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# Shipping

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SUPER -SPECIALIST IN SHIPPING

## PROFILE & BILLING RATES

- Entire Gamut of Shipping

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Brus Chambers, Advocates & Solicitors provides 'second to none', 'responsive' and 'commercial' advice. Led by Shrikant Hathi, the team includes Binita Hathi and senior associate Poonam Sharma Baloni, and has particular strengths in transactional matters, ship arrests, dispute resolution and personal injury claims.

- Asia Pacific Legal 500

Brus Chambers, Advocates & Solicitors has a very 'powerful and results-oriented' shipping team led by the 'smart' Shrikant Hathi. The practice is praised for its substantial expertise in wet and dry shipping matters, and port projects.

- Asia Pacific Legal 500

Brus Chambers, Advocates & Solicitors has an 'excellent reputation' and expertise covering the gamut of wet and dry shipping matters, as well as port projects. Shrikant Hathi is 'a well-known figure within the shipping industry' and has an excellent reputation for ship arrests.

- Asia Pacific Legal 500

Brus Chambers, Advocates & Solicitors is without doubt 'one of the leading firms for marine mandates'. Admiralty ship arrests, dispute resolution and transactional work are specialisms of the practice. Shrikant Hathi, Binita Hathi and Uttam Hathi are recommended.

- Asia Pacific Legal 500

BRUS CHAMBERS is a TOP-TIER Shipping Law Firm as ranked by Legal500 and Shippinglawyers.NET since 2010

Dr. Shrikant Pareshnath Hathi is listed in the elite “Leading Lawyers” list as “Leading Individual”, by Legal 500 since 2004 and by Shippinglawyers.NET for shipping work in India

Ms. Binita Shrikant Hathi is listed in the elite “Leading Lawyers” list as “Leading Individual” by Legal 500 since 2016 and by Shippinglawyers.NET for shipping work in India

Ms. Poonam Sharma Baloni (Now Ms. Poonam Das) is listed in “Next Generation Lawyers” by Legal 500 since 2016 for shipping work in India



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Our firm's billing rates for shipping work in India is at USD 90 per hour while all disbursements are computed on actual

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During this period, atleast two solicitors will be working on the given file, also when required more lawyers, para-legal, associates will be working on the file to ensure that quality service is delivered, at no extra cost.

Brus Chambers is recommended by Legal500, Lloyd's (Informa) Group, Trade Winds, Chamber Practice, Expert Guides, shiparrest.co.in, and other independent credential bodies for shipping work amongst other matters in India. Brus Chambers is ranked as a Top Tier law firm for shipping work by Legal 500 since 2010.

Shrikant Hathi (Dr) is consistently ranked by Legal500 since 2004 as 'Leading Individual' in India for shipping work.

Lloyd's List, London stated that Shrikant Hathi is a very good strategist.



Brus Chambers shipping practice includes the entire gamut of dry and wet shipping, ship arrest or release, ship finance, ship buy or sell, international trade, personal injury and crew wages, p&i settlements. The firms practice also includes port projects and development, corporate advice, preparation and review of all contractual documentation required for any shipping related projects.

Brus Chambers is an established Indian law firm, being one of the two leading law firm of the country practicing shipping matters amongst other areas, a law firm which is highly recommended by Legal500, Lloyds (Informa) Group; Trade Winds; Chamber Practice, shiparrest.co.in, Euromoney Expert Guides and other independent credential bodies, for maritime, shipping and admiralty matters in India amongst other areas of work. Brus Chambers, Advocates & Solicitors, the law firm are with seven partners; the firm has its main office in Mumbai and associate offices at port and capital city in all states of India and New Delhi.

Shrikant Hathi has been consistently ranked by Legal500 since 2004 as 'Leading Individual' in India for shipping work.

The Legal 500, since 2004 has recommended Brus Chambers for 'Shipping' 'Projects & Energy' 'Corporate/ M&A' 'Marine Insurance', 'Dispute Resolution' and 'Banking & Finance' and has commented, "...is a dominant force within the Indian admiralty, maritime and shipping market. The firm is especially noted for its experience in ship arrests and releases, not to mention P&I settlements, shipping finance, acquisitions and maritime arbitration. Impressive representative clients..." while Brus Chambers is ranked as a Top Tier Law firm for shipping work in India since 2010.

Brus Chambers also takes lead in other areas of practice.

We know that there are very few law firms or lawyers that specialises in shipping law in our country offering the service you require. We are passionate about investing time and managing relationships with our clients.

Brus Chambers has extensive experience and a global reputation for entire gamut of shipping work and has dominated the Indian admiralty and shipping market.

At Brus Chambers, our experience has taught us that true long term partnering relationships work for our clients and us. Good relationships also help us to keep our best people and loyal clients, clients who come to us because we are the right fit.

We take the greatest care in everything we do.

Our shipping practice includes the entire gamut of admiralty, shipping and maritime edicts advising owners, charterers, suppliers, repairers, cargo owners, insurers, banks, financial institutions, mortgagors, p&l clubs, hull and cargo insurers, defence clubs, salvage and tug companies, shipbuilders, ship breakers, ship chandlers, ship repair yard, marine engineering companies, ship and chartering brokers, oil companies, port authorities, and Government agencies also sectors from oil, gas, agriculture, engineering, mining and all other sectors advising and assisting on claims, including casualties, collision, limitation of liability, cargo, charterparty, jurisdiction, conflict of laws, bill of lading, carriage of goods, contract conditions, fire, liens, general average, containers, recoveries, subrogation, casualties, freight forwarders liabilities, multimodal and unimodal, insurance and reinsurance, commercial disputes and advise on financing international trade through letter of credit, bills of exchange and other methods, preparing standard conditions of sale and advise on trade in commodities of all kinds, advising on the terms of contracts, handle dispute resolution through litigation and arbitration proceedings.

Our shipping transactional work includes ship finance, ship buy or sell, port infrastructure and developments, international trade.

Brus Chambers has practiced shipping law since the establishment of the firm and its partners much prior to 1992; today we have a worldwide reputation as specialists in this area. Our partners regularly appear as recommended shipping specialists. Brus Chambers provides a comprehensive service in both contentious and non-contentious aspects of shipping law, advising on matters ranging from cargo claims to marine casualties, and from ship finance to ship purchase or sale.

We combine long experience in this area of law and have extensive contacts in the shipping industries, with a network of international maritime law firms, enabling us to call on suitable technical experts and to advise on choice of an arbitrator. Members of the firm are frequently called upon to deal with matters requiring urgent responses, such as, a freezing order, the exercise of a lien, the arrest or release of a ship and are accustomed to attendance and acting on short notice. Maritime disputes are dealt with by solicitors who advise on all aspects of shipping litigation and arbitration, which includes a specialist Admiralty team.

Shipping team is co-headed by our Mumbai partners Dr. Shrikant Pareshnath Hathi and Ms. Binita Shrikant Hathi, both qualified advocate and solicitor, with LL.M degree; they have also co-authored the book "Maritime Practice in India" and "Ship Arrest in India and Admiralty Laws of India". Both the partners practice in Mumbai, India.

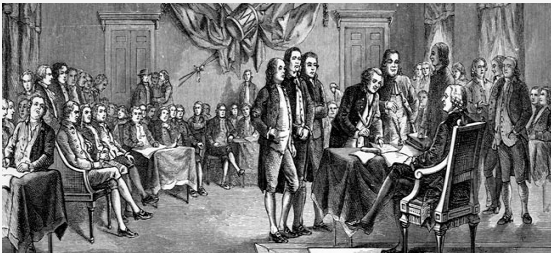
Dr. Shrikant Pareshnath Hathi, law graduate with masters in law, PhD, Advocate on record of the Supreme Court of India, a Solicitor from India (practicing) and United Kingdom (non-practicing), he is a practicing advocate enrolled with the Bar Council of Maharashtra and Goa and also with the Supreme Court of India. His main law practice is in the Bombay High Court and in the High Courts having Admiralty jurisdiction in India. Successfully completed 'Justice', a course of study offered by Harvard University under the guidance of Prof. Michael J. Sandel, Professor of Government at Harvard University, where he teaches political philosophy. Dr. Hathi is a specialist in shipping and projects work, will be the partner co-ordinating as a lead partner for ship arrest work, Dr. Shrikant Pareshnath Hathi is listed in the elite "Leading Lawyers" list as "Leading Individual", for shipping work in India by Legal 500 since 2004.

Arbitration  
Arrest of Ship  
Bid Preparations  
Bill of Lading  
Bunker Claims  
Cargo Claims  
Carriage of Goods  
Casualties  
Charter Parties  
Claims for Necessary Supplies  
Claims for Repair  
Claims for Wages  
Collision Claims  
Commercial Disputes  
Conflict of Laws  
Containers  
Contracts  
Damages  
Establishing business in India  
Execution of Foreign Award  
Execution of Foreign Decree  
Fire  
Foreign investments in India  
Freight Forwarders liabilities  
General Average  
Incorporation of Company  
Insurance and Re-insurance  
Jurisdiction  
Legal Research  
Limitation of Liability  
Litigation  
Marine Insurance  
Maritime Claims  
Maritime Liens  
Mortgages  
Multimodal  
Negotiations  
Ownership Dispute  
P & I Settlement  
Personal Injury  
Privatisation  
Purchase of Ships  
Recoveries  
Regulatory Issues  
Release of Ship  
Sale of Ships  
Salvage Claims  
Ship Finance  
Ship Registration  
Ship Repair  
Shipbuilding  
Short Landing  
Subrogation  
Unimodal  
Unpaid Dues

# Our Charging methods...

Brus Chambers believes in transparency in legal fees since inception of the law firm and have maintained since then. Today we are globally known as specialised practice law firm delivery quality services and transparency in legal fees.

The Economic Times; The Times of India; Fairplay have commented about our law firm as the only Indian law firm with real transparency in legal fees.



## BILLING RATES & CHARGING METHOD

Brus Chambers professional charges are mainly computed on hourly basis, blended hourly rates, some are customised on case to case basis or on fixed fee, retainer etc depending on client requirement or on the matter. All disbursements and tax where applicable are computed on actual unless the same is a lump sum package offer.

Each client has a dedicated partner (the lead partner) who will lead, co-ordinate and will be directly responsible to meet the client requirements effectively.

Unless agreed on our charging methods our default method for computation of our fees is on hourly basis and it is also our recommendation to opt for hourly basis.

Our Professional fees for shipping litigation and non-litigation transactional and documentation work is USD 90 per hour + Disbursements on actual. Our billing rates are subject to a minimum fee of USD 500 + Disbursement on actual.

All Disbursements incurred are computed on actual. Third party costs would include the following (where applicable): travel and transport; photocopying; phones and faxes; experts and counsels; airfare, hotels and meals, video-conferencing; correspondent fees and expenses; court or institutional fees' stamping and registration; government, quasi-government or other fees; other actual expenses.

During this period, atleast one solicitors/advocates will be working on the given file and if required more lawyers or para-legal will be working on the file to ensure that quality service is delivered, at no extra cost and our professional fees will be computed only that of the lead partner.

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Our Professional Fees :USD 90 per hour  
+ Disbursements :On actual

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# Key Contacts...

## **SHRIKANT PARESHNATH HATHI (Dr)**

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Advocate Supreme Court of India  
Advocate on Record Supreme Court of India  
Solicitor England and Wales (Non-Practicing)



Listed in the elite "Leading Lawyers" list as "Leading Individual" for shipping work in India, by Legal 500 since 2004; SALK (Ship Arrest Legal Knowledge) by shiparrest.co.in; Shippinglawyers.NET; IBLJ; Lloyds List; Euromoney.

His main law practice is in the Bombay High Court; in the High Courts having Admiralty jurisdiction in India and in the Supreme Court of India. He is a shipping and project specialist.

Successfully completed his law (LLB) and masters in law (LLM) from Government Law College (Mumbai University) also completed his solicitors' examination through the Bombay Incorporated Law Society and is enrolled as a solicitor. He successfully graduated in Doctorate degree. He is also enrolled with the Supreme Court of India as an Advocate on Record.

Successfully completed solicitors' examination through Oxford Institute of Legal Practice (OXILP) (Oxford University and Oxford Brookes University) and is enrolled with the Solicitors Regulation Authority (SRA), United Kingdom and is on the roll as a solicitor.

Successfully completed 'Justice', a course of study offered by Harvard University under the guidance of Prof. Michael J. Sandel, Professor of Government at Harvard University, where he teaches political philosophy.

Successfully completed 'Age of Globalization', a course of study offered by University of Texas at Austin under the guidance of Dr. John Hoberman, he is a Professor of Germanic languages within the Department of Germanic Studies at the University of Texas at Austin, he has taught courses on sport and politics at Harvard University, the University of Chicago.

Successfully completed 'Energy Subsidy Reform' a course conducted by International Monetary Fund under the guidance of Dr. Nooman Rebei (Economist at IMF's Institute for Capacity Development); Dr Samah Mazraani (Economist at IMF); Dr. Kangni Roland Kpodar (Economist in the IMF); Dr. Luc Moers (Economist at IMF) and Dr. Masahiro Nozaki (Economist at IMF).

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Advocate Supreme Court of India  
Advocate on Record Supreme Court of India



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Her main law practice is in the Bombay High Court; other High Courts in India and in the Supreme Court of India. She specialises in dispute resolution and dry and wet shipping.

Successfully completed her law (LLB) and masters in law (LLM) from Government Law College (Mumbai University) also completed her solicitors' examination through the Bombay Incorporated Law Society and is enrolled as a solicitor. She is also enrolled with the Supreme Court of India as an Advocate on Record.

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Advocate Bombay High Court



His main law practice is in the Bombay High Court. He specialises in corporate work.

Successfully completed his law (LLB) and masters in law (LLM) from Government Law College (Mumbai University).

Practicing law since: 1992

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## MUMBAI MAIN OFFICE

Brus Chambers main office is located at Mumbai in India specialising admiralty, shipping and maritime amongst other areas of practice with associate offices in Port and Capital City in all States of India.

### BRUS CHAMBERS

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[Shipping; Projects Infrastructure & Gas; Marine Insurance & Dispute Resolution]

## OTHER OFFICES IN MUMBAI

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[Corporate; Banking, Finance & Capital Markets; Real Estate]

Shipping team at Brus Chambers is strong enough to handle high-end shipping client to small shipping client, handling entire gamut of shipping laws

Combination of Brus Chambers shipping and litigation team is perfect to checkmate the opponent in a dispute but the firm is well known for amicable settlement in disputes rather than dragging the matter in dispute.

It is a myth that quality legal service is expensive, it is also a myth that start up corporate client cannot afford the service of Brus Chambers.

Administration

### BRUS CHAMBERS

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## ASSOCIATE OFFICES

Brus Chambers associate offices in Port and Capital City in all States of India are the litigation, liasioning and coordinating arms in India at

Ahmedabad	Allahabad	Bangalore	Bhavnagar		
Bhopal	Bhubaneshwar	Calicut	Chandigarh		
Chennai	Cuddalore	Ennore	Gauhati	Goa	
Gopalpur	Hyderabad	Imphal	Jodhpur	Kakinada	
Kandla	Karwar	Kochi	Kolkata	Magdalla	Mandavi
Mundra	Nagapattinam	Navlakhi	New Delhi	Okha	
Paradip | Patna | Pipavav | Porbandar | Raipur | Ranchi |  
Ratnagiri | Redi | Salaya | Shimla | Sikka | Srinagar |  
Tellicherry | Trivandrum | Tuticorin | Veraval |  
Visakhapatnam |

## DEDICATED PARTNER

Each client has a dedicated partner (the lead partner) who will lead, co-ordinate and will be directly responsible to meet the client requirements effectively.

## PAYMENT MODE

Accountable advance, as agreed should be deposited with Brus Chambers prior to commencement of any work, either by Bankers Cheque in favour of "Brus Chambers" or by irrevocable telegraphic transfer to our bankers at "HSBC" or "DBS Bank Ltd" unless advised differently from the main office.



## **EMERGENCY RESPONSE**

BRUS CHAMBERS offer their clients the most comprehensive 24-hour, 365 days a year emergency response service in the world. The team ensures that their client is best advised on every possible aspect, which may arise out of any matter. Wherever in the world, our emergency response team can be contacted on +91-9769946865 or at +91 9769946864. With the tripping facility the regular office numbers gets re-directed after office hours i.e: IST 1900 Hrs or when the office is closed, which ever is earlier, hence providing 24 hour service at international time.



Should you have any question or wish to discuss our billing rates please do not hesitate to contact our Managing Partner and if you are an existing client you may contact the lead partner attending the file

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