

PROFILE



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Qualifications

LL.B. (Hons), National University of Singapore (2016)
Advocate & Solicitor of the Supreme Court (2017)

Language

English

JONATHAN YONG

ABOUT JONATHAN

Jonathan has an active practice focusing on commercial litigation and international arbitration.

Jonathan has represented clients in a wide range of complex and high-value matters relating to director / shareholder disputes, complex commercial contracts, infrastructure projects, and against foreign governments. He has considerable experience in dealing with disputes in the banking, energy, infrastructure, telecommunications, and IT industries.

Jonathan has appeared at all levels of the Singapore Court, including the Singapore International Commercial Court, and has also represented clients before the Court of Three Judges. In addition to appearing in Court, Jonathan has also acted for clients in international arbitrations under the SIAC, ICC, PCA and UNCITRAL Rules.

Jonathan graduated from the National University of Singapore where he was a scholar. He represented the university in the William C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot in Hong Kong.

EXPERIENCE

Some of the matters which Jonathan has acted in include:

Contract

- Representing a Korean manufacturer in 2 SIAC arbitrations against its Iranian exclusive distributor for claims worth more than US\$387 million arising out of alleged breaches of distributorship agreements

resulting in loss of market share in Iran, as well as its counterclaims for outstanding receivables and unauthorised use of trademarks.

- Represented an Indonesian national in a SIAC arbitration against an Indian electricity utilities company for claims worth more than US\$282 million arising out of an agreement for the development of 3 coal concessions in Indonesia.
- Represented a Japanese joint venture between 2 of the world's largest electronic equipment manufacturers in a SIAC arbitration against a Netherlands company for breaches of a sale and purchase agreement for the shares in a third company.

Fintech / Blockchain / Cryptocurrency

- Representing 377 purchasers of the TerraUSD cryptocurrency in a representative action suit against Terraform Labs, its founders and Luna Foundation Guard for claims arising out of the TerraUSD crash in 2022.
- Represented a prominent blockchain / cryptocurrency company in a claim against a former employee, including obtaining urgent injunctions prohibiting the disposal of tokens, disclosure of confidential information and securing a contempt conviction for the employee's disposals of tokens on the blockchain.

IT, Technology and Telecommunications

- Acted for a USA-headquartered leading cybersecurity specialist, in relation to its joint venture with one of Asia Pacific's largest pure-play cybersecurity firms, which won the *TMT Deal of the Year in the 2020 Asia Legal Awards*.
- Represented a "Big Tech" firm on dealings with the local regulator, and advised on issues on consumer protection, product recalls, and product liability.
- Advised another "Big Tech" firm on various legal issues relating to consumer electronic products, including requirements on radio/telecom, electrical safety regulations, robotics, e-waste, package, cybersecurity, lasers, and energy efficiency.
- Represented an international communications equipment company in an ICC arbitration against a sovereign Asian government for claims amounting to US\$25 million over a failed satellite communications project.
- Represented an international contractor in a SIAC arbitration worth well over US\$20 million concerning the construction of telecommunications towers all over Myanmar.
- Represented a Myanmar tower company in a dispute with one of the world's largest telecommunications companies regarding the lease, maintenance and upgrading of telecommunications towers all over Myanmar.

Construction

- Represented an international contractor in two UNCITRAL arbitrations against the Government of Maldives for claims amounting to over US\$155 million relating to expropriation of land and delays to a project to construct public housing over 10 islands.

Company and Shareholder Disputes

- Represented a Singapore marine engineering company in a minority oppression action against a majority shareholder of a joint venture company.

- Represented the directors and shareholders of a Singapore-incorporated company in 2 separate Suits against claims of breach of contract and unlawful means conspiracy arising out of the payment of dividends from the company's wholly owned Chinese subsidiary. Successfully struck out both Suits.
- Represented a BVI-incorporated company in proceedings in the Singapore High Court and SIAC arbitration against a Thai-listed company for claims concerning the management of shares under a custodian management agreement.

Investor-State Arbitration

- Representing claimants in various Asian countries, including Singapore, Japan and Hong Kong, in claims under various bilateral investment treaties between these countries and Switzerland arising out of the write-down of US\$17 billion worth of AT1 bonds in 2023.

Litigation

- Representing a Singapore advertising and graphic design firm in a claim against one of the most renowned operators of luxury hotels in the world in a claim for copyright infringement.
- Represented a financial institution in a landmark claim against its former financial services manager in respect of his solicitation of over 200 agents to join a competitor in breach of contract and fiduciary duties.

Shipping

- Represented a UAE-incorporated company in a SIAC arbitration, including emergency arbitration, against a Singapore company in a dispute arising out of a shipment of coal.
Represented a Singapore maritime services company in 4 separate Suits in the Singapore High Court for bunker claims.

APPOINTMENTS/MEMBERSHIPS

- Member, Law Society of Singapore
- Member, Singapore Academy of Law