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Summary

R.V. Anuradha is a Partner at [Clarus Law Associates](#), New Delhi and heads her firm's practice in International Trade and Investment Law and Policy. She also advises on Environmental law and policy, including on carbon financing and renewable energy.

Anuradha has been recognized by Chambers and Partners and International Who's Who of Trade and Customs Lawyers as a leading practitioner in her field. She is a member of the International Law Association's (ILA) Committee on Sustainable Development and Green Economy, the Asia WTO Research Network and the Society for International Economic Law. She is also a member of the Trade Policy Committee of the Confederation of Indian Industries.

Anuradha advises companies, industry associations and the Government of India on issues arising under the WTO Agreements, Free Trade Agreements, and Bilateral Investment Protection Agreements, including disputes arising under such agreements. She also undertakes studies for the Commonwealth Secretariat, the International Trade Centre, Centre for WTO Studies and export promotion associations in India.

She also teaches at various training sessions and capacity building programs on trade law and policy, including at the Joint Academy on international trade law and policy conducted by the Centre for WTO Studies in collaboration with the World Trade Institute, Berne.

Educational Background

Master of Laws, Global Public Service Law Program, New York University School of Law, 2002. Awarded the Global Public Service Scholarship.

Master of Laws, Law and Development, University of London, 1996. Awarded the Felix Scholarship.

B.A. LL,B (Hons.), National Law School of India University, 1995

Selected Relevant Experience

Trade in Services & Investment

Legal Advice on Distribution Services: Advice to the Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India, on the following: (a) types of laws and regulations that can be enacted keeping in view compatibility with commitments under the GATS and Free Trade Agreements; (b) the legal text that needs to be built into India's commitments, in order to preserve policy space for Retail distribution services; (c) the policy carve-outs necessary in respect of distribution services through electronic commerce, in view of evolving laws and regulations on e-commerce.

Emerging Technologies: Implications for Services Commitments: Consultant to the Commonwealth Secretariat for a study assessing the implications for technological developments on commitments on trade in services. Authored a paper on the subject (https://www.thecommonwealth-ilibrary.org/commonwealth/trade/emerging-new-technologies_2e8bd163-en) (November 2018-January 2019)

Implications of Potential Multilateral Rules on Domestic Regulation: Consultant to the Commonwealth Secretariat for a study assessing the discussions on Domestic Regulation at the WTO, and issues that countries need to consider regarding participation in the same (March- May 2019)

Investment Facilitation at the WTO: Consultant to the Commonwealth Secretariat for the Commonwealth Regional Consultation on Multilateral, Regional and Emerging Trade Issues for Africa (November 2018), and authored a paper on the subject (https://www.thecommonwealth-ilibrary.org/commonwealth/trade/investment-facilitation-and-the-wto_4e0287f8-en) (September-November 2018)

WTO and FTA Compatibility assessment of Services regulations: Assessment of compatibility of domestic regulations in India and India's trading partners, with respect to their respective

obligations under the WTO's General Agreement on Trade in Services, and services commitments under relevant FTAs, and advice on suitable remedies.

LDC Waiver assessment: Assessment of India's commitments under the WTO and its FTAs, as well as autonomous liberalization under its regulatory regime, to structure the offer for LDC waiver.

Domestic Regulations affecting Services: Advice to Ministry of Commerce, Government of India on assessment of domestic regulations in select professional sectors and their compatibility with the proposed WTO disciplines on Domestic Regulations.

Evaluation of Service Sector Commitments: Advice to Ministry of Commerce, Government of India on service related laws and regulations impacting Indian service suppliers in specific countries, and assessment of whether such measures are consistent with the WTO commitments of such countries.

Scheduling commitments in a Negative List format: Advice to Ministry of Commerce, Government of India on scheduling commitments in a negative list approach under FTA negotiations, including advice on the legal implications of transitioning from a positive to a negative list approach.

Services under the EU-Cariforum EPA: Consultant to International Lawyers and Economists against Poverty, for a study on the scope of services liberalization under the EU-Cariforum EPA and its implications for EPA negotiations by African countries.

WTO/ FTA Compatibility Assessments and Dispute Settlement

Compatibility of regulatory measures under the Agreements of the World Trade Organization and Free Trade Agreements: Advice on WTO compatibility of regulatory measures in a range of sectors (such as financial services, pharmaceutical sector, chemical sector, renewable energy sector), and recommendations on approach to dispute settlement.

India Sugar Dispute: Advice to an industry association on the vulnerabilities in India's sugar related regulatory framework and recommendations on measures to be taken to ensure WTO compatibility.

India-US Solar Dispute: Counsel representing the Government of India at the WTO Appellate Body proceedings in the dispute initiated by the United States against India's solar policies (India: Certain Measures relating to Solar Cells and Solar Modules, WT/DS/456).

India-US Dispute on Trade in Services relating to Non-Immigrant Visas: Counsel representing the Government of India at consultations against the United States in relation to certain measures relating to non-immigrant visas maintained by the United States (United States: Measures Concerning Non-Immigrant Visas, WT/DS/503).

Legal framework for Government Procurement: Assessment of policy implications of commitments on Government Procurement on Indian legislative framework, and respect of the chapter on government procurement under the RCEP Agreement.

Technical Regulations and Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

Member, Task Force on EU's REACH Regulation: Member of a Task Force constituted by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India, on addressing the impact of EU's REACH regulation on India's Chemical industry.

WTO and FTA Compatibility assessment of Technical Regulations: Assessment of compatibility of domestic regulations in India and India's trading partners on technical standards and sanitary and phytosanitary measures, with respect to their respective obligations under the WTO's Agreements, and commitments under relevant FTAs, and advice on suitable remedies under these agreements.

Study on SPS and TBT measures impacting India-EU trade: Consultant to UNCTAD for a study on SPS and TBT measures in select sectors of export from India to the EU.

SPS Measures affecting Agricultural Products: Consultant to Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority on SPS measures affecting export of agricultural products from India.

India's Foreign Trade Law and Policy

Advice on applicable laws and regulations relating to foreign trade, including export and import procedures: Legal opinion on applicability of laws and regulations relating to foreign trade in respect of both goods and services across various sectors.

Trade and Environment

Renewable Energy: Advised Government of India on WTO compatibility of measures in the United States on renewable energy; and advice on enacting WTO consistent measures in India

Environment provisions in Regional Trade Agreements: Consultant to the World Bank for a study on Environmental provisions in Regional Trade Agreements.

Environmental Goods & Services: Consultant to the Government of India on the WTO negotiations on Environmental Goods and Services.

Trade and Climate Change: Consultant on various studies for examining issues relating to WTO compatibility of trade measures for combating climate change. This includes studies for the Ministry of Environment and Forests, Centre for WTO Studies and the Indian Council for Research in International Economic Relations.

Regulatory framework for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency in South Asian countries. Legal Consultant to the World Bank for Project on policy and regulatory framework in five South Asian countries (India, Sri Lanka, Pakistan, Bangladesh and Nepal) for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency.

Labour and Trade related issues

Labour Laws in India: Consultant to the International Labour Organization (ILO) on labour regulatory reforms in India with specific reference to the proposed Small Factories Bill.

Trade and Labour: Consultant to Centre for WTO Studies on Study on Trade and Labour issues, and identification of options for consideration by India.

Law relating to Fishworkers: Consultant to the International Labour Organization (ILO) on implementation of the ILO Convention on Fishworkers in India.

Intellectual Property Rights and Trade

IPRs and Technology Transfer: Consultant to The Energy Research Institute for a study on IPR issues impacting transfer of climate-friendly technologies.

IPRs in the context of India-U.S. Bilateral Cooperation: Study on IPR issues in the context of U.S.-India bilateral relations.

IPRs in FTAs: Assessment of IPR commitments in India's FTAs and the extent to which they exceed India's TRIPS commitments.