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Shashi is Partner heading the criminal litigation practice in Withers KhattarWong.

He is a leading practitioner in the Singapore Criminal Bar where he often conducts high profile cases in both the trial and appellate courts. His cases involve offences of murder, drug trafficking, and kidnapping. Shashi is listed as a lead counsel under the Supreme Court's list of Assigned Counsel for Capital Cases and he has defended numerous clients charged for capital offences. He is one of the most sought after Defence lawyers in Singapore.

His white collar work includes advising and defending institutions as well as individual clients on Singapore's regulatory and compliance framework. Shashi is, in particular, familiar with the Securities and Futures Act and the Prevention of Corruption Act. He regularly advises clients on areas including fraud, corruption, insider trading, market manipulation, tax fraud, as well as a wide spectrum of legislation dealing with corporate malfeasance.

Shashi is cited in Who's Who Legal as one of Singapore's leading business crime lawyers, most recently in Who's Who Legal: Business Crime Defence 2020. He has been consistently nominated by in-house counsel and industry peers as one of the world's leading White Collar Crime practitioners in the Expert Guides since 2016. In 2020, Shashi was listed by Benchmark Litigation Asia Pacific as a 'Litigation Star' for White Collar Crime.

Shashi is actively involved with the work of the Singapore Academy of Law, where he is regularly invited as a panelist and speaker for legal conferences. He is presently the chairperson of the Criminal Justice Chapter of the Professional Affairs Committee. Shashi is also the immediate past chair of the Criminal Practice Committee of the Law Society. He also occasionally guest lectures at the Faculties of Law of both the National University of Singapore and the Singapore Management University.

Shashi is presently the Regional Division Leader for Dispute Resolution (Asia Pacific). In this role, he manages the Dispute Resolution practice and works with other partners and lawyers in developing this area for the firm.

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## TRACK RECORD

### Investigations & Regulatory Compliance

Advising white collar clients on possible breaches and offences under the Prevention of Corruption Act, Security and Futures Acts, Corruption, Drug Trafficking and other Serious Crimes Act, Penal Code and various other legislations.

Acted for the fund managers of a hedge fund which transacted approximately S\$500 million worth of investments between their hedge funds, BSI bank and 1MDB.

Advised broking houses and acted for two brokers implicated in an alleged market manipulation scheme involving LionGold Corporation, Blumont Group and Asiasons Capital.

Acted for the Casino Regulatory Authority on a matter involving a casino operator's regulatory duties to prevent the commission of certain offences within the casino, and advised on the imposition of financial penalties and sanctions.

Acted for the Energy Market Authority in investigating a gas supply disruption incident which led to major power outages in various parts of Singapore, and advised on the imposition of financial penalties and sanctions.

Conducted investigations into the suspected embezzlement of US\$13 million from the Hong Kong companies of one of our private clients.

Acted for a multi-national company in investigating its employees who were suspected to be involved in kick-back arrangements with their contractors. The investigations were successful and the company was able to recoup the losses from the errant employee.

## **White Collar Crime**

Pittis Stavros v PP: Acted for an accused person charged with Criminal Breach of Trust as a servant for having misappropriated approximately US\$125,000 of marine fuel oil. On appeal, the charge was successfully reduced to CBT simpliciter.

Tjong Mark Edward v PP: Acted for a former director of Singapore Technologies in a corruption trial (2 charges under Section 6(a) of the Prevention of Corruption Act), and his subsequent appeal against conviction and sentence.

Ajith Murali v PP: Acted for an accused person in his appeal against a conviction of cheating under Section 420 of the Penal Code.

PP v Sengmanivong Soum: Acted for an accused person who claimed trial to charges under Section 172A of the Casino Control Act for participating in a scheme to cheat Marina Bay Sands with 13 others.

Acted for a managing director of a Singapore-based petroleum supplier on charges of corruption.

Presently acting for a multi-national marine conglomerate and its former director in cross-border investigations involving corruption.

Acting for a large multinational commodities trading company and its founder in ongoing investigations with the Monetary Authority of Singapore.

Acting for prominent individuals and corporations investigated and charged for offences of corruption by the Corrupt Practices and Investigation Bureau in Singapore.

Acting for individuals and corporations investigated and charged for offences by the Monetary Authority of Singapore and Commercial Affairs Department.

Acting for individuals investigated and charged for false declarations under the Residential Property Act.

Acting for interested parties in fraudulent probate matters.

Advising and acting for individuals and corporations investigated on matters relating to tax evasion by the Inland Revenue Authority of Singapore.

Acting for prominent individuals investigated and charged for offences relating to the casino and gaming legislation.

## **Serious Crime**

PP v Iskandar Bin Rahmat: Acted for an off-duty police officer in a high profile double murder (The "Kovan" murders).

PP v Khong Tam Thanh: Acted for the accused person who claimed trial to a rape charge. The charge was successfully negotiated down to aggravated molestation just prior to the commencement of trial.

PP v Kow Lee Ting Serena: Acted for an accused person facing 2 capital charges for drug trafficking. Both capital charges were successfully discharged after representations and negotiations with the Attorney-General's Chambers.

Acting for a client who is on the autism spectrum and also suffers from Asperger's syndrome in a sentencing hearing in the High Court of Singapore for a sexual offence.

Presently acting for an individual facing multiple charges under the Organised Crime Act and the Remote Gambling Act for being involved in an alleged international gambling syndicate.

Acting for a high profile case involving an individual who is alleged to have been involved in sexual offences.

Acting for individuals charged under the unprecedented COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) Act 2020.

Acting for 2 doctors in 2 separate cases involving allegations of sexual assault of their patients.

Engaged by the Philippines Government to act for a Filipino national facing a capital offence of drug trafficking. The charge was eventually reduced to a non-capital charge.

Expedited Protection Orders – Acted for a Swedish National and successfully obtained Protection Orders against 6 other individuals to restrain them from publishing defamatory information about our client, and to take down a number of posts from the internet.

### **Disciplinary Tribunals**

Presently acting for the Law Society against a solicitor of 22 years' standing before the Disciplinary Tribunal.

Defended a senior practitioner of 30 years' standing for allegations of overcharging his client.

Defended a young practitioner in disciplinary proceedings where she was accused of deceiving an Assistant Registrar of the High Court.

Law Society v Pascal Baylon Netto: Acted for the Law Society in the Disciplinary Tribunal proceedings, as well as in proceedings before the Court of Three Judges. The errant lawyer was found guilty of dishonesty and struck off the rolls.

### **ADMISSIONS**

- Singapore, 1993

### **PUBLICATIONS**

*'Common Criminal Offences, 2010; You & The Law IV 2010*

*'Ethics in the Criminal Court; Inter Se 2010*

*Manipulating the Stock Market (Published 18 March 2016 on Euromoney's Expert Guides)*

*Anti-Money Laundering in Singapore (2016 Withers Khattarwong LLP publication)*

*How white is your Persil (The Business Times, 6 Dec 2016)*

### **MEMBERSHIPS**

- Singapore Academy of Law – Chairman of the Criminal Justice Chapter of the Professional Affairs Committee

- Law Society of Singapore – Immediate Past Chair and Present Consultant of the Criminal Practice Committee

- ASEAN Law Association

- Singapore Institute of Directors

- The Legal Assistance Scheme for Capital Offences

- Criminal Legal Aid Scheme

- International Bar Association

- Inter-Pacific Bar Association

## TALKS

*Criminal Law Advocacy Workshops for the Singapore Academy of Law*

*Criminal Law Conference 2019, Singapore*

*'Legal Harmonization/Cooperation in Criminal Matters,' ASEAN 2014, Bangkok*

*Sentencing Conference 2014, Singapore*

## EDUCATION

University of London, LL.B (Hons)  
Barrister-at-Law, Middle Temple

## LANGUAGES

ENGLISH

## DATES

JOINED: 2013

PARTNER: 2015

## RECOGNITION

Expert Guides 20 Years Experience

Singapore

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