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Educational/Professional Memberships

Educational: -

1. LLB (Hons) – (Singapore) (1978)
2. LLM - Southampton (with distinctions in Carriage of Goods by Sea and Admiralty Law) (1985).
3. Postgraduate Certificate in Practical Course in Law (1978)
4. Advocate & Solicitor, Supreme Court of Singapore (17th January 1979)
5. Certificate in Advanced Arbitration Training (18th May 1994)
6. Solicitor of England & Wales (w.e.f. 1st September 2003)
7. Certificate of Appointment as Member of Panel of Arbitrators of the Singapore Bunker Claims Procedure (October 1992 – December 1994)
8. Certificate dated 16th August 1995 of Participation in graduate course conducted at the National University of Singapore on “Law of International Air Transport” in 1995 by Professor Dr. Michael Milde (Director) of McGill University / Institute and Centre for Air and Space Law (3rd-7th, 10-14th and 17-18th July 1995)
9. Certificate of Participation in “Mediation: The Art of Piloting Through Differences” (16-17th September 2002) awarded by the Singapore Mediation Centre

Professional Memberships: -

- (1) About 1990 - 1996
Legislation and Special Assignments Committee (Civil) / Civil Practice Committee of The Law Society of Singapore.
- (2) About 1990 – 1998
Committee Member of the Maritime Law Association of Singapore.
- (3) 1998
Vice President of the Maritime Law Association of Singapore.
- (4) (a) 1999 till 2001
Member of the Maritime Law Association of Singapore.
(b) 2002 till July 2003
Committee member of the Maritime Law Association of Singapore.
(c) August 2003 to 2008; 2019
Member of the Maritime Law Association of Singapore

- (5) Board of Legal Education tutor in Practice Law Course for :-
- (a) drafting of pleadings and opinions (1990 – 1994)
 - (b) admiralty (Since 1990 until to-date)
 - (c) arbitration and security (1990 – 1998; 2002)
- (6) Since 1992 until about 2009
Committee Member of the Management Committee of the Singapore Civil Defence Reservist Association (CDRA) / Civil Defence Association of National Servicemen (CDANS).
- (7) February 1994
Chairman for the afternoon session of 1st day of the Third International Shipping I Conference on Carriage of Goods by Sea & Maritime Liability held in Singapore.
- (8) 1st April 1996 – 31st March 1999
Member of the National Service Resource Panel (Singapore Civil Defence Force).
- (9) 1st October 1998 until 30th September 2002
Captain (NS) in the Singapore Civil Defence Force, then holding appointment of Comp Commander
- (10) 1st October 2002 till to-date
Major (NS) in the reserve pool
- (11) 1996 and 1999
Recipient of the Singapore Civil Defence Force Long Service / Good Conduct Medals
- (12) 2001 till 2009
Co-opted Member of Legal Committee - Singapore Shipping Association (SSA).
- (13) 2003 till 31st May 2005
Co-opted Member of Marine Insurance Sub- Committee – Singapore Shipping Association (SSA).
- (14) Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (UK)
- (15) Fellow of the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators (20th August 1994)
- (16) Law Society
- (a) Member – Admissions Committee (2001 - 2013);
 - (b) Member – Inadequate Professional Services Committee (2000 to about 2005);
 - (c) Member – Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee (2012)
 - (d) Member – International Relations Committee (2002 - 2007);
 - (e) Member – Law Society Arbitration Scheme Panel of Arbitrator (2010 – 2019).
- (17) Member of Main Panel of Arbitrators of Singapore International Arbitration Centre (“SIAC”).
- (18) 1st June 2003 onwards till 31st May 2006
Member of SIAC Maritime Advisory Committee.
- (19) Member of Singapore Maritime Foundation (SMF) working group on Maritime Arbitration (2004).
- (20) Member of Singapore Chamber of Maritime Arbitration (SCMA) panel of arbitrators.
- (21) (a) Council Member of the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators (2005-2006);
- (b) Chairman of the Insurance Sub-committee (2005 - 2006);

- (c) Deputy Chairman of Maritime Sub-committee (2005 – 2006).
- (22) Adjudicator for Financial Industry Disputes Resolution Centre Ltd (“FIDReC”)
- (23) Member of Asia-Pacific Regional Arbitration Grouping (APRAG) Panel of Arbitrators (to-date)
- (24) Arbitrator to the Panel of Arbitrators by the Korean Commercial Arbitration Board under the Arbitration Act of Korea and Article 4 of the Arbitration Rules of the K.C.A.B. (about 2008 to about 2010)
- (25) Member of Asian International Arbitration Centre (w.e.f. September 2018)
- (26) Member of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) Singapore Arbitration Group (14th October 2019)
- (27) Supreme Court, Singapore -
2007 - 2015
Member of the Inquiry Panel pursuant to Section 84(1) of the Legal Professional Act (Chapter 161)

Current Position

Director, Govind Law Corporation

Professional Experience

1. Maritime Law Disputes:
 - (a) Shipbuilding
 - (b) Ship repair
 - (c) Marine engineering/installation/oil & gas power projects
 - (d) Ship-manning
 - (e) Ship mortgage/financing
 - (f) Carriage by sea of goods/passengers, including:
 - (i) exclusion/limitation of liability
 - (ii) charterparty/bill of lading
 - (iii) contract of passage
 - (iv) general average
 - (g) Marine pollution
 - (h) Collisions
 - (i) Salvage
 - (j) Towage
 - (k) Harbour/ancillaries (including stevedoring dispute)
 - (l) Marine insurance/re-insurance (including marine insurance brokerage).
2. International Trade Disputes, including:

- (a) Sale of Goods carried by sea/air/land.
 - (b) Documentary Credits, particularly Letters of Credit.
 - (c) Commodities.
3. Professional Malpractice Disputes (including maritime-law negligence disputes between lawyers and clients).
 4. Aviation Law Disputes (cargo/passenger).
 5. Corporate/Shareholding/Partnership/Investment/Agency/Distributorship Disputes.
 6. Franchise/Licensing Disputes.
 7. Joint Venture Disputes.
 8. Non-Marine Insurance (in particular, indemnity insurance) Disputes.
 9. Employment Law Disputes.
 10. Contract/Tort/Trust Disputes.

Arbitration Experience

As Arbitrator : For Example :

- (a) Sole Arbitrator under the Arbitration Act, (earlier edition).
- (b) Co-arbitrator in International Commercial Arbitration under the International Arbitration Act, Cap. 43A.
- (c) Sole Arbitrator in Domestic Commercial Arbitration under the Arbitration Act, Cap. 10.
- (d) Co-arbitrator in international dispute between Korean company and Singapore company.
- (e) Co-arbitrator in international dispute between 2 Malaysian companies.
- (f) Co-arbitrator in international dispute between 2 Malaysian companies.
- (g) Co-arbitrator in international dispute between 2 Malaysian companies.
- (h) Co-arbitrator in international dispute between foreign cargo interests and foreign shipowner.
- (i) Co-arbitrator in international dispute between Singapore Charterers and Filipino shipowning interests.
- (j) Co-arbitrator in international dispute between Greek shipowner and Singapore Charterer.
- (k) Co-arbitrator in Domestic Arbitration.
- (l) Co-arbitrator in international charterparty dispute.
- (m) Sole Arbitrator in ICC Arbitration.

(2) *Appointments over 2015-2019*

- (n) Sole Arbitrator in International arbitration
- (o) Co-arbitrator in Domestic arbitration
- (p) Sole Arbitrator in Domestic arbitration
- (q) Co-arbitrator in International arbitration
- (r) Sole Arbitrator in Domestic arbitration
- (s) Sole arbitrator in Domestic arbitration

(3) As Mediator/Conciliator : For example:

- (a) Solicitor-Client Dispute 6/03 of the Law Society of Singapore;
- (b) Solicitor-Client Dispute 16/03 of the Law Society of Singapore;
- (c) Solicitor-Client Dispute 26/03 of the Law Society of Singapore;
- (d) Solicitor-Client Dispute 5/04 of the Law Society of Singapore;

(4) As Counsel in arbitration/ mediation / conciliation: For example:

- (a) LMAA; London, UK
- (b) ICC Case No. 10498/ESR in Singapore
- (c) Ad Hoc in Singapore
- (d) Salvage dispute mediation under Singapore Mediation Centre (“SMC”)
- (e) Distributorship/Agency Agreement dispute mediation under SMC
- (f) Employment Law dispute mediation under SMC
- (g) Marine Insurance dispute mediation under SMC
- (h) SIAC Arbitration against allegation of lack of impartiality/independence of appointed arbitrator
- (i) International Arbitration in London: Maritime
- (j) International Arbitration in London: Maritime
- (k) International Arbitration in Singapore: Maritime

Publications

(Related to Arbitration)

- (1) Duties and Powers of Arbitrators; paper delivered on 16th October 1992 for Singapore National Shipping Association’s Seminar for Panel of Accredited Arbitrators for Singapore Bunker Claims Procedure.
- (2) Domestic Law of Singapore Governing the Enforcement of an International Arbitration Award and Summary of the Procedures for Enforcement thereof; paper for Pacific Rim Advisory Council

(PRAC) INTERNATIONAL Arbitration/Mediation Hand book (1993).

- (3) Ship Registration & Financing; Dual Registration And International Arbitration in Singapore; paper delivered during seminars held for firm's clients in Europe, notably at Hamburg, Svendborg, Stockholm, Oslo, Copenhagen and Rotterdam between 14/3/95 – 24/3/95.
- (4) The Award: Paper delivered to Singapore Shipping Association/Singapore International Arbitration Centre Workshop on Introduction to Arbitration in June 2004.
- (5) Examples of Typical areas of Disputes in Carriage of Goods By Sea: Paper delivered to Singapore Shipping Association/Singapore International Arbitration Centre Workshop on Introduction to Arbitration in June 2004.
- (6) Draft rules of Singapore Chamber of Maritime Arbitration ("SCMA") in September/October 2004 / 2009.
- (7) Incorporation of Charterparty into Bill of Lading; Incorporation of International Conventions or Domestic Law into Bill of Lading by Reference; paper delivered at IPBA conference held in Singapore in May 1994.
- (8) Incorporation of Charter Party Terms into Bills of Lading; paper published in Singapore Law Yearbook 1995.
- (9) SI Arb-GAFTA Training Course on 14 and 15 April 2005 at The Hilton, Singapore delivering paper on "Arbitration Law & Legislation".
- (10) SIAC/SCMA – IBIA Annual Convention 2005 in Hong Kong, Kowloon between 20-22 September 2005: delivering "Maritime Arbitration in Singapore Under The SCMA".
- (11) SI Arb Newsletter (Issue No. 3 –October 2005) – Arbitration Law and Legislation in Singapore – Impact on the Grain and Feed Trade Association (GAFTA) Forms and Rules.
- (12) Alternative Dispute Resolution "Success In Singapore" published in Bunkerspot Volume 2 No. 6 December 2005/January 2006 issue.
- (13) SI Arb Newsletter (Issue No. 4 – December 2005) – Maritime Arbitration in Singapore under the Singapore Chamber of Maritime Arbitration.
- (14) Asia Business Forum's Maritime Law Conference "Maritime Arbitration In Singapore under the SCMA" (14th February 2006).
- (15) Asia Pacific Maritime (APM) 2006 and ICHCA International Limited (IIL) Conference/Seminar (24.3.06) "Arbitration of Shipping and Cargo Handling Disputes under the Singapore Chamber of Maritime Arbitration".
- (16) The Institute of Arbitrators & Mediators of Australia ("IAMA") National Conference on Drawing A Line In The Sand: New Approaches In ADR: "Maritime Arbitrations: The Singapore Experience" (26th – 28th May 2006).
- (17) International Congress of Maritime Arbitrators (ICMA XVI) "The Incorporation into Bills of Lading of Arbitration Clauses in Charterparties: A question of language? (26th February 2007 – 2nd March 2007)
- (18) Asia Business Forum's Conference: "Actual And Documentary On-Deck Carriage Of Cargo: Can The Hague-Visby Rules Still be Triggered?" (12 – 13th March 2007);

I have also authored other papers/books.

(a) Papers :

- (i) Co-author of Howell V Coupland: A Reappraisal (1977) Student Law Times.
- (ii) The Insurance of Maritime Fraud: The Law in Singapore; Lloyd's conference paper published by Lloyd's of London Press Ltd's "Leading Developments in International Marine Insurance (1991)".
- (iii) Grant v Norway 20 L J C P 93: The Challenge to Estoppel (Dissertation as part requirement for LLM course in Southampton) (1983 - 1984)
- (iv) The Legal Implications of Oil Spills Relative to the Asia Pacific Region; paper for IBC Technical Services Conference on "Oil Spill Response in Asian Pacific Waters". (30th June 1993 – 2nd July 1993)
- (v) Banking Secrecy Under Section 47 of The Banking Act Cap 19 (1994) Edn; paper delivered during seminar held for bank officers of DBS (about June 1992 & about August 1995) and National Australia Bank (about September 1996).
- (vi) Of Money And Gold: The Quantum of Limitation Per Package or Unit under Article IV Rule 5 of the Hague Rules; paper published in Maritime Law Association of Singapore's "The Singapore Beacon" (October / November / December 1994 issue).
- (vii) Co-author of Summary of The Law in Singapore relating to Collisions at Sea; translated into Mandarin and published as a chapter in the "Law Concerning Ship Collisions" (2nd Edn, 1995) written by Professors Si Yuzhuo and another of Dalian Maritime University, PRC.
- (viii) Ship Registration & Financing in Singapore; paper published in Singapore Law Yearbook 1995.
- (ix) Co-author of Ship Registration and Financing in Singapore; paper published in Shipping Finance Annual (1995 / 1996).
- (x) Ship Registration and Financing in Singapore published by The Honorable Society of the Inner Temple (1995 / 1996).
- (xi) Civil Search Seizure; paper delivered for seminar in Singapore organised by the American Society for Industrial Security (Singapore Chapter) on 20th October 1995.
- (xii) Policy Pays For Loss of Unseaworthy Vessel; paper published in "Asia Cover" (15th November 1995), a fortnightly journal for the Insurance Industry.
- (xiii) Co-author of The Singapore Law on Product Liability; chapter included in "Product Liability in the Asia-Pacific", edited by Jocelyn Kellam of Clayton Utz, Sydney, and published by Legal Books, a division of International Business Communications Pty Ltd (1995).
- (xiv) Tax Advantages of the Singapore Registered Ship; published in Shipping Finance Annual 1996 / 1997.
- (xv) Anton Piller Order; paper delivered at Pacific Rim Advisory Council ("PRAC") Conference held in Singapore between 24th April 1999 – 28 April 1999.
- (xvi) Covenants in Restraint of Trade : A Board Overview; paper delivered during seminars held on Employment Law at Marina Mandarin Hotel on 15 August 2000 and again at Hotel Intercontinental on 16 January 2001, both organized by THC Press Pte Limited.

- (xvii) Legal Issues in Recruiting Foreign Talent : paper delivered during seminar at Orchard Hotel on Managing Foreign Talent : Policy & Strategy for Successful Management on 15 November 2000 organised by the Singapore National Employers Federation.
- (xviii) Covenants in Restraint of Trade : A Board Overview paper published in "Law Gazette" (January 2001 issue).
- (xix) Co-author of Singapore's experience with the Warsaw Convention published in Aviation Law (Vol. 6 No. 3 December 2000), a Newsletter of Committee B (Aviation Law) of the International Bar Association Section on Business Law.
- (xx) Fiscal Benefits of the Singapore Flag; paper published in Shipping Finance Annual (2002/2003).
- (xxi) Fiscal Advantages of the Singapore Flag; paper delivered during Ship Financing Seminar held on 24.4.02 at Hotel Rendezvous, Singapore.
- (xxii) Ship Financing in Singapore ; paper delivered during seminars held for firm's clients in Europe, notably at Bremen, Svendborg, Stockholm, Oslo and Copenhagen between 13.5.02 and 24.5.02.
- (xxiii) Repudiation of the Contract of Employment : Causes & Effects; paper delivered for seminar organised by the Law Society on 25.7.03.
- (xxiv) Co-author of the World Law Group; International Civil Procedure Handbook; the Singapore Chapter (2003)

(b) Books

- (i) Main co-author of Halsbury's Laws of Singapore on Employment Law (1st & 2nd Editions) (Vol. 9).
- (ii) Co-Author of the Singapore Court Practice (2003).
- (iii) Co-Author of the Singapore Court Practice (2005).
- (iv) Co-Author of Halsbury's Law of Singapore on Shipping (2006).(Vol. 17(2)).
- (v) Co-Author of Aircraft Repossession and Enforcement; Practical Aspects (2009) published by of Kluwer Law International and International Bar Association Services.

Languages

English, Tamil, Malay