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Tania is a partner in the criminal litigation team.

Tania is a Partner in the Criminal Litigation team. She was called to the Bar in 2009 and her areas of expertise include both blue and white collar criminal cases and Investigations. Tania's white collar practice includes advising clients on Singapore's regulatory and compliance framework. She also regularly advises clients on areas including insider trading, market manipulation, tax fraud, and corruption offences. Notably, she recently argued as Lead Counsel in a Magistrate's Appeal in the High Court, a matter relating to investigations by the Corrupt Practices Investigations Bureau, where she successfully convinced the Courts to set aside the term of imprisonment and to impose only a fine.

Tania is also listed as a Lead Counsel under the Supreme Court's list of Assigned Counsel for Capital Cases and she has defended numerous clients charged for capital offences such as murder and drug trafficking. Tania's experience at conducting and leading these High Court trials has put her in good stead to deal with the many complexities of evidence and procedure in all criminal matters.

Tania was instrumental in setting up and running the Investigations arm of the firm's practice. She has been involved in several in-house investigations for corporate and individual clients in relation to fraud, cheating, criminal breach of trust, breach of fiduciary duties, and other misconduct including alleged sexual misconduct by employees.

Tania is also a member of the Criminal Justice Chapter of the Professional Affairs Committee, Singapore Academy of Law, which advances the training and standards of the Criminal Bar of Singapore. She has been actively involved in advocacy workshops which help to maintain the high standards of the Criminal Bar.

Most recently, Tania was recognised as one of 'Singapore's 21 most influential lawyers under 40' in 2020 by the Singapore Business Review. She has also been recognised for her expertise in white collar crime in the 2021 edition of The Legal 500: Asia Pacific. Tania was the only Singaporean lawyer to be ranked and recognised as a 'Future Star' in the practice area of White Collar Crime by Benchmark Litigation Asia Pacific 2020, the only publication in the market focused exclusively on litigation work.

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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.

Acting for the founder of a multi-national company where investigations by the Monetary Authority of Singapore are ongoing.

Advising a chief executive of a multi-national company who was allegedly involved in cross-border corruption involving bribes of over US\$55 million in order to secure contracts.

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 a Multinational Company and acted for one of its employees implicated in an alleged market manipulation scheme.

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

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:**

Woon Boon Chye Alvin and Oon Choon Seng v PP: Represented the accused persons in a trial relating to cheating charges under Section 420 of the Penal Code and subsequently argued as Lead Counsel in their appeal against conviction and sentence. On appeal, the accused persons were acquitted of some charges under Section 420 of the Penal Code, and Tania successfully argued against the Prosecution's appeal for an enhanced sentence.

Seng Hwee Kwang v PP: Lead Counsel in the accused's appeal against conviction and sentence for a charge under Section 28(b) read with Section 29(a) of the Prevention of Corruption Act (Cap. 241). On appeal, Tania successfully convinced the High Court to set aside the imprisonment term and to impose only a fine.

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 Business Director of a company in a corruption trial for allegedly receiving bribes of more than S\$50,000, and his subsequent appeal against conviction and sentence.

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 with 13 others to cheat the Marina Bay Sands Casino of over S\$1.4million.

PP v Franco Giuseppe: Represented the Chief Financial Officer of a listed company for his offences of market manipulation and insider trading under Sections 197 and 201 of the Securities and Futures Act. The Defence successfully convinced the Courts to impose a fine instead of a custodial sentence.

### **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 to a reduced charge of aggravated molest prior to the commencement of the trial.

Tang Boon Thiew v PP: Represented the accused person in the State Courts and again in the High Court for his appeal against sentence. He faced charges under Section 376B(1) read with Section 109 Penal Code of the Penal Code for the abetment of commercial sex with a minor and other Women's Charter offences.

PP v Astro Bin Jakaria: Successfully defended the accused person against a murder charge which he was acquitted of, and the charge was reduced to one under Section 304(b) of the Penal Code.

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

Acted for several professionals alleged to have committed sexual offences including rape and outrage of modesty.

Successfully acted for several individuals alleged to have committed the offence of maid abuse where they were subsequently acquitted.

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 postings from the internet.

Acting for interested parties in fraudulent probate matters.

**Disciplinary Tribunals:**

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

**ADMISSIONS**

- Singapore, 2009

**PUBLICATIONS**

*'Manipulating the Stock Market'*, Euromoney's Expert Guides - 2016

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

*'Ethics in the Criminal Court'*, Inter Se 2010 - 2009

**MEMBERSHIPS**

- Law Society of Singapore
- Singapore Academy of Law
- The Legal Assistant's Scheme for Capital Offences Assisting Counsel's List)
- Criminal Legal Aid Scheme

**EDUCATION**

National University of Singapore, LLB (Hons)

**LANGUAGES**

ENGLISH

**DATES**

JOINED: 2013  
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