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Qualifications & Admissions

LL.B. (Hons), National University of Singapore (1996).

Admitted as Advocate and Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Singapore in 1997.

Admitted to the Roll of Solicitors of England & Wales in 2003.

Professional / Academic History

Edmund became the Managing Partner of Braddell Brothers in September 2009.

Prior to joining Braddell Brothers, Edmund was Director and Head of Tan Peng Chin LLC's Litigation & Dispute Resolution Department from 2004 - 2009.

Edmund started his legal career at Drew & Napier LLC in 1996 where he had the privilege of working with some of Singapore's most prominent litigators and Senior Counsel until 2004.

Edmund studied at St Joseph's Institution, Raffles Junior College and the National University of Singapore. While at University, Edmund won the Advocacy Cup in 1994 and was a finalist in the B A Mallal Moots in 1994. He was also an Editorial Board Member of the Singapore Law Review from 1992 to 1996.

Edmund also represented the National University of Singapore in the Australasian Law Students' Association Cross-Examination Competition in 1994, at the Phillip C Jessup International Moot Court Competition in 1995, and at several Asian and International debating meets as a member of the NUS Varsity Debate Team from 1992 - 1996.

Since 1998, Edmund has been tutoring 2nd-year undergraduates in trial advocacy and cross-examination techniques in the Trial Advocacy programme run by the Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore (NUS). He continues to do so today. In 2007 and 2008, he also gave guest lectures on Cross-Examination at the NUS Faculty of Law.

He has also assisted in judging moots for 2nd-year undergraduates at the Singapore Management University (SMU) School of Law.

Edmund is also a tutor in Court Advocacy at the Singapore Board of Legal Education's annual Practical Law Course for law graduates seeking admission to the Singapore Bar.

In 2008, Edmund was appointed a Legal Assessor to the Singapore Medical Council (SMC).

In 2009, Edmund was invited to deliver guest lectures on Medical Negligence at the DUKE-NUS Graduate Medical School.

Edmund currently serves on the Civil Practice, Electronic Litigation and Information Technology Committees of the Law Society of Singapore. Edmund is also a member of the Electronic Litigation System Committee of the Singapore Academy of Law.

Areas of Practice

Edmund is a general litigator and is actively engaged in trial and appellate advocacy at all levels of the Singapore Courts, as well as in domestic and international arbitrations.

He has been instructed by other solicitors as Counsel on several occasions, and has also been privileged to appear against several prominent Senior Counsel in recent years.

Edmund's main areas of practice are Commercial & Company Litigation & Arbitration, Medical Law (including Medical & Dental Malpractice and Negligence, Medical Research and Biotechnology) and Corporate Insolvency & Restructuring.

Professional Highlights

Some of Edmund's most notable clients and cases are listed below, under their corresponding areas of law:-

Commercial & Corporate Litigation & Arbitration, representing :-

- An Indonesian oil company in a complex ICC Arbitration (the claim exceeded US\$100 million and the counterclaim exceeded US\$300 million) against one of Indonesia's most prominent state-owned companies involving a dispute over the latter's refusal to fulfil its obligations under an Enhanced Oil Recovery contract and failure to act in "good faith" in accordance with Article 1338 (3) of the Indonesian Civil Code.
- A Singapore company that owns a substantial interest in a hotel and resort on Sentosa Island in a highly acrimonious shareholders' dispute. This saw the Singapore Court of Appeal making a landmark decision on the concept of "authorised share capital" which has since been repealed, and in connection with this, the proper interpretation of one of the company's articles which was in pari materia with Article 40 of Table A in the Fourth Schedule to the Singapore Companies Act.
- A subsidiary of a prominent multinational insurance company in a landmark appeal before the Singapore Court of Appeal involving (i) the earliest time at which a party might seek a stay of proceedings in favour of arbitration and (ii) the principles to be applied in an application for pre-action discovery and interrogatories in a situation where the parties to that application were already contractually bound to resolve their dispute through arbitration in accordance with the SIAC Rules.
- The former general manager of a construction company who had been wrongfully accused of having converted various personal bearer cheques issued by the company's managing director. In allowing the former general manager's appeal and overturning a finding of liability by the learned trial judge, the Singapore Court of Appeal made important observations as to how a restitutionary claim for "money had and received" in the context of a conversion was premised on the conversion itself first being established. It also observed that unless the managing director could first establish that he still had a right to actual possession of, or an immediate right to possess, the three cheques in question, he could not sue for conversion or "monies had and received".
- The same former general manager (see above) in a successful application before the Singapore High Court to strike out parts of his old company's claim against him on the basis that they were time-barred. The Singapore High Court ruled in the client's favour, making a landmark decision that the 6-year limitation period in respect of conversion would apply equally to a restitutionary claim for "monies had and received" based upon conversion.
- The former shareholders, directors and commissioners of an Indonesian paper company in their dispute with a large Indonesian conglomerate over the ownership and control of the Indonesian company, the divestment of its shares by its Singapore-based parent while under receivership, a debt claim of S\$8.5 million and no less than four concurrent appeals before the Supreme Court of Jakarta. In this case, Edmund appeared against Senior Counsel.

- The former owners of a S\$100 million (approx.) industrial warehousing facility that was sold to a REIT, in a lawsuit brought against them by one of Singapore's largest real estate firms for alleged unpaid commissions. After a trial in the High Court, the Judge handed down an important decision in favour of Edmund's clients on the status of "unwritten" contracts for estate agents' commissions. In this case, Edmund appeared against Senior Counsel.
- Arguably Indonesia's largest ceramic tile manufacturer in its High Court action against one of Singapore's most prominent tile distributors, involving issues of non-payment and alleged defects.
- The Singapore arm of an American multinational in its attempt to recover more than S\$10 million that had been misappropriated by a former finance executive and converted to private properties, unit trusts, luxury cars and insurance policies.
- The President-Director of a prominent Indonesian corporation in a US\$14.2 million tri-jurisdictional dispute involving US currency swaps, guarantees and forum non conveniens. Senior Counsel appeared for Edmund's opponents.
- The transport automation division of a prominent European electronics company in a dispute over a travel information system being developed for Singapore's public transport network.
- In an ICC Arbitration, the Korean purchasers of a power boiler for a major power plant project in Thailand.
- In another ICC Arbitration, German microchip manufacturers in a dispute over the development of sensor microchips for use in the automotive industry.
- In an UNCITRAL Arbitration, the Indonesian owners and operators of a major telecommunications satellite in their US\$5 million claim against a Taiwanese broadcaster.
- A member of a Singapore group of travel and transport companies in its S\$3-million dispute with the owners of a regional cruise line.
- In an ICC Arbitration, a Singapore GLC in a US\$900,000 shareholders' dispute over minimum returns on an investment, jointly guaranteed by two Philippine companies.
- In another ICC Arbitration, a Singapore GLC in a multi-million dollar dispute over the funding and non-completion of a seawater desalination plant project.
- An Australian corporation in obtaining an urgent interlocutory injunction restraining a light aircraft from departing Seletar Airbase after briefly re-fueling in Singapore.
- An Indonesian corporation in obtaining an urgent interlocutory injunction restraining a ship from leaving port in Indonesia.
- A Singapore public-listed company and its subsidiary in a US\$3 million restitutionary claim brought by a foreign bank against its former private banker.
- The former director of a Singapore trading company in a lawsuit by his former employers involving allegations of the mis-use / misappropriation of millions of dollars in company funds.
- A Singapore IT company in a dispute with its former Managing Director and shareholder, involving breaches of fiduciary duties and negligence.

Corporate Insolvency & Restructuring Litigation, representing :-

- The Singapore trading arm of one of South Korea's largest conglomerates against China Aviation Oil (Singapore) Corporation Ltd (CAO), and its directors, in judicial management proceedings and an US\$18 million lawsuit.

- The judicial managers (and then liquidators) of a former leading corporation in the Singapore construction industry whose sudden insolvency left several major government-housing upgrading works unfinished.
- The judicial managers of a Singapore telecommunications and connectivity provider whose insolvency has left its investors and former directors involved in major litigation in the Singapore courts.
- Two former directors of a well-known Singapore duty-free company in proceedings commenced by a liquidator, claiming various breaches of directors' duties and negligence. After the directors resisted the claims against them on technical grounds, and after they filed substantive defences in Court, the liquidator withdrew the lawsuit, paying them legal costs in the process.

Medical and Dental Litigation, representing :-

- A female patient in a medical malpractice lawsuit, who according to press reports, received Singapore's largest settlement for surgical / post-operative negligence by a surgeon and hospital to-date.
- An American patient who sued his urologist and who was awarded Singapore's largest reported award of damages for negligent post-operative medical care to-date.
- In a leading Singapore case on 'causation' in medical negligence, a patient who sued her general practitioner for failing to refer her to a specialist / hospital for emergency treatment.
- The next-of-kin of a man who had bled to death in prominent private hospital after his cardiologist inserted a chest tube that punctured his liver.
- A prominent Singapore hospital by striking-out a non-bona-fide medical negligence claim made by one of its patients, even before the filing of the hospital's defence.
- A prominent Singapore dentist in professional misconduct proceedings before the Disciplinary Committee of the Singapore Dental Council.
- A medical negligence suit brought by a remisier against one of Singapore's most renowned LASIK surgeons.

Other Professional Negligence & Misconduct Litigation, representing :-

- As instructed counsel, an Englishwoman suing her former solicitors and expert accountants for professional negligence in relation to an inquiry conducted by the Singapore High Court which ought to have been conducted on the basis of wilful default by the woman's trustee, but was not. The claim amounted to approx. S\$20 million. In this case, Edmund appeared against Senior Counsel.
- The Law Society of Singapore in disciplinary proceedings brought against a senior Advocate and Solicitor who had made false declarations to the Central Provident Fund board.

Harassment / Nuisance / Defamation / General Tort Litigation, representing :-

- A junior doctor in a Singapore hospital who had been insulted and defamed by his immediate superior – a Consultant - in an email circulated to the junior's Head of Department and the hospital's management.
- A prominent Singapore gynaecologist who was severely harassed by his former clinic nurse.

- The owners of a residential property that had been severely damaged due to piling works at an adjoining construction site, on which a condominium was being built.
- A well-known Singapore model and fashion personality in a defamation suit against her ex-partner and a prominent women's magazine.
- One of Singapore's most prominent options-trading trainers in defamation and conspiracy claims against his competitors and disgruntled former students.
- A multinational travel & holiday group in defamation proceedings involving a prominent Singapore politician.
- A well-known food and beverage manufacturer in a dispute involving factory safety and personal injuries allegedly suffered by a foreign worker.

Family & Matrimonial Litigation, representing :-

- A prominent Singapore ex-remisier in protracted and complex divorce proceedings as well as in a highly acrimonious custody battle for his two children.
- The wife of a prominent Singapore businessman in divorce and custody proceedings. She received one of the largest matrimonial property and lump-sum maintenance awards that the Singapore Courts have made, to-date.
- A United States citizen in obtaining a worldwide Mareva Injunction prohibiting her husband from dissipating matrimonial assets held in various bank accounts in Singapore, Hong Kong and the United States, as well as an injunction against him from removing her three sons from Singapore to India.
- A high-net-worth Singapore businessman in litigation against his estranged wife to recover more than a million dollars placed in her care before their marriage, and to remove caveats that she unlawfully placed on two of his multi-million dollar properties following the breakdown of their marriage.
- A variety of husbands and wives in contested and uncontested divorce, custody, maintenance, and division of matrimonial assets proceedings in the Family Courts, the High Court and the Court of Appeal.

Employment Litigation, representing :-

- The former managing director of the Singapore subsidiary of a multinational solar power component company in an action for damages for the latter's failure to honour an employment guarantee and to pay redundancy benefits.
- A Chinese environmental scientist in a claim against her former institutional employers, who had refused to pay her salary even though they had terminated her employment with notice.
- A multinational headhunting firm, in opposing a claim by its former Managing Director, seeking damages for wrongful / constructive dismissal.
- A Texas-based oil company, in opposing a claim brought by an ex-employee, seeking retrenchment benefits.
- An international law firm, in opposing an "unpaid wages" claim by its former local partner who had been summarily dismissed.
- A variety of employers (both foreign and local) as well as employees in court actions and SIAC Arbitrations involving summary dismissal, retrenchment benefits and unpaid wages.

Construction & Property Litigation, representing :-

- A Hong Kong-based construction company in its multi-million dollar claim against a Singapore statutory body in connection with the Biopolis Project at Buona Vista.
- A variety of contractors and sub-contractors in disputes over quantum meruit, unpaid progress payments, allegedly defective and/or delayed works, often having to deal with Quantity Surveyors and Professional Engineers.
- A District 9 condominium in enforcing its residents' right of way over adjoining property located in the heart of Singapore's shopping district.
- The owners of a private property in a prominent residential district of Singapore, in defending a claim for adverse possession made by their neighbours.
- The Singapore Land Authority in multiple claims against occupiers and licensees of State land.
- Various condominium, building and HUDC Management Corporations in claims for arrears in maintenance charges, damage to common property, incomplete / defective renovation works to the estate, water seepage, obstructions to rights of way etc.
- Various landlords and tenants alike in disputes over arrears in rental charges, forfeited deposits, damage to property, as well as other breaches of tenancy agreements in general.

Publications

Edmund's publications include :-

- Atkin's Court Forms Singapore (Issue 13, 2009) – **Chapter LVII on Clinical Malpractice**.
- **"The Flip Side of the Coin - Resolving Lawsuits By Understanding Your Plaintiff-Patient"**- Chapter 20 in "Medical Malpractice in Singapore" by Dr Tan Siang Yong (2003).
- **"The Singapore Position on Nervous Shock"**, Singapore Law Review (1994), Vol. 15.
- **"Civil Jurisdiction in the Military Courts"**, Singapore Law Review (1993), Vol. 14 (co-written with Cosmas Wong & Eric Lie).
- **"The Non-Commissioned Officer – An Unsung Leader"** – Chief of Defence Force Essay Writing Competition 1991, Commendation Award.

Seminars, Lectures & Talks

Edmund is frequently asked to speak on medical law and negligence, as well as litigation, arbitration and other topics related to dispute resolution.

He has delivered guest lectures at courses run by the Duke-NUS Graduate Medical School, the National University of Singapore Faculty of Law and Faculty of Dentistry, and the Nanyang Polytechnic.

Apart from the above, Edmund's seminars, lectures and talks include the following (**the most recent mentioned first**):-

- **"The Medical Expert Witness : What Every Doctor Should Know"** delivered on 27 August 2009 at the SGH Postgraduate Medical Institute, upon the invitation of SingHealth Academy.

- **“Judicial Management : An alternative recovery strategy”** delivered on 7 May 2009 at “Corporate Insolvency 2009”.
- **“Facing The Legal Battle : Perioperative nurses in medical litigation”** and **“Workshop C : The Role of Nurses in Medical Litigation”** presented at the 3rd Operating Room Nurses Scientific Meeting over 25-26 April 2009.
- **“Medico-legal Cases from the ED – Some horror stories & food for thought”** presented at the Society for Emergency Medicine in Singapore (SEMS) 10th Annual Scientific Meeting on 28 February 2009.
- **“Medical Litigation : When Bad Things Happen To Good People”** presented to Associate Consultants and Consultants undergoing the “Becoming An All Rounded Consultant” course organised by the National Healthcare Group (NHG) College’s Institute of Healthcare Leadership (IHL) on 13 February 2009.
- **“Maintaining Productivity and Maximising Profitability : Fresh attitudes, strategies and technology”** delivered at the Asia Business Forum’s “Asia Pacific Law Firm Management Asia 2008” seminar on 19 November 2008.
- **“Medical Malpractice : Overview, Elements and Emerging Areas of Risk”** delivered at the Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International (Upsilon Theta Chapter) Seminar “Medico-Legal Considerations- What Nurses Should Know” on 4 October 2008.
- **“Managing High-Profile Commercial And Corporate Disputes : From Warning Signs To Discovery To Judgment”** presented to the Singapore Corporate Counsel Association on 17 July 2008.
- **“Medical Litigation”** and **“Help! I can’t testify against my colleagues!”** presented to Associate Consultants and Consultants undergoing the “Becoming An All Rounded Consultant” course organised by the National Healthcare Group (NHG) College’s Institute of Healthcare Leadership (IHL) on 23 May 2008.
- **“Advanced Care Planning : Legal Implications”** presented at the Singapore Cancer Society’s Hospice Awareness Week Public Forum held at Tan Tock Seng Hospital on 20 October 2007.
- **“Nurses giving health advice to patients : The legal implications?”** presented to the Nursing Staff of Thomson Medical Centre on 27 September 2007.
- **“Damage Control : Corporate Counsel’s Role in Containing & Resolving Corporate Disputes”** delivered at the Asia Business Forum’s “Corporate Legal Counsel Asia 2007” conference on 24 September 2007.
- **“Quality Communication : A Vaccine Against The Risk of Medico-Legal Disputes”** presented at the National Healthcare Group’s (NHG) conference on “Enterprise Risk Management in Healthcare” over 2-5 September 2007.
- **“Medical Litigation”** and **“Help! I can’t testify against my colleagues!”** presented to Associate Consultants and Consultants undergoing the “Becoming An All Rounded Consultant” course organised by the National Healthcare Group (NHG) College’s Institute of Healthcare Leadership (IHL) on 30 August 2007.
- **“Common Documents & Their Legal Effect”** presented to the Nursing Staff of Thomson Medical Centre on 25 April 2007.
- **“Medical Malpractice Litigation : Fresh Perspectives, New Law, Increased Exposure to Healthcare Providers?”** presented at the LEXIS-NEXIS Seminar on “Legal and Business issues in Medical Practice” held on 16 April 2007.
- **“Medico-Legal Pitfalls in Implant Dentistry & How To Avoid Them”** presented at the Institute of Dental Education Advancement (IDEA) Implant Symposium on 28 January 2007.

- Panelist speaker on **“Medical Negligence”** for MediaCorp NewsRadio 93.8 LIVE’s “The Living Room” on 24 January 2007.
- **“Walking The Tightrope : Tips, and Pitfalls to Avoid, in Patient Communication”** presented at the Society for Emergency Medicine in Singapore (SEMS) 8th Annual Scientific Meeting on 20 January 2007.
- **“Is Arbitration Always The Right Option For You? : Insights Into Practice & Procedure”** presented at the Asia Business Forum’s seminar on “Negotiating and Drafting Commercial Contracts” on 15 December 2006.
- **“Updates & Legal Challenges In Medical Negligence”** presented at the 32nd Medico-Legal Society Annual Seminar 2006 on 7 October 2006.
- **“Medical Lawsuits - Can We Ever Prevent Them From Happening To Us?”** presented at the National Healthcare Group Annual Scientific Congress on 1 October 2006.
- **“When in Singapore, Litigate!”** delivered at the Asian Legal Business “In-House Legal Summit Singapore & Southeast Asia 2006” conference on 27 July 2006.
- **“Legal Aspects of Suicide”** delivered at the “2nd Asia Pacific Suicide Prevention Conference 2006” organised by the Institute of Mental Health and the International Association for Suicide Prevention (IASP) on 11 March 2006.
- Panel Speaker for the International Arbitration workshop entitled **“Location, Location, Location”** and the Singapore dispute resolution workshop, both at the “Asia Pacific Dispute Resolution Summit” organised by Asia Law and Practice on 29 June 2006.
- **“Emergency Medicine & The Law : Navigating The Minefield”** delivered at the 7th Annual Scientific Meeting of the Society of Emergency Medicine, Singapore on 3 March 2006.
- **“Recent English Cases & Their Impact on Singapore Medical Law”** presented to the Medico-Legal Society, Singapore at their Annual General Meeting on 2 March 2006.
- **“Regulatory Issues and Legal Framework for Stem Cell Research and Therapy”** delivered at the LEXIS-NEXIS Seminar “Exploring the Ethical and Regulatory Web of Stem Cell Research” held on 9 December 2005.
- **“The Lawsuit As An Infection”** delivered at the 6th Annual Scientific Meeting of the Society of Emergency Medicine, Singapore on 5 March 2005.
- Guest speaker for the MediaCorp NewsRadio 93.8 OPINION discussion - **“The Changing Face of Medical Litigation”** on 19 November 2004.
- **“Managing Liability in Clinical Trials”** and **“Indemnity & Insurance in Clinical Trials”** delivered at the LEXIS-NEXIS Seminar “The Institutional Review Board in Clinical Trials” held on 30 September 2004.
- **“The Medical Expert Witness: What Every Doctor Should Know”** delivered at Mount Alvernia Hospital’s “Updates In Medico-Legal Issues” on 31 July 2004.
- **“Minimising Liability Risk in Clinical Research”** delivered at the GxP Week Conference in Singapore on 25 February 2004.
- **“Managing a Professional Negligence Lawsuit”** delivered to the members of the Singapore Dental Association on 11 September 2003.
- **“Informed Consent”** delivered on 7 August 2003 as part of the Singapore Medical Council – Singapore General Hospital Seminar Series on Medical Ethics & Health Law.
- **“Managing a Medical Lawsuit”** delivered at the National University of Singapore’s Grand Round on 13 September 2002.

The hospitals, healthcare organizations, institutions of higher learning and societies that Edmund has been invited to address in recent years, include the following (in alphabetical order):-

- Alexandra Hospital
- Association of Diabetes Educators, Singapore
- Duke-NUS Graduate Medical School
- KK Womens' & Children's Hospital
- Metropolitan YMCA
- Mount Alvernia Hospital
- Nanyang Polytechnic
- National Healthcare Group (NHG)
- National Skin Centre
- National University Hospital
- National University of Singapore, Faculty of Dentistry
- National University of Singapore, Faculty of Law
- Sigma Theta Tau, Honour Society of Nursing (Upsilon Eta Chapter)
- Singapore Dental Association
- Singapore Medical Association
- Singapore General Hospital
- Singapore Society of Radiographers
- Tan Tock Seng Hospital
- Thomson Medical Centre
- University Women's Association (Singapore)

Appointments / Memberships

- Singapore Academy of Law
- Law Society of Singapore
- Law Society of England and Wales
- Medico-Legal Society, Singapore
- ASEAN Law Association
- Inter-Pacific Bar Association

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