

## PE Ashokan

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Ashokan is a partner in the litigation and arbitration team.

A seasoned practitioner of close to 30 years, he has accumulated vast experience in a wide range of contentious and non-contentious matters. He has represented clients in arbitration, civil and criminal trials and appeals at all levels of the Singapore Courts.

Ashokan has a deep understanding of the interplay between law, life and business and has developed a keen interest in using law to find bespoke solutions to a myriad of personal and commercial issues. He is able to resolve disputes in an amicable, expedient and confidential manner, while possessing the tenacity to represent clients in court or before an arbitral tribunal should the need arise. His active involvement in the community as a District Councillor, grassroots leader and member of the Public Transport Council, amongst other established organizations, has added a great dimension to his sound appreciation of human complexities, which augments his ability to provide clients with bespoke legal advice best tailored to their circumstances. The work undertaken by Ashokan in these organizations have exposed him to a wide cross section of people, where he honed his skills of looking at issues from the establishment's point of view, as well as understanding the individual's needs. This has added an element of empathy that is characteristic to his advocacy.

Ashokan's clients include multi-national corporations, individuals, statutory boards and registered societies. An advocate of pro-bono work, he has also provided free legal counselling at community centers and legal clinics for more than 27 years.

Ashokan has been invited to work with various esteemed government and non-government organizations. For many years, he has served in the following entities:

- a) Central Community Development Council (District Councillor)
- b) The Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport (Honorary Legal Advisor)
- c) Citizen's Consultative Committees (Member)
- d) Law Society of Singapore, Professional Indemnity Committee (Member)
- e) Public Transport Council (Member)
- f) The Singapore Institute of Arbitrators (Fellow)

Ashokan's ability to provide effective yet sound client-centric solutions is achieved through his interpersonal skills honed by his commitment to both organizations and individuals alike, alongside his expertise in various areas of law, including (but not limited to):

- a) Administrative Law
- b) Bankruptcy & Insolvency Law
- c) Corporate and Commercial Law
- d) Criminal Law
- e) Defamation Law
- f) Employment Law
- g) Family Law
- h) Immigration Law

i) Insurance & Reinsurance Law

j) Property Law

k) Tax Law

l) Tort Law

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## TRACK RECORD

*Hewlett-Packard Singapore (Sales) Pte Ltd v Chin Shu Hwa Corinna [2016] 2 SLR 1083 – Acted for the plaintiff in this Court of Appeal case involving contractual interpretation and promissory estoppel in relation to employment law.*

*Public Prosecutor v Viswamoorthy s/o Ramanathan [2014] SGDC 277 – Successfully defended client against 9 corruption charges under section 6(b) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, Cap 241.*

*Law Society of Singapore v Manjit Singh s/o Kirpal Singh and another [2015] 3 SLR 829 – Acted for the Law Society in its successful prosecution of 2 lawyers for misconduct.*

*The Law Society of Singapore v Kirpal Singh s/o Hakam Singh [2010] SGDT 5 – Acted for the Law Society in its successful prosecution of a lawyer for misconduct.*

*Chai Kang Wei Samuel v Shaw Linda Gillian [2010] 3 SLR 587 – Acted for the plaintiff in the Court of Appeal in this leading case involving assessment of damages, in particular, loss of future earnings and loss of earning capacity.*

*Public Prosecutor v Tham See Wai Sylvia [2010] SGDC 514 – Successfully defended client against charges for criminal breach of trust, cheating and forgery under the Penal Code.*

*Clarke Quay Pte Ltd v Tan Hun Ling (trading as Sin Lok Cuisine) [2006] 3 SLR 626 – Successfully acted for the appellants in the Court of Appeal in this case involving the duties and obligations of the landlord and tenant to maintain the leased premises.*

*Mei Yue Lan Margaret v Raffles City (Pte) Ltd [2005] 4 SLR 740 – Successfully acted for the respondent in the High Court in this case involving assessment of damages relating to a personal injury claim for Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy ("RSD").*

*Re Yap Lack Tee George [1991] 2 SLR 203 – Successfully defended the Telecommunication Authority of Singapore against a judicial review claim brought by former employee for wrongful dismissal.*

Acted for clients in numerous arbitration proceedings at the Singapore International Arbitration Centre.

## ADMISSIONS

- Singapore, 1989

## PUBLICATIONS

'General Insurance' in 'Singapore Precedents of Pleadings', published by Sweet and Maxwell Asia, contributor

## MEMBERSHIPS

- Law Society of Singapore, Professional Indemnity Committee
- Citizen's Consultative Committee in the Moulmein-Kallang Group Representative Constituency

- The Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport, honorary legal advisor

- The Singapore Institute of Arbitrators, fellow

- International Bar Association

- Singapore Academy of Law

## TALKS

Financial, Crime and Fraud Conference organised by World Class Training Centre Sdn Bhd, Malaysia - 2014

Asia Business Forum on Workplace Safety and Occupational Health - August 2008

## EDUCATION

National University of Singapore, LL.B (Hons)

## LANGUAGES

ENGLISH

## DATES

JOINED: 2000

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