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**Areas of practice**

- Dispute resolution
- Restructuring and insolvency
- Investigations

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**Qualification/Education**

- Advocate & Solicitor, Singapore, 2014
- Bachelor of Laws (Hons), University of Bristol, 2012

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**Appointments/Memberships**

- Member, The Law Society of Singapore
  - Member, Singapore Academy of Law
  - Member, INSOL International
  - Associate, Insolvency Practitioners Association of Singapore
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Geraint has assisted in various civil and commercial matters, including matters relating to banking law, insolvency and restructuring, and building and construction law.

**Experience**

- Acting for a **multi-national health and electronics technology company** in an arbitration in connection with claims arising out of construction of its flagship building in Singapore.
- Acting for and advising a publicly listed company, **Koon Holdings Limited**, and its subsidiary, **Koon Construction & Transport Co. Pte. Ltd.**, an established company in the Singapore civil engineering sector, in successful applications for a Court-ordered moratorium, as well as in the successful restructuring of both companies by way of a Court-ordered scheme of arrangement. The restructuring was keenly watched by market players.
- Acting for the **judicial managers of Punj Lloyd Pte Ltd and Sembawang Engineers & Constructors** in the high-profile judicial management of these two companies.
- Acting for one of the largest banks in Singapore, **United Overseas Bank ("UOB")** and successfully argued against a debtor's appeal to halt the repossession of a mortgaged property. In its judgment, the Court of Appeal noted that the Court cannot refuse an order for possession when a mortgagee is entitled to such an order under the mortgage, unless there is a reasonable prospect that the mortgagor is able to satisfy its debt to the mortgagee in full – and even then, the Court only has the jurisdiction to grant a short reprieve. This decision is now the leading judgement on the scope of the Court's power to interfere in a mortgage-holder's rights.
- Acting for **UOB** on a proposed scheme of arrangement of a listed interior fit-out company.
- Acting for **a group of private investors** against a global investment bank in relation to the wrongful retrospective repricing of Forex trades.
- Acted for **UOB** against a construction company in judicial management for the wrongful re-routing of monies away from the bank. This case is of significant importance to the banking industry as one of the first cases in Singapore that analysed in detail the test for determining the nature of assignments and, fixed and floating charges over assets. This required an in-depth review of the leading decisions from the House of Lords and Privy Council.
- Acting for a **property developer** in various appeals and cross-appeals against a contractor and project consultants in relation to numerous construction law issues arising out of a multi-million dollar development in Singapore's premier research hub for biomedical sciences.

- Acted for **one of Singapore's largest concrete suppliers** in relation to a dispute arising from the supply of concrete.
- Advising the **developers** of a private hospital in relation to various disputes with the main contractor.
- Represented **SATS Ltd**, a large publically listed company, in a dispute involving Resorts World Sentosa and one of its patrons that was widely followed by both the local and international press. The team successfully litigated SATS's case before the High Court and struck out the counterparty's appeal before the Court of Appeal.
- Acted as an independent legal adviser to the **employee of a major international bank** in relation to worldwide regulatory investigations into rate fixings and trading practices.
- Acted for **a private sector individual** charged for corruption by facilitating one of the largest illegal "U-turn" schemes where Singapore immigration officers received bribes in exchange for extending the social visit passes of foreign performance artists. This case involved novel points of law on the interaction between private sector and public sector corruption.

#### **Publications**

- Contributor to Singapore chapter of *The Legal 500: 4th Edition Restructuring & Insolvency Comparative Guide* published by Legalease Ltd, 2020.
- Contributor to Singapore chapter of *The Legal 500: 3rd Edition Restructuring & Insolvency Comparative Guide* published by Legalease Ltd, 2019.
- Contributor to Singapore chapter of *The Legal 500: 2nd Edition Restructuring & Insolvency Comparative Guide* published by Legalease Ltd, 2018.
- Contributor to the Singapore chapter of *The Asset Tracing and Recovery Review* published by Law Business Research Ltd, 2015-2017.