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#### KEY PRACTICE(S)

Corporate, Commercial & Civil  
Litigation

International Arbitration

Before joining PDLegal LLC, Ivan trained at a local Big 4 law firm and subsequently moved to a prestigious boutique law firm in January 2019, where he honed his advocacy skills and quickly advanced to the rank of Partner just three years after being called to the Bar. He later led the civil litigation practice at a firm headed by a senior lawyer and former District Judge.

#### ADMISSION(S)

Singapore Bar

Ivan's primary specialization is in civil and commercial litigation. His career is punctuated by significant achievements, including his role as Lead Counsel in a diverse range of high-profile cases heard in both the High Court and State Courts. Notably, he assumed the lead position in a 10-day High Court trial during his very first year of practice. In his second year, he was entrusted with the responsibility of Lead Counsel in an appeal before the Appellate Division of the High Court, where he successfully overturned a prior High Court Judge's decision.

#### QUALIFICATIONS

University of Leeds, LL.B.

In addition to his litigation practice, Ivan has represented clients in domestic and international arbitration proceedings under the auspices of esteemed institutions such as the Singapore International Arbitration Centre, the Grain and Feed Trade Association, and the Asian International Arbitration Centre.

#### WORK HIGHLIGHTS

- [Lead Counsel] Successfully argued an appeal before the Appellate Division of the High Court against a decision of the High Court on a matter involving the right of survivorship, presumption of resulting trusts, presumption of advancement and the Housing and Development Act: ***Lim Choo Hin v Lam Sai Ing Peggy [2021] SGHC(A) 22.***
- [Lead Counsel] Represented a Singapore Company in a 10 day High Court Trial for a claim sum in excess of SGD 1 million involving issues of mental capacity, non-est factum, illegality and the Moneylenders' Act: ***North Star (S) Capital Pte Ltd v Megatruicare Pte Ltd [2021] SGHC 110.***

- [Lead Counsel] Successfully defended a global leader in precision engineering against a S\$2 million claim related to allegedly defective motors supplied for Tunnel Ventilation Fans in various MRT lines in Singapore. All claims brought against the client were dismissed.
- [Lead Counsel] Represented a client in a S\$20 million personal injury claim in the High Court against the Public Utilities Board. Her claim was settled midway into trial.
- [Lead Counsel] Represented a group of 11 investors in a claim exceeding S\$6m against the orchestrator of an alleged Ponzi Scheme. The claim was settled for a confidential amount.
- [Lead Counsel] Successfully represented a leading hotel development and management industry in a claim brought by a former HR Director for unlawful dismissal and defamation. All claims brought against the client were dismissed.
- [Lead Counsel] Successfully resisted a Summary Judgment application commenced by a commodities exporter for non-payment of goods. The case involved interbank cross-jurisdictional bank transfers which were intercepted by the Office of Foreign Assets Control after monies were received by the Plaintiff's correspondent bank, but before it reached the Plaintiff's receiving bank.
- [Lead Counsel] Successfully represented a commodities trader in arbitration proceedings involving the non-delivery of goods with a value in excess of US\$1 million.
- [Second Chair] Successfully acted for the Franchisee of a global fast-food chain in resisting an application for a prohibitory injunction by a Singapore Restaurant which involved trademark infringement and passing off.
- [Second Chair] Successfully represented a client in the Court of Appeal in overturning a decision of the High Court. The aggregate claim value was in excess of SGD 6 million and involved consideration of the duty of disclosure in deeds of family arrangements: ***Navin Jatia and others v Ram Niranjana and another and other appeals [2020] SGCA 31.***
- [Second Chair] Represented a successful businessman in criminal proceedings for cheating under section 420 of the Penal Code: ***Leck Kim Koon v Public Prosecutor [2021] SGHC 236.***
- [Second Chair] Represented a Relationship Manager of a Singapore Bank against a negligence claim by a customer with a claim value in excess of SGD 800,000.00.