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ABOUT JONATHAN

Jonathan is developing a broad civil practice in commercial litigation and arbitration. He has acted for clients in disputes involving shareholders' rights, banking and securities, commercial contracts, shipping, trusts, tort and joint ventures.

He has also assisted on matters of regulatory compliance, probate, construction, shipping, competition and immigration law.

Prior to entering private practice, Jonathan served as a Justices' Law Clerk for the Supreme Court of Singapore as well as an Assistant Registrar hearing cases on companies, insolvency, equity, trusts and arbitration. In his capacity as an Assistant Registrar, Jonathan was also involved in the creation and launch of the Singapore International Commercial Court.

Jonathan holds a First Class law degree from the University of Oxford, where he won the Martin Wronker Prize for Administrative Law and graduated amongst the top of his course.

EXPERIENCE

Some of the matters in which Jonathan has acted include the following:

Civil claims

- Jonathan successfully acted as lead counsel for a Myanmar company seeking to recover a settlement sum of US\$175,000 against a Singapore counter-party which arose out of a contract for the sale of galvanised pipes.
- Successfully acted for an individual seeking to recover a sum equivalent to 10% of the purchase price for a property which had been retained by the developer's agent.

US\$40 million commercial arbitration

- Co-counsel in an SIAC international arbitration involving a joint venture to develop property in Thailand entered into

between a major financial institution and private investors.

Fraud and investigations

- Acted for an international bank in relation to a potential commodities fraud valued at over US\$300 million.
- Assisted with the investigation of an American hardware manufacturer into falsification of job orders and invoices.
- Acted for a minority shareholder of a privately held property development company regarding the issuance of self-dealing directors' loans.

Trusts and shareholder disputes

- Acted for the beneficiary of multi-billion dollar estate in respect of both claims brought by other beneficiaries and the former business partners of the deceased.
- Assisted the shareholders of a family-run group of companies in relation to concurrent divorce and inter-company Court proceedings.

Shipping and oil and gas

- Acted for the subsidiary of a listed group in relation to \$20m in claims under framework contracts relating to oil trading, charter hire and waste disposal plant operations.

Cross-jurisdictional disputes

- Acted for an established international airline in a dispute over aircraft handling services which was litigated concurrently in Singapore and Australia.

Regulatory compliance

- Acted for clients seeking to ensure compliance with public regulations in the areas of immigration, market competition, remuneration schemes, corporate governance and financial securities.

ACCOLADE

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PUBLICATIONS

- *Singapore Civil Procedure* (Sweet & Maxwell, 2015) – contributing editor

MEMBERSHIPS

- Member, Singapore Academy of Law
- Member, Law Society of Singapore