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Educational/Professional Memberships

LLB (Hons) 2nd Upper NUS

Advocate and solicitor, Supreme Court of the Republic of Singapore (May 1989)

Solicitor, Supreme Court of England and Wales (September 2001)

1. Member, Complaints Panel of the Singapore Pharmacy Council, 2 year term commencing 6 April 2009.
2. Member, SAL Committee on Legal Education and Studies (CLES), 2009.
3. Chairman, Junior College Law Conference Organising Committee (SAL), 2009.
4. Member, International Promotion of Singapore Law Committee of the Singapore Academy of Law – since 16 August 2007.
5. Appointed to the LSAS Panel of Arbitrators under the Law Society Arbitration Scheme by the Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee of the Law Society for a 3 year term wef 28 May 2007.
6. Admitted as Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, UK (January 2007).
7. Admitted as Fellow of the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators (April 2005).
8. Appointed as Commissioner for Oaths on 1 April 2004 and as a Notary Public on 1 October 2004.
9. Appointed to Law Society Panel of mediators and Arbitrators to mediate / arbitrate on costs disputes between clients and members of the Law Society (29 December 2001 to date).
10. Law Society Counsellor (Jan 2000 to date).
11. Instructor, Advocacy Skills Workshops run by the Law Society of Singapore and also the Advocacy training for the Board of Legal Education (1995 to date).
12. Tutor and lecturer, Practice Law Course of the Board of Legal Education – Civil Procedure, Insolvency & Bankruptcy (1994 to date).

Current Position

Executive Committee Member

Head, Commercial Litigation Practice Group

Professional Experience

Francis has been practicing cross-border commercial litigation and arbitration for about 20 years and has handled a broad range of cases including corporate disputes, banking, property and investment claims. He has handled cases involving securities fraud, insider trading and commercial fraud. He also specialises in aviation law and advised in the class-action suit resulting from the crash of the SilkAir flight in Indonesia in 1997 and the Taiwan SIA crash. Francis has acted in a number of highly publicized reported cases, including *Sumitomo Bank Ltd v Kartika Ratna Thahir* and the East Coast Recreation Centre and American Express Bank litigation. He has been and continues to be involved in a number of cross-border international arbitration involving the aviation, oil production, power generation and toxic wastes industries. He was a statutory member of the Law Society Council until December 2008, having been appointed in 2005 by the Minister of Law. Francis was appointed Senior Counsel in January 2009.

Francis has been recognised as a leading lawyer by *Asia Pacific Legal 500* (2001/2002, 2002/2003, 2003/2004, 2004/2005, 2008/2009) and by *AsiaLaw Profiles* (2007).

Arbitration Experience

Francis has acted as counsel in a number of notable SIAC and ICC arbitrations. These arbitrations have involved (amongst others) the aviation, petro-chemical, power generation, toxic wastes and construction industries. Francis has also acted as an arbitrator in SIAC arbitrations involving the construction and engineering industries.

Publications

A. Articles

1. *'The Rome Convention Dealing with Damages Caused By Foreign Aircraft to Third Parties'* published in Rajah & Tann's Lawlines, (Volume 9, Issue 2), June 2007.
2. *'The Impact of Free Trade Agreements on Labour Mobility'*, published in the Law Gazette, December 2006.
3. *'Workplace Influenza Pandemic – Legal Boundaries and Best Practice'* published in Rajah & Tann's Lawlines, (Volume 8 Issue 1), March 2006.
4. The Singapore perspective – *'Pandemics and the Workplace, A Regional Analysis'*, being part of an Asian-wide publication coordinated by Johnson Stokes and Masters, January 2006.
5. *'Recent Developments In the Garnishment of Retention Monies'* published in Rajah & Tann's Lawlines, (Volume 7 Issue 3), September 2005.
6. *'Drafting of Charges in Disciplinary Proceedings'* published in Rajah & Tann's Lawlines, (Volume 4 Issue 2), May 2002.
7. *'The Domestic and International Arbitration Regimes in Singapore'* published in Rajah & Tann's Lawlines, (Volume 3 Issue 3), September 2001.
8. *'An Overview of Arbitration Internationally and in Singapore'* published in the Singapore Law Gazette, August 2001.
9. *'Arbitration as a Method of Dispute Resolution'* published in Lawlines (Vol 3, Issue 1), December 2000.
10. *'Disciplinary Proceedings in the Medical Profession'* published in the Singapore Law Gazette, May 2000.

B. Books

1. Contributor, Singapore Precedents of Pleadings (Sweet & Maxwell Asia, 2006 Edition).
2. Co-author – Chapter on Business Torts and Business Crimes in the Law of Rights and Obligations of Business in Singapore, Singapore Business Development Series (1996 Edition, Addison –Wesley).
3. Co-Editor, 25th Anniversary Publication on the Historical Development of the Law Society of Singapore, 1995.
4. Specialist Editor – Mallal's Digest of Malaysian and Singapore Case Law (Fourth Edition – 1991) – Volume 5 (Criminal Procedure).

Languages

English - Spoken/Written
Malay - Spoken/Written
Tamil - Spoken Only