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Serving multinational communities in the UAE for years is just one of the many hats donned by Ashish Mehta & Associates, Dubai's leading law firm with offices in Dubai, New Delhi, London and Singapore. Known for its innovative approach to multi-jurisdictional law practice, the firm is headed by Ashish Mehta, one of the finest legal minds in the Middle East.

You get a fair idea of Ashish Mehta's connections from the moment you walk into his office. Rare photographs line the walls of his office, showing Ashish sharing comfortable space with members of Dubai and Abu Dhabi ruling family and eminent political and public personalities including the President of India Pranab Mukherjee, former Pakistan President Asif Ali Zardari, Benazir Bhutto, ex-US President Bill Clinton, Tony Blair, Rajiv Gandhi, Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, L K Advani, Yusaff Ali, Robert Wadhwa, senior leaders of BJP and Congress party apart from Bollywood stars like Shahrukh Khan, Salman Khan, Abhishek Bachchan.

Ashish Mehta & Associates specialise in a multitude of sectors, including corporate and commercial, real estate, financial institutions, acquisition and mergers, energy and natural resources, healthcare, education, engineering, construction, entertainment, hospitality, food and transport, litigation, arbitration and mediation, general crime, employment and intellectual property, among others.

Known for his various avatars, Ashish Mehta is much sought after. Apart from being an eminent lawyer who has a passion for law, there's the Ashish Mehta who reckons that lawyers are apt at politics and further believes that it is not mandatory to contest elections to be in public life. He is a writer and political analyst as

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- Advisor, Jawaharlal Nehru Sports Trust, New Delhi;
- Member, Board of the Managing Committee, Shaheed Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto Institute of Science and Technology (SZABIST), Dubai campus;
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- Formerly, advisor to the group chairman, Delhi Public School Society, New Delhi;
- Fellow, Indian Council of Arbitrators, New Delhi and an accredited Arbitrator on the panel of the Indian Council of Arbitrators;
- Solicitor, Supreme Court of England and Wales;
- Member, the Chartered Institute of Arbitration, UK and a approved mediator on its panel of mediators;
- Fellow, Indian Council of Arbitrators;
- Registered legal practitioner and right of audience before DIFC Courts;
- Member, International Bar Association, United Kingdom.

well, regularly contributing his legal and political columns to leading publications. Finally, there's the Ashish Mehta who reaches out to less privileged sections of the UAE society by providing free legal counselling to the deserving expatriate members of the Indian and other communities, thereby fulfilling his social responsibility of giving back to the society.

Ashish, who is licenced to practice law in the UAE, the UK, India and Singapore, has a word of about the changing legal contours. "Law has upped its glamour quotient today. Compared to what it was even two decades ago, the practice of law has changed. In the past, the focus was on litigation; today it's much wider and complex," he concludes with a chuckle.