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Salman Waris LL.M (UK) is a partner with TechLegis Advocates & Solicitors and heads the firm's TMT and IP practice groups. He has worked on a broad range of transactional, advisory and contentious matters in the telecoms, IT and IP sectors and regularly advises on legal/regulatory issues concerning telecommunications, next generation networks, data protection/privacy, outsourcing (IT or business processes), M&A and joint ventures. In the recent past he has been retained by the Department of Electronics & Information Technology, Ministry of Communications & Information Technology, Government of India and also advised the Ministry of Defence, Director General of Information Systems.

Mr Waris has been recommended by *The IFLR1000* guide to leading lawyers (TMT), *AsiaLaw Leading Lawyers*, *The Legal 500: Asia*, *The Expert Guide to the World's Leading Information Technology Lawyers*, *The International Who's Who of Internet & e-Commerce Lawyers* and *The Guide to the World's Leading Emerging Markets Practitioners* for his work. He has also been awarded the International Law Office Client Choice Awards for 2011, 2012 and 2013. *Indian Lawyer 250* recognised Mr Waris as a "top name" in the field of IP and telecoms work and as someone who "receives high praise" and is "highly regarded". Recently, Law Business Research recognised Mr Waris as one of the top 45 Indian lawyers under the age of 45 in its special report, "45 under 45". Mr Waris has also been shortlisted for the 2013 Lawyer Monthly Legal Awards, in the category of E-Commerce Lawyer of the Year - India.

He has been the vice chair of the International Technology Law Association's data protection committee and a member of the task force on internet and cybersecurity at the Institute for Defence Studies and Analysis. Besides this he is also part of the Data Security Council of India's thought leadership development programme. He is also involved with pro bono work as a mentor to several technology start-ups at The Hatch, a virtual incubator setup by Angel Investors Consortium. He is a member of industry bodies such as the International Media Lawyers Association, NASSCOM Emerge, TiE and IT Policy Compliance Group (ITPCG) USA; he has also been actively involved with the International Trade Mark Association's internet committee, the American Bar Association's IP law section (virtual worlds and computer gaming committee).

Mr Waris is a regular speaker at industry conferences on telecoms, IP and data protection law and has trained officers of the Indian Army and the Delhi Police on data protection, cybercrime and cyber law-related issues. He is regularly quoted on telecoms and IP law issues, both in the national and international press - including *Privacy & Data Protection Journal*, *India Business Law Journal*, *Asia Pacific Defense Forum* magazine, *Legally India*, *The Financial Express*, *The Economic Times*, *The Indian Express*, *The Times of India*, *Business Standard* and *The Mint*, to name a few.