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Partner



Vinayak read law at the University of Durham and was admitted to the English Bar in 2004. He was called to the Malaysian Bar in 2007. He also holds an LL.M from University College London.

Drawing from his experience both as a counsel in Malaysia and a foreign lawyer in Singapore, Vinayak specialises in dispute resolution and arbitration where he has appeared as counsel or co-counsel in various types of disputes in Malaysia and Singapore.

Some of the key matters handled by Vinayak include:

- Acting for a major national helicopter service in successfully defending an action for alleged negligence arising out of a helicopter crash.
- Acting for a leading domestic bank in an action by the bank and a group of investors against a international accounting and auditing firm arising out of a large-scale fraud by an investment management company in a claim exceeding RM90 million.
- Acting for an international bank in defending proceedings brought with respect to alleged negligence by the bank in organisation allegedly forged cheques.
- Acting in defending a claim brought by a former shareholder against a domestic telecommunications company, and the national telecommunications company and certain of their directors.

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- Acting on behalf of the Ministry of Defence of a Southeast Asian government in the drafting, review, negotiation, and implementation of a contract for the purchase of a sophisticated defence IT system from a American defence contractor as part of the revamping of the government's military force capability. The contract included multiple testing stages, integration with existing military systems, and training and knowledge transfer.

Vinayak also focuses on arbitration where he regularly appears at the AIAC and SIAC. Some of the arbitration matters handled by him are:

- Acting for one of Japan's largest and best-known multinational engineering and electronics companies in an AIAC arbitration arising out of the sale and installation of electrical transformers in Malaysia where he successfully argued at the High Court that a notice of arbitration was valid as the client had complied with a multi-tiered arbitration agreement, in a decision successfully defended on appeal.
- Acting for a Malaysian telecommunications company in an action to set aside an ICC arbitration award in Malaysia. The grounds included public policy, with the adverse party being a German telecommunications company. The award was related to the alleged breach of a contract to procure a purchaser for the German telecommunication company's shares.
- Acting for an international petrochemical company in resisting an application to stay AIAC arbitration proceedings.
- Acting for a major Singapore shipbuilding company in an SIAC arbitration against an international bank.

- Acting in an SIAC arbitration, defending a claim brought for breach of contract to purchase shares, defended on the basis that the claimant did not have title / authority to sell the shares, as the beneficial interest in the shares was held by a third party by way of an unwritten express trust.
- Acting in a high value ICC arbitration hearing seated in Singapore, arising out of a breach of contract relating to a joint Indian / Korean venture to design and build topsides for offshore oil mining platforms in a oilfield off the coast of Iran. The matter involved issues of US sanctions law.
- Acting for an Australian mining company in an SIAC arbitration dispute involving its interest in a prominent Indian mining project.
- Advised on Malaysian law with respect to an application before the Singapore High Court to set aside an interim award from the DIAC on the basis that the tribunal was not constituted in accordance with the parties' agreement. The matter related to a complex arbitration dispute involving proceedings in multiple jurisdictions including Singapore, Dubai, The Cayman Islands, and Switzerland.

Qualification

- LL.B (Hons), University of Durham
- LL.M, University College London

Practice Areas

- Dispute Resolution
- Arbitration

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