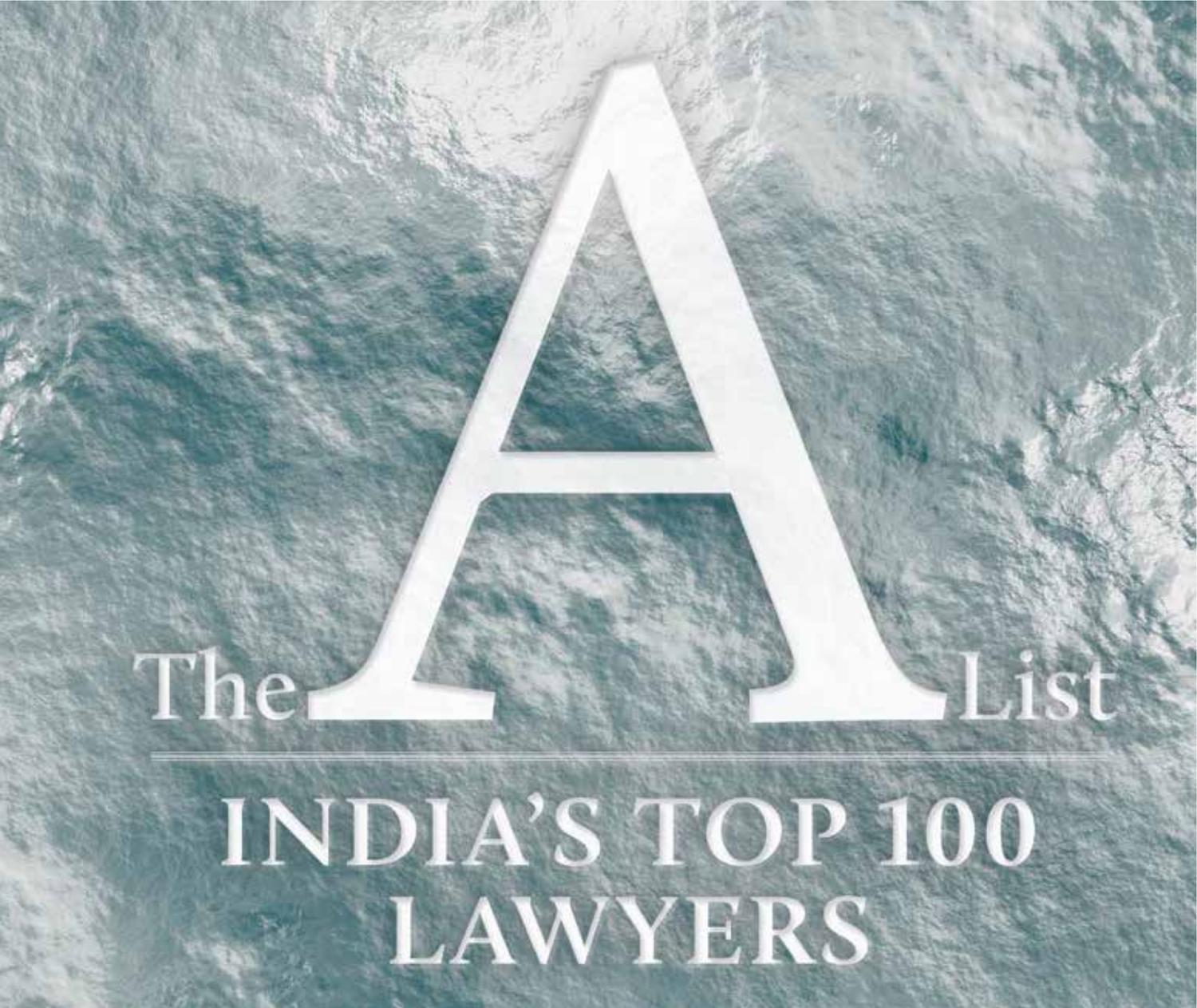


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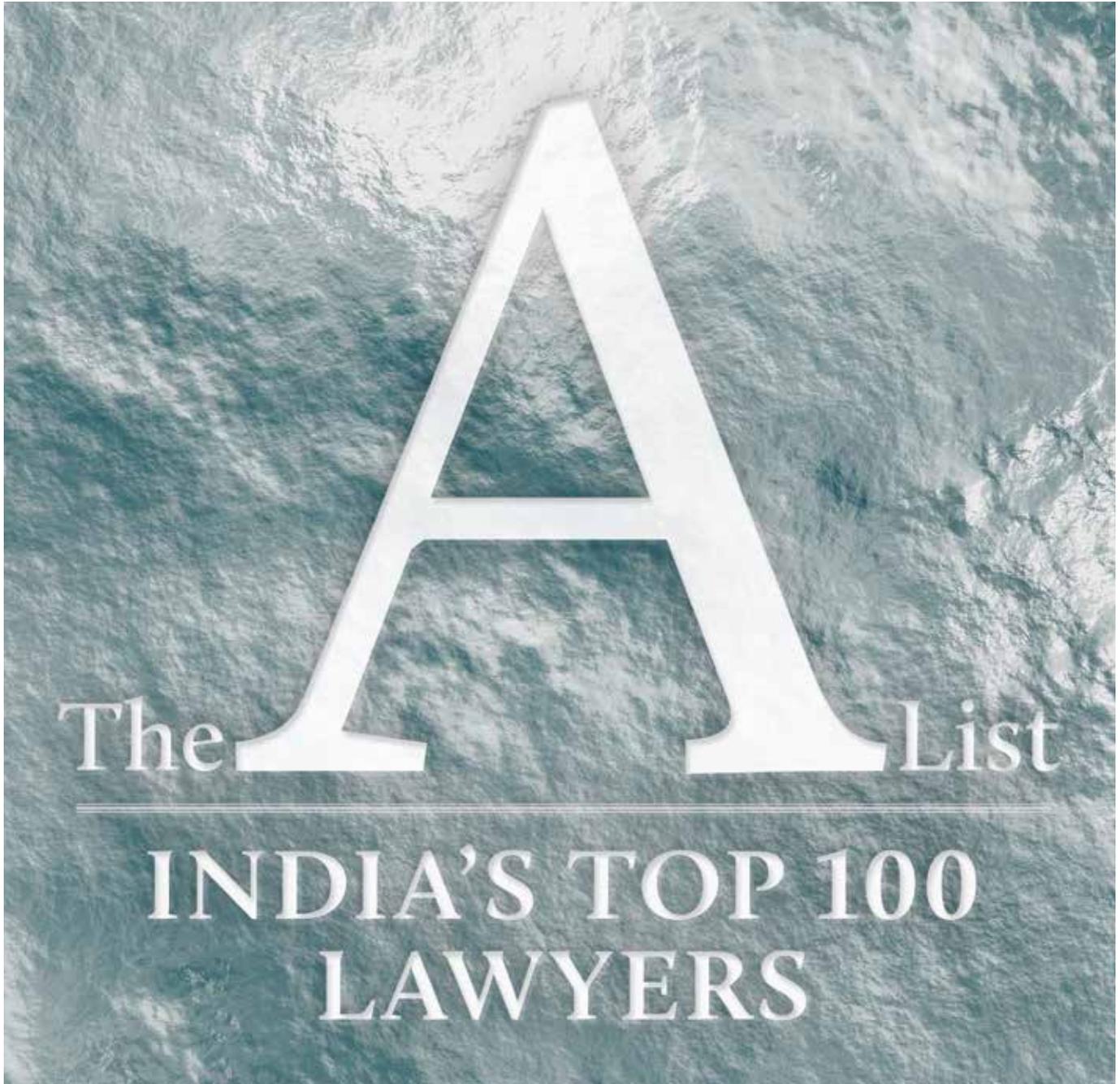
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Lloyd's List recently ranked him third in its Top 10 Lawyers, stating he was "highly regarded for his work in the LNG sector, particularly for interesting and highly geared finance deals".

Thacker handles structured ship and asset finance, acting for overseas lenders for ship finance of LNG vessels flying foreign flags and chartered by Indian companies. He advises foreign rig owners, LNG companies and terminal operators on regulatory issues, Indian flagging, cabotage, tonnage tax, applicable taxes, licensing, etc.

Thacker has written the India sections of the *Maritime Law Handbook*, Kluwer; *The Transport Finance Law Review*; *Limitation of Liability*, Griggs and Williams; *Time Bar in Reinsurance, An International Comparison*, Clyde & Co; *Cross-Border Security*, Norton Rose; *Shipping Law 2014*, GLG Publication. He features in the *International Who's Who of Banking Lawyers*.

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an authority" (*Chambers and Partners, Asia Pacific*, 2016).

Tuli regularly assists clients with regulatory advice, product development and insurance coverage issues. His coverage advice for insurers and reinsurers encompasses a wide range of policy lines, including D&O, E&O/professional indemnity, CGL, product liability, public liability, MD, BI, CPM, DSU, ALOP, EAR and CAR.

Tuli and his team also specialize in litigation and arbitration. They handle ad-hoc arbitrations as well as institutional arbitrations, including those conducted under the auspices of the London Court of International Arbitration, International Chamber of Commerce, Singapore International Arbitration Centre, Dubai International Arbitration Centre, and the Indian Council of Arbitration. Tuli is currently managing claims on behalf of insurers and reinsurers in India, the US, the UK, Europe, Africa and the Middle East.

Tuli also acts as an arbitrator and was invited to be the first president of the Insurance Law Association of India being formed in association with the British Insurance Law Association. He is also a member of the Confederation of Indian Industry's National Committee on Dispute Resolution and former chairman and current committee member of the Indian Associated Chambers of Commerce Expert Insurance Committee.



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