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ABOUT MARSHALL

Marshall is a disputes lawyer, and a criminal defence specialist, with experience in both the public and private sectors.

A seasoned litigator with significant courtroom experience at both trial and appellate levels, Marshall started his career as a Deputy Public Prosecutor with the Attorney-General's Chambers where he served for close to a decade. He has handled a wide range of criminal matters including complex casino fraud, unlicensed moneylending, serious sexual crimes, drug trafficking, gang and triad related crimes and infringement of intellectual property rights.

In 2023, he was seconded to the Public Defender's Office where, as Assistant Chief Public Defender, he helped design policies to enhance access to justice for vulnerable persons in our society and defended persons of limited means facing charges in both the State and High Courts.

Now in private practice, Marshall draws on his extensive experience to craft effective trial strategies, offering clients insights and perspectives gleaned from more than a decade of courtroom advocacy.

As defence counsel, Marshall is especially valued for his ability to offer clients unique insights into investigative and prosecutorial processes. Marshall's approach of robust advocacy, backed by meticulous examination of facts and detailed legal research and analysis, has helped clients secure favourable outcomes by forestalling court prosecution and persuading the Prosecution to withdraw charges or offer favourable plea terms, following intervention through appeals and representations.

Marshall is also engaged by clients to manage complex commercial and corporate disputes. In addition to Marshall's keen sense of

commercial awareness and pragmatic instincts, clients value his analytical and critical thinking, attention to detail and strong communication skills.

Clients who face court proceedings value Marshall's mastery of court procedure, strategic thinking and his passionate advocacy in the court room. His attention to detail means no stone will be left unturned whether it is challenging the Prosecution's case, investigating leads to bolster a client's defence or breaking down a complex commercial dispute.

In addition to his work in the civilian courts, Marshall is also well-versed in military law and represents servicemen facing charges in General Court Martial. He blends his expertise in criminal law with his understanding of the military justice system in defending uniformed and non-uniformed personnel to ensure fair and just outcomes for his clients.

Beyond his courtroom practice, Marshall also provides specialist advice and conducts investigations into employee misconduct, fraud, corruption, and other forms of corporate malfeasance.

Marshall is fluent in English and Chinese and is conversant in Hokkien.

EXPERIENCE

Notable matters that Marshall has handled include:

Criminal Defence

- Successfully secured the amendment of charges from drug trafficking to drug possession after presenting a thorough and detailed analysis of the case facts that challenged the Prosecution's allegation of drug trafficking.
- Successfully secured the unconditional withdrawal of a charge of careless driving resulting in grievous hurt by

demonstrating, through detailed analysis of the case facts, that the allegation of carelessness was not supported by the evidence.

- Successfully secured the withdrawal of cheating charges after demonstrating that the delay in bringing charges against the client was prejudicial following a significant change in her personal and familial circumstances.
- Successfully secured the withdrawal of a drink-driving charge by demonstrating that there were exceptional circumstances that compelled the client to drive and that prosecution of the client would not be in the public interest.
- Successfully forestalled prosecution of a client for drug consumption and secured client's emplacement on the Drug Supervision Scheme.
- Successfully applied to the High Court to allow for the admission of fresh evidence on appeal, after demonstrating that the fresh evidence had a significant bearing on the outcome of the case and could exonerate the client.

Civil and Commercial Disputes

- Acted for a foreign corporate entity who lost significant sums of money through fraud, and successfully secured, via a Mareva injunction, the defrauded monies which had been dissipated across multiple jurisdictions, and the service of process in a jurisdiction overseas.
- Defended an Asian company in an SIAC arbitration brought by a European multinational company for breach of contract. Matter involved a challenge to the tribunal's jurisdiction on the basis that there was no valid arbitration agreement between parties.

Advisory Matters

- Advised a listed company in relation to queries by SGX regarding investigations by the Corrupt Practices Investigation Bureau involving the company's executive officers and employees.
- Advised an international non-governmental organisation on its communications and correspondence with the Corrupt Practices Investigation Bureau

following the NGO's investigation into public sector corruption involving officials of a foreign state.

- Advised a foreign company on its communications and correspondence with a local bank and the Singapore Police Force after an employee absconded following a theft of the company's funds.

PUBLICATIONS

- Marshall Lim, "Gag Orders – In Service of the Interests of Victims of Crime: Chua Yi Jin Colin v Public Prosecutor [2021] SGHC 290 (case comment)" (2022) SAL Prac 15

APPOINTMENTS/MEMBERSHIPS

- Advocate & Solicitor, Supreme Court of Singapore
- Member, Law Society of Singapore
- Member, Singapore Academy of Law
- Member, MINDEF Pro Bono Panel
- Member, Disciplinary Panel, Council for Estate Agencies