADD) and safeguard duty.

Sonia has also assisted clients in investigation, drafting submissions and adjudication proceedings under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act.

She 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.

She has written many articles on key Indirect Tax issues and GST, which has been well appreciated.