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ABOUT VIKRAM

Vikram has acted in a wide range of civil matters. He has advised and represented local and international clients at all levels of the Singapore Courts in respect of diverse corporate and commercial disputes relating to, among other things, commercial contracts, banking and finance, employment matters, engineering and construction projects, trusts, wills and probate, real estate matters, and tortious liability.

He also handles criminal matters, having advised and acted for clients in a variety of criminal offences, including criminal breach of trust, corruption, cheating, and non-commercial crime. Vikram has also been engaged by various corporate entities to investigate and advise on alleged wrongdoings by employees and their potential criminal liability.

Vikram graduated from the National University of Singapore (NUS) in 2010 and was placed on the final year Dean's List. Since 2013, he has been teaching trial advocacy at NUS and is also currently a mentor under the NUS Law Alumni Mentorship Programme. He is presently serving as a member of the Law Society's Criminal Practice Committee and Young Lawyers Committee.

EXPERIENCE

Some of the matters that Vikram has handled include the following:

Multi-party dispute involving breach of non-compete clause and misuse of company's trade secrets

- Represented a global semiconductor equipment manufacturer in a claim against an ex-employee for, among other things, breach of employment contract and breach of fiduciary duties. The dispute also involved a claim against a second entity for procurement of the ex-employee's breach of contract, and conspiracy to injure the company.

Claim against exhibition stand contractor for monies due under an oral agreement

- Was lead counsel for a local exhibition organiser (and subsidiary of a major media organisation in Singapore) in a claim against an exhibition stand contractor for sums due and owing pursuant to an oral agreement. Summary judgment was successfully obtained against the contractor.

Action by well-known insurer for indemnity against insured car owner dismissed

- Represented an insured car owner in successfully defending an action by an international insurance company seeking an indemnity against the said car owner for damages which the said company was liable to pay to the injured third-party in a road accident caused by the authorised driver of the said car owner. The action involved issues of vicarious liability of a vehicle owner, an insurer's contractual right to seek indemnity for payments made under a policy, and an insurer's right to indemnity/compensation under the Motor Vehicles (Third-Party Risks and Compensation) Act.

Multi-million dollar construction and engineering project dispute

- Represented a global industrial equipment manufacturing company in defending a claim by its sub-contractor relating to payment for alleged work done in relation to several engineering and construction projects. The action also involved a counterclaim in excess of S\$2 million brought by the said company against the sub-contractor for its failure to complete the required scope of work and the damages suffered as a result.

Multi-party dispute in excess of S\$10 million

- Representing an eminent local businessman and foreign company in a claim for sums due and owing in excess of S\$10 million.

The action involved issues relating to fraud, breach of contract, unlicensed moneylending, and unjust enrichment.

Criminal proceedings against football match officials

- Represented foreign football match officials in relation to criminal charges brought under the Prevention of Corruption Act for the receipt of gratification in exchange for agreeing to fix a football match. The match officials' sentences were backdated to the date of remand, and two officials were able to return to their home country the day after the sentence was imposed.

Claim for breach of contract against renowned real estate investment firm

- Represented a leading real estate investment firm in defending a claim brought by a consultancy firm for sums allegedly due under agreements entered into between the parties for the marketing and sale of various global real estate funds.

Claim against international logistics firm

- Represented a global logistics firm in defending a claim for damages in excess of US\$1 million relating to an alleged breach of contract for logistics services in Vietnam. The action also involved a counterclaim brought by the said firm as well as issues relating to estoppel by convention, restitution, and *quantum meruit*.

Charges under Penal Code and Prevention of Corruption Act

- Represented a prominent local businessman in defending against criminal charges brought under the Penal Code and Prevention of Corruption Act relating to falsification of accounts, engaging in a conspiracy to corruptly give a gratification, and cheating and dishonestly inducing a delivery of property.

Claim by local security company for defamation

- Representing a well-known local security company in a claim against an ex-customer for defamation arising from statements published in a Mandarin-language newspaper.

Dispute involving breach of express contractual terms and implied conditions under Sale of Goods Act

- Represented a leading manufacturer of door technology systems in the region in a claim for damages against a glass supplier arising from the supply of defective glass panels to the company for installation in various condominium projects.

Fraudulent transactions by ex-employee

- Advised and acted for a leading specialist chemical company in a claim against an ex-employee for loss and damages in excess of S\$1 million arising from fraudulent transactions entered into by the said ex-employee. The matter also involved advising the company in respect of the said ex-employee's potential criminal liability.

Civil and criminal matters involving local businessman

- Was lead counsel for a notable local businessman in a claim brought by him for personal injuries and defending said businessman against related criminal charges under the Penal Code and Miscellaneous Offences Act.

APPOINTMENTS / MEMBERSHIPS

- Member, Singapore Academy of Law
- Member, Law Society of Singapore
- Member, Criminal Practice Committee, Law Society of Singapore
- Member, Young Lawyers Committee, Law Society of Singapore
- Tutor, Trial Advocacy, National University of Singapore Faculty of Law
- Mentor, National University of Singapore Law Alumni Mentorship Programme