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Jeremy is a senior associate in the criminal litigation team.

His practice covers a broad spectrum of criminal litigation, investigations and regulatory compliance. He has dealt with a variety of white and blue collar offences which include market manipulation & insider trading, corruption, criminal breach of trust, fraud, murder, drug offences, and sexual offences. He has also advised on contractual disputes, personal injury claims, employment, wills, personal protection orders, bankruptcy proceedings and defamation claims.

Jeremy is on the Supreme Court's list of assigned lawyers for capital cases and has been involved in both murder and drug trials and appeals. Jeremy has also extensive trial experience in the State Courts where he has led teams in a wide spectrum of criminal cases. He has also appeared in the Military Courts as well as before various disciplinary tribunals.

In the last few years Jeremy has also been more involved in undertaking internal investigations for both corporates and individuals. His own experience in the criminal defence sphere has sharpened his investigative nous, leading to swift and successful resolutions in most cases.

In his spare time, Jeremy takes on cases pro bono for needy and deserving individuals. He is passionate about music, and is a trained pianist, violinist and cellist. He also serves as a Captain with his reservist unit in the Singapore Armed Forces.

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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 advising 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 advising 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 an accused person 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 the Marina Bay Sands casino with 13 others.

Acted for a managing director of a Singapore-based marine fuel oil supplier charged with criminal conspiracy to engage in corrupt buy-back transactions with 3 other individuals.

Acted for a former sales director who was facing a charge for criminal breach of trust. A discharge amounting to an acquittal was eventually granted.

Acting for a multi-national marine conglomerate and its former director in cross-border investigations (in the United States and Singapore) involving corruption.

Acting for a former director of a gold investment company who is facing charges for suspected involvement in what has been alleged to be a multi-million dollar Ponzi scheme. The company attracted more than 2000 investors and recorded a turnover close to S\$150 million. The company was eventually wound up by its creditors after it failed to honour its payments and buy-back obligations.

Acting for a large Singapore-listed multinational commodities trading company and its founder in ongoing joint investigations with the Commercial Affairs Department, Monetary Authority of Singapore and the Accounting and Corporate Regulatory Authority for suspected false and misleading statements, and alleged breaches of disclosure requirements under the Securities and Futures Act.

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 accused person facing 2 charges for 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 the 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.

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 2 doctors in 2 separate cases involving allegations of sexual assault on 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 / Protection Orders – Acted for a Swedish National and successfully obtained Expedited Protection Orders and Protection Orders against 6 other individuals to restraint them from publishing defamatory information about our client, and to take down a number of postings from the internet.

Appeared at hearings before the Criminal Law Advisory Committee on behalf of accused persons being dealt with under the Criminal Law (Temporary Provisions) Act.

Disciplinary Tribunals:

Acting for the Law Society against a lawyer of 22 years' standing who was alleged to have negotiated higher payments from the opposing party without her client's knowledge or instruction. The matter has been referred by the Disciplinary Tribunal to the Court of Three Judges.

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

ADMISSIONS

- Singapore Bar, 2014

PUBLICATIONS

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

- Member, Singapore Law Society
- Member, Singapore Academy of Law
- Appointed Assisting Counsel under the Legal Assistance Scheme for Capital Offences (LASCO)
- Volunteer for Criminal Legal Aid Scheme (2014 to present)

EDUCATION

National University of Singapore, LLB (Honours)

LANGUAGES

ENGLISH

DATES

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