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Profile

Poonam's principal area of practice is commercial dispute resolution with a focus on construction disputes.

She has covered a range of issues in the State Courts, High Court, the Court of Appeal, Arbitration and Adjudication under the SOP Act. Apart from construction disputes, she has also handles MCST, shareholder, contractual, shipping and employment disputes.

She also does general advisory work in relation to employment contractual matters and drafting work.

Poonam is always keen to pass on her knowledge and experience. She has been tutoring students at the National University of Singapore for the Trial Advocacy module for more than four years.

Notable matters

Dispute Resolution Construction

- Acting for the main contractor in its successful appeal against the decision of the Court to set aside an Adjudication Determination: **Lee Wee Lick Terence (alias Li Weili Terence) v Chua Say Eng (formerly trading as Weng Fatt Construction Engineering) and another appeal** [2013] 1 SRL 401
- Successfully resisting an application to set aside an adjudication determination: **Australian Timber Products Pte Ltd v A Pacific Construction & Development Pte Ltd** [2013] 2 SLR 776 (HC)
- Successfully setting aside an adjudication determination on the grounds of breach of natural justice: **Mansource Interior Pte Ltd v Citiwall Safety Glass Pte Ltd** [2014] 3 SLR 264 (HC)
- Successfully setting aside an adjudication determination on grounds of adjudicator's excess of jurisdiction: **Quanta**

Industries Pte Ltd v Strategic Construction Pte Ltd [2015] SGHC 2

- Acting for contractors in over 20 adjudication disputes.
- Acting for subsidiary proprietors in relation to dispute with MCST and other subsidiary proprietors: **Fu Loong Lithographer Pte Ltd and others v Mok Wai Hoe** [2014] 3 SLR 456;
- Acting for the MCST against dispute with subsidiary proprietor: **Automobile Association of Singapore v Management Corporation Strata Title Plan No. 918** [2014] 1 SLR 164
- Acting for subsidiary proprietors in disputes before the Strata Title Board: **STB 78 of 2011, STB 93 of 2012, STB 50 of 2012, STB 98 of 2012**
- Acting for a subsidiary proprietor in relation to disputes with MCST over sums awarded under compulsory acquisition

Dispute Resolution Strata Management

Dispute Resolution Shipping

- Handled matters for Charterers or Owners in disputes arising out of time, trip and voyage charters, bunker contamination claims, collision claim, repair claims etc.
- Also acted for vessel owners in proceedings commenced against bunker suppliers for damages arising from the supply of contaminated bunkers
- Crew Wage Claims. Acted for the crew in Acoaxet Lady and Calypso 1 to recover their wages and emoluments.
- Vessel arrests

Notable Decisions

- Successfully setting aside an action commenced against shareholder for her shares: **JR Marine Systems Pte Ltd v Rankine Bernadette Adeline and another** [2013] SGHC 277.
- Successfully representing shareholder and director against allegations of breach of director's duties: **Chin Siew Seng v Quah Hun Kok Francis** [2010] SGCA 44; **Sespan Agencies Pte Ltd v Chin Siew Seng (Ho Syn Ngan Joanne and another, third parties) and another suit** [2010] SGHC 38

Qualifications

- LL.B. (Honours)
- National University of Singapore, 2006
- Advocate & Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Singapore, 2007

Professional History

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| April 2014 – present | Partner, Eldan Law LLP |
| Jan 2011 – April 2014 | Senior Associate, Eldan Law LLP |
| May 2007- December 2010 | Associate, Oon & Bazul LLP |
| 2006-2007 | Pupil, Oon & Bazul LLP |

Memberships

- Member, Law Society of Singapore
- Member, Singapore Academy of Law
- Committee Member, Civil Practice Committee of the Law Society (2014)
- Committee Member, International Relations Committee of the Law Society (2013)