



## Vipender Mann

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### Practice Areas

- Anti-Corruption & White-Collar Crime
- Arbitration & Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR)
- Compliance & Regulatory
- Data Privacy
- Policy & Regulation
- Litigation

### Memberships

- Member, Bar Council of Delhi, Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA), and Delhi High Court Bar Association (DHCBA).
- Member, International Bar Association (IBA), Inter-Pacific Bar Association (IPBA), and American Bar Association (ABA).
- Member, International Association of Privacy Professionals (IAPP).
- Cohort Representative, Post Graduate Programme for Senior Management (PGPMAX) 2023, Indian School of Business (ISB).
- Member, ISB Alumni Advisory Council.

### Professional Profile

Vipender Mann brings over 25 years of diverse legal experience to the Firm's multidisciplinary practice. A recognised name in India's legal fraternity, Vipender is known for his strategic counsel, courtroom advocacy, and ability to navigate complex regulatory and corporate landscapes. He is widely acknowledged as one of India's leading voices on Artificial Intelligence Governance, Data Privacy Law, and Regulatory Compliance.

Vipender began his legal journey at the Delhi High Court in 1998, and prior to founding KNM & Partners in 2007, he held leadership roles at renowned law firms. His vision in establishing KNM & Partners was to create a client-centric, solutions-focused law firm capable of delivering cross-sector legal services with precision and business alignment.

He has extensive experience advising on Artificial Intelligence Governance, Data Privacy and Protection, Corporate Governance, Regulatory Frameworks, Litigation, Arbitration, White-Collar Crimes, and Compliance Audits. His expertise is particularly sought-after in corporate criminal defence, risk management, and representing corporations, promoters, and boards in high-stakes investigations and litigation.

He is a certified Artificial Intelligence Governance Professional (AIGP) from the International Association of Privacy Professionals (IAPP), of which he is also a Member, and holds an Artificial Intelligence Ethics, Regulation and Compliance Programme certificate from Saïd Business School, University of Oxford. He also holds a Privacy Engineering Certificate from Carnegie Mellon University's School of Computer Science, and is a Certified Artificial Intelligence Ethicist (CAIE) from Oxethica. These credentials uniquely position him at the intersection of law, technology, and ethics.

Vipender has served as de facto Head of Legal for the Indian operations of a leading multinational corporation, where he oversaw end-to-end legal, regulatory, and compliance functions. His experience includes conducting legal

- Member, CII National Legal Services Committee (2023-24, 2024-25, 2025-26).
- Co-Chair, CII Information Technology and Information Technology Enabled Services Sub-Committee (2023-24, 2024-25, 2025-26) under the aegis of CII National Legal Services Committee.
- Chair, CII Consumer Protection and Product Recall Sub-Committee (2024-25) under the aegis of CII National Legal Services Committee.

and compliance audits for global entities, enabling them to proactively manage risks and meet evolving statutory obligations.

In addition to his corporate practice, Vipender has made significant contributions to international legal benchmarking, including being a long-standing contributor to the World Bank's Doing Business Report (since 2002) and the World Justice Project's Rule of Law Index (since 2010). He is a regular speaker and moderator at leading forums on Artificial Intelligence Governance, Data Privacy, and Legal Technology, including the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) National Legal Services Committee, the Indian School of Business Alumni Association, and national and international privacy and governance conferences.

Vipender completed the Post Graduate Programme for Senior Management (PGP-MAX) at the Indian School of Business (ISB) in 2023, serving as Cohort Representative. He is a Member of the ISB Alumni Advisory Council, a Member of the CII National Legal Services Committee (2023-24, 2024-25, 2025-26), Vice Chair of the CII Information Technology and Information Technology Enabled Services Sub-Committee (2023-24, 2024-25, 2025-26), and Chair of the CII Consumer Protection and Product Recall Sub-Committee (2024-25).

## Publications

- Contributor to the World Bank Doing Business Report and World Justice Project Rule of Law Index.
- Author of thought leadership articles on AI Governance, Data Privacy, and regulatory updates on LinkedIn and professional forums.
- Founder and curator of the India-Legal LinkedIn Group, one of the largest legal communities in India with over 75,000 members.

## Key Experience

- Led strategic legal, regulatory, and corporate affairs for a major multinational corporation's India operations.
- Acted as lead counsel in criminal defence matters involving white-collar crimes, corporate fraud, and regulatory investigations.
- Conducted compliance audits and risk assessments for leading corporations across industries.
- Contributed to international legal and governance reports on ease of doing business, rule of law, and regulatory reforms.
- Regularly advises corporations, boards, and Data Fiduciaries on Artificial Intelligence Governance frameworks, compliance with India's Digital Personal Data Protection Act, 2023, and alignment with international data protection standards.
- Contributor to the World Bank Doing Business Report (since 2002) and the World Justice Project Rule of Law Index (since 2010).
- Author of thought leadership articles on Artificial Intelligence Governance, Data Privacy, the Digital Personal Data Protection Act, and regulatory compliance trends, published on LinkedIn and professional forums.
- Regular speaker and panellist at national and international conferences on Artificial Intelligence Governance, Data Privacy Law, and Legal Technology.

- Founder and curator of the India-Legal LinkedIn Group, one of India's largest online legal communities with over 95,000 members.
- Designed and developed four specialised Artificial Intelligence tools (GPTs) for public use on ChatGPT, demonstrating deep expertise in legal technology and innovation:
  - DPDP Act Expert — A legal expert assistant on the Digital Personal Data Protection Act, 2023 and DPDP Rules, 2025, providing clause-by-clause, DPDP-aligned interpretations to support legal research, compliance analysis, and drafting.
  - India: BNS, BNSS, BSA — Criminal Laws 2023 — A cross-referenced assistant connecting Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita offences, Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita procedure, and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhinyam evidence rules, designed for investigations and courtroom work.
  - Advocacy and Mediation Simulator India — An Indian advocacy and mediation training simulator for lawyers and law students, enabling users to argue cases, practise mediation and drafting, and receive structured feedback.
  - Bhagavad Gita Wisdom — A philosophical companion that explains each verse of the Bhagavad Gita using insights from Swami Ramsukhdas Ji, Swami Chinmayananda, and Adi Shankaracharya, applying ancient wisdom to modern life.