DAVINDER SINGH
CHAMBERS

Jaikanth Shankar
Chief Executive Officer

LLB (Hons), National University of Singapore (2004)
Admitted to the Singapore Bar (2005)
LLM, Columbia University (New York) (2009), Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar
Admitted to the New York Bar (2009)
Member of the Roll of Solicitors of England and Wales
T: +65 6328 0289 F: +65 6328 0280
E: jaikanth.shankar@davindersinghchambers.com

ABOUT JAIKANTH

Jaikanth is the Chief Executive Officer of Davinder Singh Chambers LLC. He undertakes a broad range of work in the areas of international commercial arbitration, commercial litigation and insolvency. He also has an active investigations practice.

He regularly appears before the Singapore Courts and has also been involved in arbitrations under several institutions including the Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC), the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre (HKIAC), the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) and the London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA). He has also conducted a number of *ad hoc* arbitrations.

Jaikanth has handled several joint venture and shareholder disputes, claims involving fraud, cases concerning breaches of directors' duties, complex contractual and commercial disputes as well as insolvency-related disputes.

Jaikanth has also acted for high-profile clients in a number of defamation suits and has handled cases involving white-collar crime and employment disputes.

In *Benchmark Litigation* (2024), Jaikanth is ranked as a "**Litigation Star**" in Commercial Transactions. He is *"very confident, observant advocate who cutes right to the bone of contention" and "extremely strategic"*. In *The Legal 500 Asia Pacific Edition* (2024), Jaikanth was recognised as "**Leading Individual**" in Dispute Resolution and "**Next Generation Partner**" in International Arbitration. Jaikanth received the "**Future Leaders**" ranking in *Who's Who Legal Arbitration Report* (2024). Jaikanth is identified as *"a very smart legal counsel and well versed in arbitration" and "always well prepared and never falls short of expectations".* In *Chambers and Partners* (2024), Jaikanth is known to be *"a very good litigator with a depth of analytical thinking and excellent client management skills"*, is *"able to anticipate issues beforehand and is highly focused on the points on which the case will turn. In cross-examination, he is forceful and able to extract the truth."* and *"has a strong ability in managing complex legal matters...is very analytical and has a clear logical thought process...is patient in explaining his advice and is very courteous"*.

In *Who's Who Legal* (2023), Jaikanth is ranked as a "**National Leader**" in Arbitration, Asset Recovery, Commercial Litigation and Investigations. He is identified as a "**Global Elite Thought Leader**" in Under 45 Investigations and a "**Future Leader**" in Arbitration Future Leaders and recognised as " a comprehensive and extremely technically clever lawyer who brings novel solutions to complex problems". In *Asialaw* (2023), he is ranked as a "**Distinguished Practitioner**".

In *Chambers and Partners Asia Pacific* (2023), Jaikanth is described as "*smart, great with clients and very commercially minded*" and "*has all the attributes of a very good lawyer*." In *The Legal 500 Asia Pacific* (2023), he is recognised as a "**Leading Individual**" in Dispute Resolution and "**Next Generation Partner**" in International

Arbitration and is described as "*a highly strategic thinker, who has been able to cut to the crux of the issues quickly"* and whose "*expertise and professionalism is exceptional*".

In *Who's Who Legal* (2022), Jaikanth was ranked as a "**Recommended Lawyer**" in Commercial Litigation and Investigations. He was also ranked in "**Southeast Asia National Leader**" in Commercial Litigation and Investigations. He was described as "*extremely sharp in catching essence of legal structures and frameworks*" and "*a results-oriented lawyer*" who impresses market sources with his "*ability to handle complex matters meticulously*".

In *Best Lawyers International Singapore* (*2*022), which is based entirely on peer review, Jaikanth was an "**Endorsed Individual**" for four consecutive years for International Arbitration and described as a lawyer who "*provides top-notch advice that cuts to the heart of the matter*" and is "*an excellent strategist while considering all possible angles and arguments to account for the possible risks at every decision point*".

In *The Legal 500 Asia Pacific* (2021), Jaikanth was described as "*a star in his own right*" and ranked as a "**Next Generation Partner**" for International Arbitration and a recommended lawyer for Dispute Resolution. He was also recommended as "*a lawyer to watch*" in the 2019 edition of *The Legal 500 Asia Pacific*, where a client commented that he "*cuts through complex technical issues*".

In *Who's Who Legal* (2021), Jaikanth was listed as a "**Future Leader**" in Investigations. He was described as a lawyer with "*great attitude and [who] delivers a strong work product*", "*extremely thorough, knows the market well and has an encyclopaedic knowledge of Singapore law*" and "*a top-notch lawyer and easy to work with*". Jaikanth was also ranked as a recommended lawyer for Commercial Litigation and Investigations. He was described as "*highly sought after for his extensive experience handling high-profile white-collar disputes and investigations in the domestic market*". In 2020, the same publication described him as a lawyer who is "*roundly acclaimed as 'a good litigator in court'*".

In *Benchmark Litigation Asia-Pacific* (2021), Jaikanth was ranked as a "**Future Star**" in Commercial and Transactions. In 2020, Jaikanth was ranked as a "**Future Star**" in Dispute Resolution as well as Commercial and Transactions. He was described by clients as an "*excellent litigator, knows how to read judges very well, solid knowledge of the law, and responsive to queries*". In 2018, Jaikanth was noted by the same publication as an "*excellent strategiser who pays attention to detail*" and "*a brilliant court advocate*".

Jaikanth was also recognised for Arbitration and Mediation in the 2022 edition of the *Best Lawyers* in Singapore. He was also recognised as an endorsed individual in the area of international arbitration by *Best Lawyers* in their 2021, 2020, 2019 and 2018 editions.

Asialaw Profiles has repeatedly recognised Jaikanth in dispute resolution, ranking him as a "**Distinguished Practitioner**" (2021, 2020), a "**Leading Lawyer**" (2019, 2018 and 2017) and a "**Rising Star**" (2016).

In 2015, Jaikanth was listed as one of Singapore's 40 most influential lawyers aged 40 and under by Singapore Business Review. In the same year, he was also listed as one of 40 "**Asia's Brightest Young Legal Minds**" under the age of 40 by *Asian Legal Business*.

In 2014, a top Indian lawyer acknowledged Jaikanth's work in arbitration and described him as "*very able [and] also impressive*" in the India Business Journal.

Jaikanth graduated from the National University of Singapore (NUS) in 2004, where he was a consistent feature on the Dean's List. He was a member of the NUS team that was the runner-up in the prestigious Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition in 2004. He was awarded the prize for Best Oralist by an esteemed panel of international judges. Jaikanth also won the prize for Best Advocacy during the 2005 Singapore Bar examinations.

In 2009, he earned an LLM from Columbia University (New York), and graduated as a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar. Jaikanth is a certified Attorney of the State of New York and a member of the Rolls of Solicitors of England and Wales.

He was appointed Young *Amicus Curiae* by the Supreme Court of Singapore in 2009/2010.

EXPERIENCE

Jaikanth has been involved in many high-profile and complex matters. Here are just a few:

Arbitration-related Litigation

- **CIP v CIQ [2022] 3 SLR 39** – Successfully acted for the respondent, CIQ, in resisting an application by the applicant, CIP, to set aside an arbitral award rendered in a SIAC arbitration in favour of CIQ.
- **Carlsberg Breweries A/S v CSAPL (Singapore) Holdings Pte Ltd [2020] 4 SLR 35** – Instructed as counsel for CSAPL (Singapore) Holdings Pte Ltd in a dispute against Carlsberg Breweries arising from a shareholders' agreement. The Singapore International Commercial Court granted CSAPL a partial stay of the Court proceedings commenced by Carlsberg Breweries in favour of arbitration.
- **Rex International Holding Ltd and another v Gulf Hibiscus Ltd [2019] 2 SLR 682; Gulf Hibiscus Ltd v Rex International Holding Ltd and another [2019] SGHC 15; Gulf Hibiscus Ltd v Rex International Holding Ltd and another [2017] SGHC 210** – Acting for a company listed on the SGX Catalist board, Rex International Holding Limited, and its subsidiary in a claim brought by a subsidiary of a company listed on the Bursa Malaysia stock exchange for alleged conspiracy, unjust enrichment and wrongful interference. Obtained a stay of the Court proceedings in favour of arbitration on case management grounds even though the defendants were not parties to any arbitration agreement.

Banking

- **Raiffeisen Zentralbank Osterreich AG v Archer Daniels Midland Co and others [2007] 1 SLR(R) 196** – Acted for Archer Daniels Midland Company, one of the largest agri-business companies in the world, against a claim of fraud by Raffeisen Zentralbank Osterreich AG, an Austrian bank. The case involved complex, structured trade financing transactions. The bank's claims were dismissed by the Singapore High Court and Court of Appeal.

Companies & Shareholder Disputes

- **HC/CWU 74/2023** – Acting for Mr Patrick Kho, a director and shareholder of Lian Keng Enterprises Pte Ltd ("LKE"), in an application filed by Mr Kho Choon Keng to wind up LKE under Sections 125(1)(f) and 125(1)(i) of the Insolvency, Restructuring and Dissolution Act 2018.
- **Ayaz Ahmed and others v Mustaq Ahmad and others and other suits [2022] SGHC 161** – Successfully acted for some of the beneficiaries of the Mustafa Estate in a minority oppression claim in relation to the Mustafa Estate's shareholding in Mohamed Mustafa & Samsuddin Co Pte Ltd ("MMSCPL"). Among other things, the Honourable Justice Mavis Chionh ordered that two share allotments which diluted the Mustafa Estate's shareholding be cancelled and that two of the defendants buy out the Mustafa Estate's shares in MMSCPL.
- **EQ Capital Investments Ltd v The Wellness Group Pte Ltd [2019] SGHC 154** – Acted for EQ Capital Investments Ltd in an application to wind up The Wellness Group Pte Ltd under Sections 254(1)(f) and 254(1)(i) of the Companies Act (Chapter 50). EQ Capital successfully applied to be substituted as the plaintiff in the winding up application after the original plaintiffs, Vickers Private Equity Fund VII LP and Vickers Venture Fund II LP, applied for leave to withdraw the application. The Singapore High Court agreed with EQ Capital that the directors of The Wellness Group had conducted the affairs of the company in their own interests and in a manner which was unfair or unjust to EQ Capital and ordered The Wellness Group to be wound up.
- **Abhilash s/o Kunchian Krishnan v Yeo Hock Huat and another [2019] 1 SLR 873** – Instructed as counsel for Mr Abhilash Krishnan, a minority shareholder of JCS-Vanetec Pte Ltd, in an appeal before the Court of Appeal. The appeal involves the determination of the fair market value of the shares in JCS-Vanetec for the purpose of a consent order under which it was agreed that the majority shareholder of JCS-Vanetec would buy out Mr Krishnan's shares.
- **Ho Yew Kong v Sakae Holdings Ltd and other appeals and other matters [2018] 2 SLR 333; Sakae Holdings Ltd v Gryphon Real Estate Investment Corp Pte Ltd and others (Foo Peow Yong Douglas,**

third party) and another suit [2017] SGHC 73; Sakae Holdings Ltd v Gryphon Real Estate Investment Corp Pte Ltd and others (Foo Peow Yong Douglas, third party) and another suit [2017] SGHC 100 – Acted for Sakae Holdings Ltd in a minority oppression claim against multiple defendants for conduct which was oppressive to Sakae as a minority shareholder of Griffin Real Estate Investment Holdings Pte Ltd. The Singapore High Court and the Court of Appeal allowed Sakae's claims and ordered, among other things, that Griffin Real Estate Investment Holdings be wound up. In a landmark judgment, the Court of Appeal addressed the distinction between personal wrongs against shareholders of a company and corporate wrongs against the company, and the issue whether a director's breaches of his duty of care, skill and diligence would support a finding of commercial unfairness for the purposes of an oppression action under s 216 of the Companies Act.

- **The Wellness Group Pte Ltd v TWG Tea Co Pte Ltd and others [2017] SGHC 298** – Acted for OSIM International Pte Ltd and Paris Investment Pte Ltd, the majority shareholders of TWG Tea Company Pte Ltd, in an application by the minority shareholder, The Wellness Group Pte Ltd, to appoint a director onto the board of TWG Tea Company. The application was dismissed by the Singapore High Court.
- **Sunbreeze Group Investments Ltd and others v Sim Chye Hock Ron [2018] 2 SLR 1242; EQ Capital Investments Ltd v Sunbreeze Group Investments Ltd and others [2019] SGHC 101; EQ Capital Investments Ltd v Sunbreeze Group Investments Ltd and others (Sim Chye Hock Ron, third party) [2017] SGHC 271; EQ Capital Investments Ltd v Sunbreeze Group Investments Ltd and others [2017] SGHCR 15** – Acted for EQ Capital Investments Ltd in a minority oppression claim against the majority shareholders and directors of The Wellness Group Pte Ltd. Successfully applied to strike out the defendants' counterclaim and third party claim against EQ Capital and Mr Ron Sim, a shareholder of EQ Capital, on the ground that the claims did not disclose any reasonable cause of action.
- **Goh Chan Peng and others v Beyonics Technology Ltd and another and another appeal [2017] 2 SLR 592** – Acted for the ex-CEO of the Beyonics group of companies in a claim by the companies for alleged breaches of directors' duties. The Singapore Court of Appeal agreed with the ex-CEO that the holding company could not claim for alleged losses suffered by a subsidiary.
- **The Wellness Group Pte Ltd and another v OSIM International Ltd and others and another suit [2016] 3 SLR 729** – Acted for OSIM International Ltd, its chairman and CEO Mr Ron Sim and multiple other defendants against claims of minority oppression, breach of contract, conspiracy and defamation brought by The Wellness Group Pte Ltd and another plaintiff. The plaintiffs' claims were dismissed by the Singapore High Court and Court of Appeal.
- Acted for the CEO, the Executive Chairman and the Group CFO of the Noble group in an action by Goldilocks Investment Company Limited for leave to commence a derivative action on behalf of Noble against the defendants for alleged breaches of fiduciary duties owed to Noble.

Conflict of Laws

- **Rappo, Tania v Accent Delight International Ltd and another and another appeal [2017] 2 SLR 265** – Acted for Accent Delight International Ltd and Xitrans Finance Ltd, companies held by the Rybolovlev family trust, in an action for breach of fiduciary duties, dishonest assistance and knowing receipt. The case involved various issues in the area of conflict of laws. The case also dealt with the novel issue of whether the possibility of a transfer of a case to the Singapore International Commercial Court is a relevant consideration in determining whether Singapore is an appropriate forum.
- **Astrata (Singapore) Pte Ltd v Portcullis Escrow Pte Ltd and another and other matters [2011] 3 SLR 386; Astrata (Singapore) Pte Ltd v Tridex Technologies Pte Ltd and another and other matters [2011] 1 SLR 449; Portcullis Escrow Pte Ltd v Astrata (Singapore) Pte Ltd and another [2010] SGHC 302** – Acted for Tridex Technologies Pte Ltd in a complex contractual dispute which involved, among other things, the question whether certain conditions in an escrow agreement had been triggered on account of related Chapter 11 proceedings in the United States. The Singapore Court of Appeal agreed with Tridex Technologies that a non-exclusive jurisdiction clause in favour of Singapore contained in the escrow agreement had not been displaced by an arbitration clause contained in a separate agreement.

Contempt of Court

- **PT Sandipala Arthaputra v STMicroelectronics Asia Pacific Pte Ltd and others [2018] 4 SLR 828** – Acted for Oxel Systems Pte Ltd in contempt of court proceedings against directors of PT Sandipala Arthaputra for their breaches of examination of judgment debtor orders.

Contract

- **Oei Hong Leong and another v Chew Hua Seng [2020] SGCA 78; Oei Hong Leong and another v Chew Hua Seng [2020] SGHC 39** – Acted for Mr Oei Hong Leong and Oei Hong Leong Art Museum Ltd in a claim against Mr Chew Hua Seng, the Chairman and CEO of SGX-listed Raffles Education Corporation Limited, for damages in excess of S$25 million for breach of contract.
- **PT Sandipala Arthaputra and others v STMicroelectronics Asia Pacific Pte Ltd and others [2018] 1 SLR 818** – Acted for Oxel Systems Pte Ltd in a claim by PT Sandipala Arthaputra for breach of a contract for the supply of 100 million microchips for use in an electronic identification card project in Indonesia. In this landmark case, the Singapore Court of Appeal also redefined the law relating to a director's personal liability for the consequences arising from a company's breach of a contract.
- **BCBC Singapore Pte Ltd and another v PT Bayan Resources TBK and another [2023] SGCA(I) 1; BCBC Singapore Pte Ltd and another v PT Bayan Resources TBK and another [2022] SGHC(I) 17; BCBC Singapore Pte Ltd and another v PT Bayan Resources TBK and another [2023] 4 SLR 1; BCBC Singapore Pte Ltd and another v PT Bayan Resources TBK and another [2019] 3 SLR 1; PT Bayan Resources TBK and another v BCBC Singapore Pte Ltd and another [2019] 1 SLR 30; BCBC Singapore Pte Ltd and another v PT Bayan Resources TBK and another [2017] 5 SLR 77; BCBC Singapore Pte Ltd and another v PT Bayan Resources TBK and another [2016] 4 SLR 1** – Successfully acted for Indonesian coal mining company PT Bayan Resources Tbk and Singapore company Bayan International Pte Ltd in a US$800 million joint venture dispute. This was the first case heard by the Singapore International Commercial Court ("SICC"). The claims related to alleged breaches of a joint venture agreement for the application of a patented technology to produce and sell upgraded coal from East Kalimantan in Indonesian Borneo. This was a long running dispute which was heard over three tranches. The SICC dismissed the plaintiffs' claims for damages in their entirety and the Court of Appeal dismissed the plaintiffs' appeal against the SICC's decision.
- **Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken AB (Publ), Singapore Branch v Asia Pacific Breweries (Singapore) Pte Ltd and another and another appeal [2011] 3 SLR 540** – Acted for Asia Pacific Breweries Singapore (APB) against claims made by a number of foreign banks over unauthorised accounts and facilities that the company's ex-finance manager had opened. The case involved a large and elaborate fraud by an ex-employee of APB, conducted over more than 4 years. It raised issues of agency, vicarious liability, bankers' duties, negligence, and restitution. The banks' claims were dismissed by the Singapore High Court and the Court of Appeal in landmark decisions.
- **Drydocks World LLC (formerly known as Dubai Drydocks World LLC) v Tan Boy Tee [2010] SGHC 248** – Acted for Mr Tan Boy Tee against claims by Drydocks World LLC. Tan Boy Tee founded Labroy Marine Limited, a public limited-liability company whose shares were publicly traded on the main board of SGX. Drydocks World LLC is a Dubai company that builds and repairs ships and rigs and conducts FSO conversion. The claims followed Mr Tan's sale to Drydocks of his majority shareholding in Labroy Marine Limited. The Singapore High Court dismissed Drydocks' claims.

Crime

- **BSD v Attorney-General and other matters [2019] SGHC 118** – Acted for a multinational corporation in an application to inspect the documents filed by the Attorney-General ("AG") in the AG's application under Section 22 of the Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Act (Chapter 190A) for production orders against various banks relating to the multinational corporation's accounts with the banks.
- **Madhavan Peter v Public Prosecutor [2012] 4 SLR 614** – Acted for a senior lawyer and former independent director of a Singapore listed company, Airocean, who was acquitted by the Honourable Chief Justice in a landmark decision relating to corporate disclosure obligations under the listing rules and securities law.

Defamation

- **Lee Hsien Loong v Review Publishing Co Ltd and another and another suit [2009] 1 SLRI 177**; **Lee Hsien Loong v Review Publishing Co Ltd and another and another suit [2007] 2 SLRI 453**; **Re Millar Gavin James QC [2008] 1 SLRI 297** – Acted in defamation claims against the Far Eastern Economic Review. The High Court and the Court of Appeal allowed the plaintiff's claims. Jaikanth was also involved in a number of interim and related proceedings.

Employment

- **Leiman, Ricardo and another v Noble Resources Ltd and another [2020] 2 SLR 386; Leiman, Ricardo and another v Noble Resources Ltd and another [2018] SGHC 166** – Acted for the Noble group in a claim

commenced by its former CEO for allegedly unpaid bonuses and share options valued in excess of US$40 million. The matter involved issues of a high-ranking employee's fiduciary and contractual duties, wrongful solicitation, penalty clauses and the law relating to a party's exercise of a contractual discretion.

Insolvency & Restructuring

- **Re Seshadri Rajagopalan and another and another matter [2020] SGHC 245** – Acted for EQ Capital Investments Ltd, the minority shareholders of The Wellness Group Pte Ltd ("Wellness"), in an application by the liquidators of Wellness for the Court's approval for the liquidators to compromise and discharge Wellness' claims against the majority shareholders of Wellness on the terms of a draft Settlement Deed.
- **BP Singapore Pte Ltd v Jurong Aromatics Corp Pte Ltd (receivers and managers appointed) and others and another appeal [2020] 1 SLR 627; Jurong Aromatics Corp Pte Ltd (receivers and managers appointed) and others v BP Singapore Pte Ltd and another matter [2018] SGHC 215** – Acted for BP Singapore Pte Limited and Glencore Singapore Pte Ltd in proceedings commenced by Jurong Aromatics Corporation Pte Ltd (JAC) and JAC's receivers and managers. The dispute arose from a series of restructuring arrangements which the parties entered into in the course of JAC's receivership. The matter involves novel and complex legal issues relating to the law of assignment, insolvency set-off, equitable set-off and the law of credit and security.
- **Precious Shipping Public Co Ltd and others v OW Bunker Far East (Singapore) Pte Ltd and others and other matters [2015] 4 SLR 1229** – Acted for ING Bank N.V. in various proceedings that were commenced in the Singapore Courts arising from the collapse and insolvency of the OW Bunker Group.
- **Yashwant Bajaj v Toru Ueda [2020] 1 SLR 37 –** Acted for Mr Yashwant Bajaj in an appeal against the Singapore High Court's decision dismissing Mr Bajaj's application to set aside a statutory demand issued by Mr Toru Ueda for alleged debts under an agreement to settle the parties' disputes relating to the winding up of their hedge fund business. The Singapore Court of Appeal agreed with Mr Bajaj that there was no crystallised and/or accrued debt under the settlement agreement and ordered the statutory demand issued by Mr Ueda to be set aside.

International Arbitration

- Acted for a State in an application to set aside an arbitral award in an investor-state arbitration under section 24(b) of the International Arbitration Act and under Article 34(2) of the UNCITRAL Model Law on International Commercial Arbitration for a claim involving approximately US$ 5.5 billion.
- Acted for a State in an application for a case management stay of enforcement proceedings in Singapore in relation to an arbitral award pending setting aside proceedings in a foreign jurisdiction and in the alternative, for a declaration of state immunity from the jurisdiction of the Singapore Courts or an order that the enforcement order be set aside and that the enforcement of the arbitral award be refused.
- Acted for a State in an application to set aside an arbitral tribunal's jurisdictional ruling in an investor-state arbitration under section 10(3) of the International Arbitration Act and Article 16(3) of the UNCITRAL Model Law on International Commercial Arbitration.
- Acted for the respondents in an ICC arbitration in which serious allegations of fraud were made. The contract out of which the dispute arose was valued at more than US$4 billion.
- Acted for one of India's largest retailers in an emergency arbitration commenced by the world's largest online retailer for an injunction involving the sale of retail assets in India worth around US$3.4 billion.
- Acting for the Managing Trustee of a family trust fund ("Fund") valued at well over US$1 billion in ICC arbitration proceedings commenced by one of the trustees of the Fund against her and the other trustees arising out of the management and control of the Fund.
- Acted for the claimant in an SIAC arbitration which concerned an agreement for the sale of shares in a foreign telecommunications company. The contract was valued at more than US$800 million.
- A claim in an SIAC arbitration relating to a joint venture dispute of a mining project in the Philippines. The claim amount was more than $180 million.
- Acted for one of the largest steel manufacturing company in Southeast Asia in a EUR90 million ICC arbitration against one of the world's largest suppliers of metalworking plants and equipment.
- Acted for the respondents in an ICC arbitration which concerned an agreement for the sale and supply of a defence security system to the government of a foreign country. The contract was valued at more than US$100 million.
- Acted for a subsidiary of an SGX-listed company in a S$40 million SIAC arbitration commenced by a foreign entity. The claim concerns alleged breaches of an agreement for the sale of shares in a company in the business of developing, operating and maintaining water-related infrastructure assets.

- Acted for the subsidiary of a Singapore listed company in US$35 million arbitration against a state-owned company incorporated under the laws of the People's Republic of China. The claims arose from a contract to develop, design and manufacture certain units for a desalination facility in Oman.
- Acted for a prominent Indian businessman in a US$30 million fraud claim against a high-profile Indonesian businessman and his related companies in an SIAC arbitration. The claim related to a concession for the development of over 670,000 hectares of coal-bearing land in Indonesia.
- Acted for the claimant, a listed company, in an SIAC arbitration which concerned disputes arising out of a joint venture and shareholders' agreement.
- Acted for the claimant in an SIAC arbitration which concerned disputes arising out of an agreement for the sale and purchase of shares in a company that owns a large parcel of prime land in a foreign country.
- Instructed as counsel in a large value investment treaty dispute.

Other Commercial Disputes

- **AD/CA 117/2022 & AD/CA 118/2022** – Instructed as counsel for the estate of the late Mr T Govindasamy in appeals against the High Court's decision in ***Appangam Govindhasamy (legal representative of the estate of T Govindasamy, deceased) and others v Salaya Kalairani and another*** **[2023] SGHC 91.** The dispute related to a property at 24 Cuff Road. Successfully appealed against the part of the High Court's decision which disallowed the clients' claim against Mdm Salaya Kalairani and the estate of the late Mdm Tey Siew Choon (the "Defendants") for an account of rental proceeds from the property and successfully resisted the Defendants' appeal against the part of the High Court's decision which allowed the clients' claim for an order that the property be sold and the net proceeds be distributed equally between the parties.
- **Lim Oon Kuin and others v Ocean Tankers (Pte Ltd) (interim judicial managers appointed) [2022] 1 SLR 434** – Acting for prominent businessman Mr Lim Oon Kuin in widely and internationally publicised disputes relating to Ocean Tankers (Pte) Ltd and Hin Leong Trading (Pte) Ltd. The claims run into billions of dollars.
- **Hector Finance Group Ltd and another v Chan Chew Keak [2023] SGHC 127** – Acted for Mr Chan Chew Keak in a claim commenced by Hector Finance Group Limited and Huizhou Xinsheng Paper Industry Co Limited against Mr Chan for alleged breach of fiduciary duties and duties of fidelity and diligence and conspiracy. The claim was part of a complex, multi-jurisdictional dispute between the parties.
- **Hyflux Ltd (in compulsory liquidation) and others v Lum Ooi Lin [2023] SGHC 113** – Acting for Ms Lum Ooi Lin in a claim commenced by the liquidators of Hyflux Ltd against Ms Lum for alleged negligence and breaches of fiduciary duties.
- **Kuswandi Sudarga v Sutatno Sudarga [2022] SGHC 299** – Acting for Indonesian businessman Mr Sutatno Sudarga in a claim commenced by Mr Kuswandi Sudarga for funds amounting to approximately US$31.5 million which Mr Kuswandi Sudarga claims, among other things, are held on trust by Mr Sutatno Sudarga for him.
- **Chua Qwong Meng v SBS Transit Ltd [2023] 3 SLR 1053; Lee Chye Chong and others v SBS Transit Ltd [2021] 5 SLR 821** – Successfully acted for SBS Transit Ltd in defending claims by SBS Transit Ltd's ex-employees for alleged breaches of the Employment Act and contracts. The High Court dismissed the claims in their entirety.
- **Quayside Investments Pte Ltd v 38 Degrees [2021] SGHC 181** – Successfully acted for Quayside Investments Pte Ltd in a claim against 38 Degrees Pte Ltd for a declaration that a Deed of Rights between the parties was not a Security Document as that phrase was defined in a Loan Agreement between the parties. The dispute related to a high profile private members' club, 1880, and the Deed of Rights governed the parties' rights and obligations in relation to any expansion of the business relating to 1880.
- **Cosco Nantong Shipyard Co Ltd v Logitel Offshore Rig II Pte Ltd and another [2019] SGHC 279** – Instructed as counsel for Logitel Offshore Rig II Pte Ltd in a dispute with Cosco Nantong Shipyard Co Ltd relating to an engineering, procurement and construction contract.
- **StreetSine Singapore Pte Ltd v Singapore Institute of Surveyors and Valuers and others [2019] SGHCR 1** – Acted for StreetSine Singapore Pte Ltd, a subsidiary of Singapore Press Holdings, in an action against the Singapore Institute of Surveyors and Valuers, Jones Lang Lasalle Property Consultants Pte Ltd, Knight Frank Pte Ltd, CBRE Pte Ltd and multiple other defendants for, among other things, conspiracy to injure StreetSine's business and reputation.
- **Choo Liang Haw (alias Choo Liang Hoa) and others v Chua Seet Mui and others and another matter [2015] 2 SLR 931** – Acted for a wholly-owned subsidiary of a Singapore listed company, Tuan Sing Holdings Limited, in a dispute concerning the S$150 million collective sale of a condominium development, Gilstead Court.

- **Koh Wee Meng v Trans Eurokars Pte Ltd [2014] 3 SLR 663** – Acted for the plaintiff, Mr Koh Wee Meng, in a dispute relating to a Rolls-Royce Phantom SWB automobile purchased by the plaintiff.

Probate

- Successfully acted for some of the beneficiaries of the Mustafa Estate in a claim against the administrator of the Mustafa Estate for breaches of his duties as an administrator. Among other things, the Honourable Justice Mavis Chionh ordered that the administrator of the Mustafa Estate give an account of his administration of the Mustafa Estate and be liable to account to the Mustafa Estate for the losses caused by the reason of his breaches.

Trust

- **Lakshmi Anil Salgaocar and another v Darsan Jitendra Jhaveri and others [2023] SGHC 47; Lakshmi Anil Salgaocar v Jhaveri Darsan Jitendra [2019] SGCA 42** – Instructed as counsel for the estate of a prominent high net worth businessman, Mr Anil Vassudeva Salgaocar, in a suit which involves claims against Mr Darsan Jitendra Jhaveri and other entities and individuals related to Mr Jhaveri for breaches of trust and fiduciary duties, dishonest assistance and/or knowing receipt. The suit has also given rise to related proceedings in the Court of Appeal as well as proceedings in the British Virgin Islands. Obtained an anti-suit injunction from the Court of Appeal to restrain Darsan from prosecuting his claims in the BVI.
- **The Ngee Ann Kongsi v Teochew Poit Ip Huay Kuan [2019] SGHC 256** – Instructed as counsel for The Ngee Ann Kongsi in a dispute against the Teochew Poit Ip Huay Kuan relating to the ownership and possession of the Teochew Building situated at 97 Tank Road, Singapore 238066. The dispute has given rise to a number of related proceedings which are currently before the Singapore High Court.

Unjust Enrichment

- **Comptroller of Income Tax v ARW and another (Attorney-General, intervener) [2017] SGHC 180; Comptroller of Income Tax v ARW and another [2017] SGHC 16; ARX v Comptroller of Income Tax [2016] 5 SLR 590** – Acted for a party in Singapore proceedings commenced by the Comptroller of Income Tax. Obtained an order for the Comptroller of Income Tax to disclose various internal documents relating to an investigatory audit conducted against the party. This is the first reported case in Singapore where such an order was made against the Comptroller of Income Tax.

ACCOLADES

Benchmark Litigation 2024
Ranked “Litigation Star” in Commercial Transactions

“very confident, observant advocate who cuts right to the bone of contention” and “extremely strategic”

Chambers and Partners: Asia-Pacific 2024
“a very good litigator with a depth of analytical thinking and excellent client management skills”
“able to anticipate issues beforehand and is highly focused on the points on which the case will turn. In cross-examination, he is forceful and able to extract the truth.”
“has a strong ability in managing complex legal matters...is very analytical and has a clear logical thought process...is patient in explaining his advice and is very courteous”

The Legal 500: Asia Pacific 2024 Edition
Recognised as “Leading Individual” in Dispute Resolution
Recognised as “Next Generation Partner” in International Arbitration.

“advocacy and strategy are first rate”

Who’s Who Legal: Arbitration report 2024
Receive the “Future Leaders” ranking

"a very smart legal counsel and well versed in arbitration" and "always well prepared and never falls short of expectations"

Who's Who Legal: South Asia 2023 National Guide
"a comprehensive and extremely technically clever lawyer who brings novel solutions to complex problems"

asialaw 2023
Recognised as "Distinguished Practitioner"

Who's Who Legal: National Leader 2023
Ranked in Arbitration, Asset Recovery, Commercial Litigation and Investigations

The Legal 500: Asia Pacific 2023 Edition
Recognised as "Leading Individual" in Dispute Resolution
Recognised as "Next Generation Partner" in International Arbitration

"*expertise and professionalism is exceptional*"
"*a highly strategic thinker, who has been able to cut to the crux of the issues quickly*"

Who's Who Legal: Thought Leaders Global Elite – Investigations – Under 45 2023
Identified as "Global Elite Thought Leader"

Who's Who Legal: Arbitration Future Leaders – Partners 2023
Identified as "Future Leader"

Chambers and Partners Asia Pacific 2023
Ranked in Dispute Resolution: Litigation

"*He is smart, great with clients and very commercially minded. He has all the attributes of a very good lawyer.*"

Who's Who Legal: Global Leaders 2022
Recommended in Commercial Litigation 2022
Recommended in Investigations – Future Leaders – Partners 2022

"*his ability to handle complex matters meticulously*"
"*He is extremely sharp in catching essence of legal structures and frameworks.*"

Who's Who Legal: National Leader 2022
Recommended in Southeast Asia - Commercial Litigation 2022
Recommended in Southeast Asia - Investigations 2022

"*a results-oriented lawyer*" who impresses market sources with his "*ability to handle complex matters meticulously*"

asialaw 2022
Ranked as a "Rising Star"

The Legal 500: Private Practice Powerlist 2022 Arbitration | Southeast Asia

Recognised in The Arbitration Powerlist – Southeast Asia

Benchmark Litigation Asia-Pacific's 2022
Identified as "Asia Pacific Rising Star of the Year"
Identified as "Future Star in Dispute Resolution"

Best Lawyers International: Singapore 2022 edition
Arbitration and Mediation
International Arbitration – Endorsed individual for 4 consecutive years (2021,2020,2019 and 2018 edition).
Recognition by Best Lawyers is based entirely on peer review.

"*provides top-notch advice that cuts to the heart of the matter*" and is "*an excellent strategist while considering all possible angles and arguments to account for the possible risks at every decision point.*"

Who's Who Legal: Investigations 2021
Identified as a "Future Leader"

"*great attitude and delivers a strong work product*"
"*extremely thorough, knows the market well and has an encyclopaedic knowledge of Singapore law*"
"*a top-notch lawyer and easy to work with*".

Who's Who Legal: Investigations 2020
Identified as a "Future Leader"

"*roundly acclaimed as 'a good litigator in court'***"**

The Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2021, 2019

International Arbitration – Next Generation Partner

Dispute Resolution – Recommended Lawyer

"*a star in his own right*"

"*cuts through complex technical issues*"

"*a lawyer to watch*"

Asialaw Leading Lawyers
Dispute Resolution 2021, 2020 – Distinguished Practitioner
Dispute Resolution & Litigation 2019 – Leading Lawyer for 3 consecutive years.

Benchmark Litigation Asia-Pacific
Ranked as a "Future Star" in Commercial and Transactions (2021)
Ranked as a "Future Star" in Dispute Resolution as well as Commercial and Transactions. "*Excellent litigator, knows how to read judges very well, solid knowledge of the law, and responsive to queries*" (2020).

A client said Jaikanth is "*[a]n excellent strategiser who pays attention to detail—a brilliant court advocate*" (2018 edition).

Singapore Business Review 2015
Listed as one of Singapore's 40 most influential lawyers aged 40 and under.

Asian Legal Business 2015
Identified as one of 40 bright legal minds in the region under the age of 40 – "40 Under 40 list" (Sep 2015 issue).