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Educational/Professional Memberships

LLB; Fellow, Singapore Institute of Arbitrators; Fellow, Singapore Academy of Law

Current Position

Senior Partner, Rajah & Tann LLP Head International Arbitration, Construction & Projects

Professional Experience

Andre is particularly active in arbitration work, both as counsel and arbitrator, and specialises in a broad range of corporate, commercial and financial dispute work. Often dealing with complex financial instruments and cross-border transactional documents, he was involved in a dispute over a highly complex US\$220 million securitization transaction involving pulp and paper receivables, and had successfully restrained the execution and implementation of a series of collaterised equity leveraged loan securities backed notes in excess of US\$180 million.

Andre has also led some of the largest insolvencies in Singapore and the region, including the Lehman Brothers Group and MF Global Singapore and was responsible for the compulsory liquidation of Daewoo Singapore, with debts in excess of S\$400 million.

In his varied practice, Andre was involved in some of the largest property disputes in Singapore, including the \$500 million en-bloc sale of Horizon Towers, and the \$550 million en-bloc sale of Gillman Heights. He also represented the Commissioner of Estate Duty in a dispute relating to the valuation of one of the largest estates in Singapore.

Apart from Singapore law, he has also dealt with cases involving various foreign law, including Indonesian law, Indian law, Philippines law, Japanese law, Korean law and English law. He has also been regularly cited and recommended for arbitration and other dispute resolution work by various legal publications, including Asia Pacific Legal 500, Chambers and Asia Law Profiles.

Arbitration Experience

With a diverse portfolio of international arbitration cases to his name, Andre has acted in several billion-dollar disputes, including one involving a steel plant, and another, a failed port venture, and other disputes involving a regional vehicle franchise, the development of hospitality resort project, hotel ownership and management, power plants, telecommunication systems, and underwater channels, and has also represented telecommunication giants such as AT&T.

Andre also has a significant construction law practice. Apart from disputes relating to building projects, he has been involved in cases concerning the construction of vessels, oil rigs and a collapsed silo facility.

Publications

"The Arbitration in Asia", The Asia Pacific Arbitration Review 2014 (with Jawad Ahmad).

Malaysia Chapter, The Asia Pacific Arbitration Review 2014 (with Jawad Ahmad and Choi Fuh Mann).

"Discovery and Cross-Examination Challenges in International Arbitrations: A Singapore Perspective", New York Dispute Resolution Lawyer (with Adrian Wong).

Languages

English