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MY COMPETITIVE EDGE

I have dual qualifications and professional work experience in the Law and Accountancy disciplines. I graduated with Second Class (Upper Division) Honours in Law from the University of Liverpool and was admitted as an Advocate and Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Singapore in 2006. My current areas of practice are arbitration and litigation, with a focus on contractual, banking, securities and financial disputes. I am experienced in SIAC, LCIA, AAA and ad-hoc administered arbitration, including representing clients in an AAA administered arbitration in New York and an LCIA administered arbitration in London. Prior to reading law, I was practicing as an accountant and auditor for 10 years. I graduated from the University of Western Australia with Double Majors in Accountancy and Finance, and I am a Certified Practising Accountant (CPA Australia). My accountancy practice focussed on audit, forensic and investigatory work. I am effectively bilingual in English and Tamil and conversant in Malay and Mandarin.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE (KEY LEGAL CASES)

Managing Director, RBN Chambers LLC

Arbitration

- I have successfully defended a listed company in India in an arbitration administered by the American Arbitration Association in New York. The dispute involving the supply of steel to a party in America was governed by the Uniform Commercial Code.
- I have represented a foreign cricket board in an ad-hoc administered arbitration in Singapore before a panel of three arbitrators. The dispute involving the breach of a media rights agreement worth US\$25 million was governed by Bangladeshi laws. The arbitration was governed by the UNCITRAL rules.
- I have represented an Australian company in an SIAC administered arbitration involving a dispute over a Joint Venture Agreement with an Indonesian conglomerate for the mining of oil and gas in Indonesia.
- I have represented a company based in the UK in an LCIA administered arbitration involving a dispute over an agreement governed by English laws for the supply of oil and gas.

Litigation

Contract

- I have represented an individual against a Malaysian company in a dispute involving an agreement for the mining and exploration rights of oil and gas in Indonesia.
- I have successfully represented a company in Hong Kong against a German listed company involving an agreement to sell mobile network services in various countries.
- I have successfully represented a property agent against another over an orally agreed contract for the share of commission arising out of a collective sale.
- I have represented five brothers involving the breach of a compromise agreement to distribute ancestral properties.

- I have successfully defended a Singapore company against another involving an agreement to fabricate and install containerised generators.
- I have acted for a Singapore IT Consulting company against an Indian based IT resource provider for breach of a sub-contract agreement

Banking and Securities Dispute

- I have successfully represented an Indonesian businessman against a foreign bank in Singapore for the breach of mandate.
- I have successfully represented a Taiwanese business woman against a foreign bank in Singapore for the unauthorised transaction in Equity Linked Notes resulting in losses amounting to over US\$2 million dollars.
- I have represented a Hong Kong businessman against a foreign bank for the negligent advice surrounding losses suffered by an investment portfolio worth US\$5 million dollar.
- I have represented a foreign bank against a businessman for the breach of a guarantee agreement executed to secure credit facilities well over US\$2 million dollars.

Tort

- I was the co-counsel in a claim involving a couple suing a medical institution in Singapore for a negligently carried out In-Vitro Fertilisation (IVF).
- I have represented a tenderer against a liquidator in a claim involving receipt of secret commissions from the sale of a property by tender.
- I have successfully represented a professional in a claim against an accountant for defamation.
- I have successfully represented insurers of professionals in various matters in claims involving breaches of professional duties.

Employment

- I have successfully represented a English company based in Singapore against its former employee for the alleged wrongful termination of employment and for claims of benefits and privileges worth over S\$1 million dollars.
- I have acted for a leading pest control chemical supplier based in Singapore against their former employee for breach of employment agreement

Construction

- I have successfully defended a Singapore construction company against its sub-contractor in a claim involving poor workmanship.

Corporate and Commercial

- I have acted for a Singapore listed company in the oil and gas sector on their venture with a Japanese conglomerate into the build and sale of solar power energy.
- I have acted for a facility services company in Singapore in the take-over of their business by a French conglomerate.

- Drafted and negotiated transaction documents for clients in the oil and gas industry, pharmaceutical and construction industry:
 - sale and purchase agreements;
 - farm-out agreements;
 - joint venture agreements;
 - product off-take agreements;
 - sale contracts;
 - license agreements;
 - transportation and storage agreements;
 - project agreements;
 - guarantees;
 - security agreements.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE (AUDITING & ACCOUNTING)

J K Medora & Company, Certified Public Accountants, Singapore

Statutory and Compliance Audits

- The statutory audits I have performed were in accordance with International/Singapore Standards on Auditing, International/Singapore Financial Reporting Standards and relevant national standards with a critical emphasis on key procedures, risks and controls.
- The compliance audits I have performed were to ascertain the efficacy of client's internal control structure with a particular emphasis on governance, risk and control.
- My audit examination also incorporated the audit of the secretarial records including the directors', shareholders' and secretaries' registers and the directors' and the shareholders' minutes to verify corporate information of a client.

Forensic Audits

- I have offered practical advice to clients to deal with fraud, misconduct and corruption investigations, tracing funds, assets, companies and individuals, commercial disputes and regulatory compliance.

Other Special Audits

- I have also performed due diligence of companies for clients for acquisition by examining both financial information and non-financial information to determine commercial viability of the entity under review. When examining financial information, financial models (Net Present Value, Internal Rate of Return and the CAPM model) were used to aid in the analysis.

Stamford Press Pte Ltd

Assistant Accountant

- I maintained full set of accounts of the company and partial accounts of its associated companies;
- I assisted the Chief Accountant to determine, using financial analysis (ratio analysis, trend analysis etc), the financial viability of possible business acquisitions; and
- I assisted in re-designing the internal control system of the company.

EDUCATION

Graduate Diploma in Singapore Law	National University of Singapore	2005- 2006
LLB (Hons) (2 nd Uppers)	University of Liverpool	2002- 2005
Bachelor of Commerce (Double Majors in Accountancy and Finance)	University of Western Australia	1996-1998
G.C.E. "A" Level	Tampines Junior College	1989-1991
G.C.E. "O" Level	Bartley Secondary School	1985-1988

AWARD & PRIZE

- Awarded the Company Law Prize at the University of Liverpool for being the top student in Company Law

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP AND ASSOCIATIONS

- Fellow, Singapore Institute of Arbitrators
- Certified Practicing Accountant
- Member of Certified Practicing Accountants Australia
- Member of Singapore Academy of Law

PERSONAL INTERESTS

- Soccer
- Reading
- Golf

PERSONAL DETAILS

Age : 49

Date of Birth : 13. 04. 1972

Nationality : Singaporean