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Chenthil is a Regional Division Leader for Dispute Resolution (Asia) and a partner in the litigation and international arbitration team.

Chenthil handles complex commercial disputes and urgent crisis management matters across a wide range of industries, bringing to bear a blend of acumen, strategic insight and practical wisdom in solving problems. He is regularly called upon by business owners and private clients to advise and act in disputes relating to investments and joint ventures, minority oppression and company matters, contract claims, defamation, and employment matters. He also has a special interest in trust, estate and inheritance disputes and related matters.

Chenthil acts as counsel in white collar criminal matters and professional conduct matters, advising on matters relating to breaches of professional duties, corruption, criminal breach of trust, customs breaches, fraud, gaming, insider trading, market misconduct, regulatory compliance and money-laundering. He has also coordinated investigations and advised on internal disciplinary proceedings.

Chenthil has appeared as lead counsel in both the Singapore Court of Appeal and High Court, as well as in domestic and international arbitrations. Apart from his commercial law practice, Chenthil is an accredited Principal Mediator of the Singapore Mediation Centre and volunteers with the Law Society of Singapore's Criminal Legal Aid Scheme (CLAS) and the Legal Assistance Scheme for Capital Offences (LASCO). Outside

practice, Chenthil is chairperson of the Criminal Practice Committee of the Law Society of Singapore. He is a senior Advocacy trainer with the Law Society, and has trained advocates both locally and overseas.

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## Track record

### Attempted restructuring and subsequent insolvency of ZenRock

Represented the interim judicial managers, judicial managers and the current liquidators (from KPMG) in all aspects of the attempted restructuring and subsequent insolvency of ZenRock.

### Indonesian shipping conglomerate

Acted for an Indonesian shipping conglomerate in the Singapore High Court and Court of Appeal of Singapore, in respect of claims exceeding US\$200m.

### International conglomerate

Acted for an international conglomerate in the Singapore High Court and Court of Appeal of Singapore, resisting an attempt to set aside an international arbitration award involving claims of over RM100m.

### China high net worth clients

Acted for high net worth clients from China in bringing claims against a Swiss bank in Singapore for breach of contract and unauthorized transactions.

### Corporate finance firm

Acted for a corporate finance firm against a multinational company in a multi-million dollar claim in misrepresentation, fraud, conspiracy and breach of contract.

### Defence counsel

Acted as defence counsel for various parties who were being investigated for or charged with offences relating to inter alia market manipulation, corruption, forgery, tax evasion, breaches of immigration controls and breaches of export controls.

### Private equity fund

Acted for a private equity fund in relation to its investment in a fishing business in Indonesia, which had been fraudulently procured. This matter involved instructing foreign lawyers and private investigators to ascertain the full extent of the fraud.

## Listed healthcare company

Acted for a listed healthcare company on internal disciplinary proceedings and a complaint lodged with the Singapore Medical Council against one of its employees.

## Shareholder dispute

Advised on a shareholder dispute relating to the re-development of a landmark commercial building in an ASEAN country.

## International airline

Acted for an international airline in respect of the delay in delivery of multiple B787 aircraft by Boeing Commercial Airplanes.

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## Admissions

Singapore, 2001

Advocate & Solicitor (Singapore)

Solicitor in England and Wales (non-practising)

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## Education

University of Nottingham, LLB

National University of Singapore, Graduate Diploma in Singapore Law

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## Languages

English

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## Memberships

Law Society of Singapore - Member

Singapore Academy of Law - Member

Singapore Mediation Centre - Associate Mediator

Law Society of Singapore, Criminal Practice Committee - Vice Chairman

Law Society of Singapore, Advocacy Committee - Member

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## Key dates

Year joined: 2020

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