The Many Myths of Commercial Litigation in India:

An Assessment of the Commercial Courts Act, 2015

**A Round-Table Discussion hosted by the Vidhi Centre for Legal Policy**

**Date: Saturday, July 6, 2019**

**Venue: Juniper Hall, India Habitat Centre, New Delhi**

**Registration opens at 10:30 AM**

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| **TIMINGS** | **SESSION** |
| 10:30-11:00 AM | Registration and tea |
| 11:00-11:30 AM | Presentation by Vaidehi Misra and Ameen Jauhar on the findings of their report titled Commercial Courts Act, 2015: An Empirical Impact Evaluation. |
| 11:30 AM - 01:30 PM | Roundtable Discussion  Moderator: Prashant Reddy, Senior Resident Fellow, Vidhi Centre for Legal Policy, New Delhi  Themes for the discussion:   * Round 1 - Should there be exclusive commercial courts, given the shortfall of judges and courtrooms in India? * Round 2 - How has the Act been implementation in different courts across India? * Round 3 - Are procedural reforms sufficient to improve the litigation culture in India?     Speakers:   * Mr D. Raja, Member Rajya Sabha * Mr Pratik Datta, Senior Research Fellow, Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co., Delhi * Ms Leah Verghese, Research Manager, Daksh, Bangalore * Mr Sanjeev Kapoor, Partner, Khaitan & Co., Delhi * Mr Jaideep Verma, Jaideep Verma & Associates, Vadodara * Mr Hasit Seth, Chambers of Hasit Seth, Bombay * Mr Mihir Naniwadekar, Advocate, Bombay High Court * Mr Swaroop Mamidipudi, Advocate, Madras High Court |
| 01:30 - 02:30 PM | Lunch |