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## EDUCATION

Year Of Call – 2020

Singapore Institute Of Legal Education

Part B Bar Exam,

(Scored distinction in Wills, Probate and Administration)

Singapore Management University

Bachelor of Laws (Hons)

(Awarded the Lee Kong Chian Scholarship)

Tampines Junior College

Top A-level scorer for graduating cohort 2012

Awarded Student of the Year Award 2012

## WORK EXPERIENCE & INSIGHTS



I graduated from law school at Singapore Management University in July 2019 and was called to the Singapore Bar in August 2020. I joined VanillaLaw® as its intern in my 3rd and final year at law school. Subsequently, I was offered a training contract with the firm and now its Legal Associate. While waiting to start my Practice Training Contract, I assisted the firm in cases on an ad-hoc basis to get up to speed on its case work since 2019. Passionate about entrepreneurship and business, I started my own podcast, “Millennials Unfiltered” in 2021, hosting millennial business owners in conversations about generational topics and entrepreneurship.

Legal Associate | VanillaLaw® LLC

May 2019 – Present

In my fulfilling time with VanillaLaw®, I have been instrumental in assisting Mark (the Founder) in a myriad of cases for various SME businesses. I have been appearing before Judges and Registrars of the Courts of Singapore since June 2020 and have appeared before every Judge of Appeal in the Court of Appeal of Singapore within my first year of Practice. A deep believer in alternative dispute resolution, I have attended both local and cross-border mediations in Singapore Mediation Centre (SMC) and private settings, and acted for parties in arbitration under cases in the Singapore International Arbitration Centre and the London Court of International Arbitration.

On the corporate law front, I have drafted more than 20 different kinds of corporate agreements, including but not limited to shareholder agreements for funding rounds, loan agreements for debt financing and service agreements for provision of SME services to the client's new customers. I have also advised clients on tax matters and corporate restructuring.

In the delivery of my service, in my commitment to provide more than just legal services I strive to always think about my client's best interests. It is my goal and dream to create a network and community of entrepreneurs which seek partnership and mutual help to succeed in today's business climate.

## ADDITIONAL

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- Proficient in English, spoken and written. Native Proficiency in Chinese
- Interests: Finance, Business, Entrepreneurship, Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Started a partnership selling metal toys in 2015: Linskey Pte Ltd, with regional distribution rights provided by US companies.
- Currently the Host of podcast titled "Millennials Unfiltered" which explores hot topics in business with Millennial Entrepreneurs and the general business community.

## WORK EXPERIENCE & INSIGHTS

### COURT OF APPEAL CASES

#### Toh Wee Ping Benjamin & Ors v Grande Corp Pte Ltd [2020] SGCA 48 (Reported)

- Our clients (Toh Wee Ping Benjamin & Ors) appealed against a decision made in the High Court in favour of Grande Corp Pte Ltd, to which the Judge's decision in the High Court was successfully set aside in part.
- Assisted in submissions for the matter and appeared before Sundaresh Menon [Chief Justice], Andrew Phang [Judge of Appeal] and Judith Prakash [Judge of Appeal].
- Permission was granted by the Court of Appeal to allow me to act as 2nd Chair whilst I was still a Practice Trainee.

#### Takaaki Masui v Public Prosecutor [2021] (CM/CM 2/2021)

- Acted for Takaaki Masui in a criminal mention heard in the Court of Appeal, flowing from a prolific case which shaped the law on sentencing for corruption under the Prevention of Corruption Act (Cap. 241).
- Assisted in submissions for the matter and appeared before Sundaresh Menon [Chief Justice], Tay Yong Kwang [Judge of Appeal] and Steven Chong [Judge of Appeal].
- Attended Case Management Conferences before Court of Appeal Registrars.

### HIGH COURT CASES

#### Synchong Hoe Piping Sdn Bhd v UGL (Singapore) Pte Ltd (HC/S 1163/2019)

- The firm's client, Synchong Hoe Piping Sdn Bhd brought the suit in the High Court against UGL (part of a larger Australian group of companies) in 2019.
- I assisted the legal team in the drafting of court documents and affidavits up to the exchange of evidence ("Discovery") between parties and successfully conducted oral submissions on costs in chambers in the High Court, to which costs were awarded in favour of our client.
- Compiled more than one hundred documents, invoices, designs and receipts for exchange and inspection in the High Court of Singapore.
- Subsequently, when parties moved the case to the mediation forum, I assisted in the negotiations and mediation efforts (cross border mediation between a Malaysian and Australian entity) to which parties successfully settled the matter out of court.

### HIGH COURT CASES

#### **VRATech Pte Ltd v Christopher Heywood Gale & Ors (HC/S 813/2020)**

- Acted for Christopher Heywood Gale & Ors in resisting a claim by VRATech Pte Ltd, which operates a cryptocurrency and video rewards business (VRA).
- Successfully resisted an interlocutory application by making full written and oral submissions, to which all of more than fifty further and better particulars sought by the Plaintiff were denied, and costs were awarded to our client.
- Acted for and made submissions on a full application to set aside a Mareva Injunction sought by VRATech Pte Ltd in the High Court. Assisted in the negotiation efforts between the parties, which led to settlement of the matter out of court.

#### **Daimler Financial Services Africa & Asia Pacific Ltd. v Mohamed Salleh Bin Mohamed Akhbar (HC/B 266/2018)**

- Successfully acted for private trustees, care of Baker Tilly TFW LLP, to apply for a discharge of bankruptcy under the Insolvency, Restructuring and Dissolution Act 2018 (No. 40 of 2018), which came into force in July 2020.
- Appeared before Registrars in the High Court of Singapore and made full submissions (written and oral) on the matter of discharge and bankruptcy under the Insolvency, Restructuring and Dissolution Act 2018 (No. 40 of 2018). Drafted affidavits and other court documents filed into the High Court of Singapore.
- Successfully made full submissions and secured a costs award in favour of Baker Tilly TFW LLP.

#### **SHK (SG) International Pte Ltd v Swinder Kaur d/o Bantar Singh (HC/S 1012/2020)**

- Acted for SHK (SG) International Pte Ltd in its High Court Claim against Swinder Kaur d/o Bantar Singh.
- Drafted pleadings, affidavits and other legal documents up to the exchange of evidence.
- Attended Pre-Trial Conferences in the High Court of Singapore.
- Assisted in negotiations and mediation efforts in reviewing and issuing settlement offers to which parties eventually settled the matter out of court.

#### **Low Soon Leong v UR Physio & Ors (HC/S 121/2020)**

- Acted for UR Physio & Ors in resisting a High Court claim by Low Soon Leong.
- Made full written submissions on an interlocutory application by the Defendant and appeared before the High Court to resist the same.
- Attended Pre-Trial Conferences in the High Court of Singapore.
- Assisted in negotiations and mediation efforts to which parties eventually settled the matter out of court.

#### **Nguyen Thanh Cong v Salzman Anthony David & Ors (HC/OS 142/2020) (Insolvency/Winding up)**

- Drafted affidavits and cause papers filed into the High Court of Singapore, for a winding up application initiated by VanillaLaw LLC's international client, Nguyen Thanh Cong.
- Attended Pre-Trial Conferences in the High Court of Singapore.

### MAGISTRATE/DISTRICT COURT CASES

#### Assisted In:

Tomomi Miyake v Lim Boon Wah (DC/DC 2299/2020)

Takahashi Hajime v Lifebrandz Ltd (MC/MC 6208/2020)

Andy Chee Kai Meng v Smile Asia Education Centre Pte Ltd (MC/MC 621/2020)

Hanae Ngow v Chan Wai Kit (DC/DC 1321/2020)

Medique World Pte Ltd v Creative Polymer Industries Pte Ltd (DC/DC 2654/2020)

Chong Yit Chun v Cheah Sin Wai (MC/MC 6754/2020)

### NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS IN DISPUTE RESOLUTION WORK

- Successfully brokered a settlement agreement in which the Defendant agreed to pay our client the full sum claimed in the legal proceedings during a Case Management Conference one month into the commencement of the lawsuit.
- Conducted a full examination in chief in a Magistrate Court trial before a District Judge, to which his client prevailed and successfully resisted the suit.
- Made full written and oral submissions for costs in a Magistrate Court suit, to which costs were awarded in his client's favour.
- Made full written and oral submissions on an interlocutory application for joinder in a District Court suit and was successful in the application in joining a publicly listed entity to the lawsuit as codefendant.
- Made oral submissions for and attended enforcement proceedings in the State Courts.
- Successfully filed interlocutory applications for amongst other things, joinder of parties, amendment and further and better particulars.
- Attended and successfully negotiated for out of court settlements in various Magistrate/District Court matters
- Attended Case Management Conferences and Pre-trial Conferences for State Court cases.
- Drafted pleadings, affidavits and other legal documents for filing in the State Courts of Singapore.

#### Employment Disputes

- Negotiated settlements and attended mediations between employers and employees in various employment related disputes.
- Successfully acted for employees resisting claims of theft of intellectual property, confidential information and breach of non-competes.
- Successfully acted for employees claiming for unpaid compensation during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Successfully acted for employers in claiming for injunctions against employees which struck out on their own to start competing businesses and solicited customers and partners of the employer's business.
- Successfully acting for employers in resisting claims of wrongful dismissal.

### CORPORATE WORK

Assisted in corporate work for numerous SMEs

Koshidaka  
Singapore

Plenus & MK

Fermata Asia

RAW  
Technologies

Konrad  
Adenauer  
Stiftung

Sherpa  
Management  
Services

Seeds Learning  
Group

Pantheon  
Education  
Center

Skateboarding  
Academy

- Successfully claimed for rental relief under the COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) Act 2020 in Singapore and assisted clients in negotiating out of leases with renowned landlords during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Assisted clients in relocating business and operations to Singapore, as part of VanillaLaw LLC, recommended by EDB Singapore Connections Concierge.
- Drafted/reviewed various contracts and agreements, including but not limited to:
  - o Shareholder Agreements for issuance of share capital, up to a value of S\$20 million;
  - o Service Agreements/SAAS Agreements for startups and SMEs;
  - o Director Service Agreements for directors of private companies;
  - o Employment Agreements (on both full and part-time basis) to ensure client compliance with the Employment Act in Singapore;
  - o Licence Agreements for franchising and corporate restructuring;
  - o Privacy Policies and Terms of Use/Terms of Service for various websites and online software service providers (SMEs);
  - o Partnership Agreements for prospective business partners;
  - o Loan Agreements for startups and SMEs;
  - o NDAs, property and equipment leases, deeds of Indemnity, joint venture agreements, stock purchase agreements and many more.

### NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS IN ARBITRATION

#### **BDO Advisory Pte Ltd v GIC Group Pte Ltd (SIAC Arb No. 245 of 2019)**

- Successfully acted for GIC Group Pte Ltd in resisting a contractual claim by BDO Advisory Pte Ltd pertaining to mergers and acquisitions.
- Appeared before the Arbitrator appointed by Singapore International Arbitration Centre and assisted the legal team in making full oral submissions for the matter.
- Drafted written submissions and other legal documents for filing in the Singapore International Arbitration Centre.
- Assisted in drafting full written submissions on behalf of GIC Group Pte Ltd in claiming full legal costs the company incurred in defending the suit.

#### **Malvern Morgan Cars (Beijing) Co. Limited v Morgan Motor Company Sales Limited [LCIA Arb No 204723]**

- Presently assisting the team in the ongoing arbitration proceedings in The London Court of International Arbitration

### NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS IN OTHER AREAS OF WORK

#### **Drafting of Last Wills and Testaments**

- Drafted numerous last wills and testaments for locals and foreigners in Singapore; and
- Drafted letters of wishes and trust instruments for testamentary purposes.

#### **Extracting Grant of Probate/Letters of Administration**

- Successfully made applications for letters of administration for non-Singapore residents (Japan, Taiwan etc.), with assets of the estate in Singapore.
- Successfully made applications for grants of probate for locals and foreigners who resided in Singapore.

#### **Family Law Cases**

- Successfully acted for and mediated numerous family disputes, leading to amicable settlement between the parties, with the interests of children of the marriage prioritized.
- Attended various Family Justice Court teleconference hearings and submitted on need for counselling, costs, amongst other family law related matters.
- Successfully applied for and resisted orders for personal protection.
- Drafted matrimonial property plans, statements of claim, submissions on custody and guardianship related legal documents for filing in the Family Justice Courts of Singapore.
- Successfully applied for variation of maintenance orders in concluded family law cases.