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## ABOUT MANOJ

Manoj graduated with Second Class (Upper) Honours from the University of Bristol in 2015. He was called to the Singapore Bar in 2017. He thereafter commenced practice at a reputed law firm specialising in insurance disputes and advisory work. During that stint, Manoj primarily acted for and advised re(insurers) in general insurance disputes.

Manoj joined Drew & Napier in 2019, where he has built an active practice focusing on commercial litigation and arbitration disputes. He has represented all types of clients in a wide range of complex and high-value matters relating to corporate, insurance, investment, construction, and technology. He also has experience acting in white-collar criminal actions, enforcement actions, solicitor disciplinary actions, fraud investigations and employment matters.

Manoj regularly appears before all levels of the Singapore Courts (including the Court of Appeal, Appellate Division of the High Court, General Division of the High Court, Singapore International Commercial Court and the State Courts). In addition, Manoj also appears in international arbitration proceedings conducted under the SIAC rules.

## EXPERIENCE

Some of the matters which Manoj has acted in include:

### Commercial Litigation before the Singapore Courts

- Acted for a leading shipbuilder in a contentious High Court suit to defend a claim by a HVAC sub-contractor relating to building works on a deepwater pipe laying vessel.
- Acted for insurers in the defence of a main contractor in the High Court over a claim by property owners for soil subsidence and damage to property.

- Acted in an appeal to the Court of Appeal on behalf of a leading Singapore based Financial Adviser firm concerning issues of professional negligence of its representatives and the firm's vicarious liability.
- Acted for a world-renowned maritime classification society for ships and offshore structures in the High Court in a claim for breach of a commercial contract, conspiracy to injure, fraud and deceit.
- Acted for individuals in responding to an appeal in the Appellate Division of the High Court over the ownership and transfer of assets under an estate.
- Acted in a Singapore High Court suit to defend a market-leading North American based aircraft management and brokerage firm and its director, commenced by a Singapore aircraft management company.
- Acted for insurers to defend the occupiers of a property in the High Court for damage caused by an arc flash in an electrical substation.
- Acted for insurers and a government agency in a recovery action in the High Court against mechanical and engineering contractors for damage to highly specialized laboratory equipment.
- Acting for a leading dye manufacturer in Singapore International Commercial Court proceedings based on a minority oppression action, concerning issues over the performance of a buyout order.

### Arbitration

- Acted in an SIAC arbitration to defend the subsidiaries of an established American manufacturer and supplier of chemicals, involving claims under a manufacturing agreement related to Korea.
- Acted as a Tribunal Secretary in an arbitration under the ARIAS Rules over a

claim under a public offering of securities insurance policy.

- Acting in an SIAC arbitration dispute over an M&A transaction on the sale of shares in a company incorporated in the Philippines.

#### **White-collar crime**

- Acted for an oil and gas tycoon in criminal prosecution in the Singapore District Court over criminal charges for market rigging and manipulation of the shares of an SGX Mainboard listed company.
- Acted for an established trader and his two trading companies facing criminal charges under the United Nations Act and Imports and Exports Regulations for alleged breaches of trading sanctions against North Korea.
- Acting for a merchant and his business facing criminal charges for conducting an illegal money remittance business.

#### **Disciplinary actions**

- Acted for an experienced advocate and solicitor of Singapore in professional disciplinary proceedings before the Inquiry Committee relating to alleged professional misconduct in the conduct of a hearing.
- Acted for an advocate and solicitor of Singapore in Disciplinary Tribunal proceedings relating to alleged suppression of evidence and misleading the court.

#### **APPOINTMENTS/MEMBERSHIPS**

- Member, Law Society of Singapore
- Member, Singapore Academy of Law
- Member, Law Society's Professional Indemnity Committee