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A new addition to the rankings, Doulah & Doulah houses a team that “*understands what clients are looking for and is incredibly responsive to clients’ needs.*” The firm's broad expertise covers a wide range of practice areas, from corporate and banking and finance to dispute resolution and IP. The lawyers predominantly assist international clients such as Citi, Merrill Lynch, GlaxoSmithKline and Pitney Bowes. Of late, the firm acted for Mitsui Oil Exploration in an exploration project with Bangladesh Petroleum Exploration and Petrobangla. Lead partner Nasirud Doulah is praised for his “*practical and business-oriented approach and getting straight to the heart of the matter.*”

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### **BAKING & FINANCE**

**THE FIRM** This firm works with an enviable base of multinational financial institutions, such as ABN AMRO, Citi and Standard Chartered Bank. It advises on project financing and capital markets transactions, and assists on regulatory and compliance matters. In a busy year for the group, it notably advised CLSA Financial Products as local counsel on the Bangladeshi aspects of its USD10 billion Asian Securities Programme. It is also currently advising MoneyGram on the rules and regulations pertaining to money transfer arrangements, and OCBC in relation to guarantees of high-value and long-term financings.

**KEY INDIVIDUALS** Nasirud Doulah and Badrud Doulah co-head the practice.

### **CORPORATE & COMMERCIAL**

**THE FIRM** This seven-lawyer team is regularly involved in international transactions as well as domestic matters. Foreign clients particularly seek out the firm's deep knowledge of Bangladeshi laws; key names include Etihad Airways, PUMA, Benetton and Toyota. Recent highlights for the team include advising GlaxoSmithKline on domestic regulations and the restructuring of its operation in Bangladesh, and Mitsui Oil Exploration on its oil and gas exploration project.

**KEY INDIVIDUALS** ABM Nasirud Doulah is the main contact for this area of practice. He took the lead in assisting Shanghai Maxim Garment Accessories on various issues related to setting up operations in the country.

### **DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

**THE FIRM** Displaying a high level of expertise in this practice area, this team has made giant strides in establishing itself in the market, and is now generally considered a force to be reckoned with. It recently represented The Bank of New York Mellon in a beneficiary-related dispute.

**KEY INDIVIDUALS** ABM Shamsud Doulah is the firm's main contact.

### **INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY**

**THE FIRM** Well known for its overall national strength, this firm fields a solid Bangladesh IP group offering the full range of services. The six-strong team acts for a wide selection of clients from around the world. Recent highlights include advising on a global licensing matter for PepsiCo, and assisting Sony and KFC with trade mark infringement proceedings.

**KEY INDIVIDUALS** ABM Shamsud Doulah heads the department.