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ABOUT VICTOR

Victor is a civil/commercial and crime disputes specialist with a strong focus on advocacy.

Victor's civil and commercial practice focuses on shareholder disputes, trust disputes, tortious (i.e. negligence) actions and obtaining injunctive relief for his clients in the Singapore courts. He also represents clients in commercial arbitrations.

Victor has a deep and active practice in white-collar crime. He has defended individuals and companies facing allegations of bribery, cheating, corruption, customs offences, money laundering and regulatory offences. He has acted in professional disciplinary proceedings and private prosecutions. Finally, he regularly advises on extradition and immigration matters.

Victor has a growing investigations practice centred on uncovering fraud and misappropriation within companies.

A growing majority of Victor's clients are from Greater China, where Victor makes multiple trips each year to. Victor speaks and writes Mandarin and is conversant in Cantonese.

Prior to joining Drew & Napier, Victor was a government scholar and served his bond in Enterprise Singapore and the Competition & Consumer Commission of Singapore ("CCCS"). He served as an investigations officer and regulator, and was in a cross-ministerial team which drafted new legislation.

EXPERIENCE

The following are some of the matters Victor has handled:

Civil/commercial disputes

- Represented minority shareholders of a special purpose vehicle which owned an FPSO vessel in their dispute with the majority shareholders. Successfully obtained interim injunctions on an emergency basis to prevent the sale and movement of the vessel.

- Advised the directors and shareholders of a large spa chain in an amicable restructuring of the group of companies into separate groups.
- Represented minority shareholders of an F&B company in their dispute with the majority shareholders.
- Represented investors of Philippines' properties in their dispute with the investment company.
- Represented a marine and offshore contracting company in a contractual claim against its Singapore public-listed main contractor.
- Represented a construction tycoon in a multi-million dollar breach of trust claim for his companies and properties.

White-collar crime

- Represented one of the 10 accused persons in Singapore's largest money-laundering probe involving over S\$3 billion in seized cash and assets.
- Represented a director of a construction company who was prosecuted for 65 counts of cheating various government agencies.
- Represented (in separate instances) multiple directors of various motor vehicle importers/exporters, including one of the largest cases of customs evasion in Singapore, prosecuted for conspiring to fraudulently under-declare the value of motor vehicles to the Singapore Customs.
- Represented a large nail salon chain in their appeal against an order for committal following injunctions and accompanying orders obtained by CCCS.
- Represented a bunker clerk who assisted in the misappropriation of marine gas oil worth more than US\$56 million from Shell.

Investigations / asset recovery

- Represented a high net-worth individual seeking the recovery of approximately US\$100 million of misappropriated cryptocurrency.
- Advised a global trading platform on the fraudulent misappropriation of funds and cryptocurrency by members of staff.
- Advised directors of a listed company amidst a boardroom dispute involving false whistleblowing complaints.

APPOINTMENTS/MEMBERSHIPS

- Member, Law Society of Singapore
- Member, Criminal Legal Aid Scheme Committee, Law Society of Singapore
- Member, Public and International Law Committee, Law Society of Singapore