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#### Areas of practice

- Insurance
- Insurance litigation

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#### Qualification

Advocate & Solicitor, Singapore,  
1991

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#### Education

Bachelor of Laws (Hons), National  
University of Singapore, 1990

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#### Memberships

- Member, The Law Society of Singapore
  - Member, Singapore Academy of Law
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With deep experience in general and commercial litigation, Padman's practice covers a broad range of areas. He has been regularly involved in general litigation of all types including insurance claims, property disputes-based litigation, medical malpractice, sale of goods/provision of services, contractual disputes, shareholder disputes, estates and trust disputes, letters of credit and performance bonds, as well as defamation,

Padman is very experienced in international commercial arbitration and regularly acts as counsel in such dispute, including ad hoc arbitrations and arbitrations under the Singapore International Arbitration Centre, International Chamber of Commerce and UNCITRAL which are seated in Singapore, as well as in court enforcement proceedings of arbitral awards.

He has also acted for and advised various corporations, including Singapore and overseas listed corporations, on their obligations and concerns, in the areas of employment, contract, and statutory duties.

Padman lectures regularly to the insurance and banking industry on estate planning and legacy, as well as anti-money laundering. He has contributed an article on the subject of terminating an employment contract and also contributed chapters to leading practice text Singapore Precedents of Pleadings.

#### Experience

- In **Govintharaju v Ganasen [1994] 2 SLR (R) 226**, a successful application was made in the Court of Appeal for specific performance of a sale and purchase agreement and where the sellers claimed undue hardship.
- Representing **a solicitor** who acted for both parties in a commercial transaction in a case concerning the confidentiality of information held by a solicitor. See: *Foo Ko Hing v Foo Chee Heng [2002] 1 SLR (R) 604*.
- Acting for the **respondent** in a case where the issue was whether an insolvent company who was involved in arbitration could stay a winding up application against it. See: *UOB Bank Ltd v Ng Huat Foundations Pte Ltd [2005] 2 SLR (R) 425*.
- Acting for **a client in a minority oppression case**, the Court of Appeal considered whether an order to "purchase" the minority's shares was frustrated by a nil valuation. See: *Hoban Steven Maurice Dixon v Scanlon Graeme John [2007] 2 SLR (R) 770*.
- Representing and successfully defending **the Church and one of its priests** in the High Court against allegations of molest, false imprisonment and assault. See: *Amutha Valli d/o Krishnan v Titular Superior of the Redemptorist Fathers in Singapore [2009] 2 SLR (R) 1091*.

- In **Ho Cheng Law v Low Yong Sen [2009] 3 SLR (R) 206**, Padman represented the Defendant on the issue of whether there was a general time limit to tax the bills of solicitors.
- In **Yip Kok Seng v Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioners Board [2010] 4 SLR 1990**, Padman acted for the Plaintiff. The issue before the High Court was whether a decision by the TCMP Board to commence an investigation into the conduct of a practitioner should be set aside for lack of jurisdiction.
- Acting for the **defendant** and successfully setting aside a Mareva Injunction asset freezing order in the High Court on the ground that the plaintiff had participated in the underlying conduct and was not of clean hands. See: *PSONS Ltd v UPF Holding [2014] 3 SLR 1*.
- In **Zynergy Solar Projects & Services Pvt Ltd v Phoenix Solar Pte Ltd [2017] SGHC 223**, Padman acted for the Plaintiffs to set aside an arbitral award on grounds of breach of natural justice.
- Acting for the **appellant** and successfully obtained a larger award of damages in the Court of Appeal for the appellant who had his leg amputated and where important questions on the computation of damages arose. See: *Quek Yen Fei Kenneth Yeo Chye Huat [2017] 2 SLR 229*.
- Acting for **The Law Society of Singapore** and successfully resisting an application for judicial review. See: *Zero Mario Geraldo Nalpon v The Law Society of Singapore [2017] SGHC 301 and [2018] SGCA 71*.
- Acting for **The Law Society of Singapore** and successfully resisting an application for disciplinary proceedings against criminal defence lawyers at the High Court, and arguing at a special hearing of 5-member panel of the Court of Appeal on the complex question on whether there was a right of appeal from the High Court. See: *Iskandar bin Rahmat v The Law Society of Singapore [2020] SGHC 40 and [2021] SGCA 1*.
- Acting for **The Law Society of Singapore** against an application for disciplinary proceedings against an estate lawyer. See: *Lee Wei Ling v The Law Society of Singapore [2021] SGHC 87*.
- In **Loh Chiang Tien v Saman Dharmatileke [2020] SGHC 45**, Padman acted for the Plaintiff. Where complex questions arose about the basis of certain debts and investments and whether these were time-barred relationship.
- In **Raffles Education Corporation Ltd v Shantanu Prakash [2020] SGHC 83**, Padman acted for the Defendant on whether a conspiracy case brought in Singapore against overseas entities should be stayed on the ground of forum non conveniens, as well as the proper application of the rule in *Said v Butt*.
- Acting for the **defendant** on whether there was a common understanding that made a commercial startup company into a quasi-partnership and whether there was an abuse of process. See: *Ang Xing Yao v Lew Mun Hung Joseph [2022] SGHC 277*.

- Padman is also regularly appointed by **The Law Society of Singapore** to defend it in matters in the High Court, as well as being a member of the Inquiry Panel of the Law Society, which looks into complaints of misconduct against lawyers.