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OPERATING AS WITHERS KHATTARWONG LLP IN SINGAPORE.

Carla is a consultant in the real estate team.

Her areas of expertise include banking and finance, securities, conveyancing and property law and landlord and tenant law. Carla covers all types of real estate transactions, including residential, commercial and industrial property. She has acted for individuals in the sale/purchase/mortgaging of single properties, as well as for individuals who are majority owners in pursuit of collective sales, taking them through the statutory process from signing of a Collective Sale Agreement, through the Tender process, the application for court approval, up to completion.

She has more than 30 years of experience as an advocate and solicitor. In 2007, she became co-head of KhattarWong's property team and took over its en bloc portfolio. She also practiced in the area of ship financing for several years.

Carla acts for public and private companies in sales/purchases (and leaseback) of commercial buildings, of industrial leasehold interests, and for those engaged in the business of developing multi-unit estates (including condominiums) in their sales 'off-plan' till issue of strata title. She has acted for major landowners in the leasing of commercial property and for local statutory boards and authorities and trust companies, both in their short-term and long-term leases of property, including anchor tenant leases. Recently, Carla acted for overseas interests setting up 'foreign schools' under the scheme set up by the Economic Development Board, and for foreign schools looking for expansion of existing premises. Carla and her team have acted for the Authority in the extensive developments ongoing at Changi International Airport.

Track record

Guocoland

Completed the en bloc purchases for Guocoland of Sophia Court and Leedon Heights.

450 and 452 Alexandra Road

Completed the purchase of 450 and 452 Alexandra Road for a United Engineers company, and leaseback to Hewlett-Packard companies in Singapore.

Bukit Batok Development

Acted for Bukit Batok Development Private Limited in the sale of landed housing at Pavilion Park.

Jurong Town Corporation

Reviewing the legal templates for leases and tenancies for Jurong Town Corporation, and in particular to reduce the use of 'legalese' and substitute words and phrases of 'plain English' where possible.

CAAS

Acted for CAAS with regard to their corporatisation exercise.

Talks

- *'Anchor Tenant Leases: Avoiding Potential Disputes and Strategies for resolution'*; and *'Evaluating and Managing the Risks associated with Sub-tenancy Agreements'*, Legal Fundamentals of Tenancy Agreements and Leases - 2014

External publications

'SME Guide - Business Law' 'Commercial Tenancies', SPRING Singapore - 2007, chapter contributor

Admissions

Singapore, 1975

Education

Singapore University, LL.B (Hons)

Languages

English

Memberships

Eurasian Association - 1st Vice President

Singapore Cheshire Home

Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals - Chairman

Key dates

Year joined: 1999

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