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Areas of Practice

- Shareholder disputes
- Company & commercial disputes
- Directors' duties
- Trusts law
- Debt & investment recovery
- Complex matrimonial law disputes
- White collar criminal defence work
- Urgent injunctive relief
- Crisis management & special projects
- Advisory & regulatory compliance work

Nichol, is an experienced litigator, focused on civil, commercial and company disputes.

Since the start of his career, Nichol has been involved in complex and high-profile cases. Recognised as one of [LexisNexis® 40 UNDER 40 2023](#) and described as "sharp and attentive" (Legal 500, 2018 ed), Nichol earns the trust and confidence of his clients and builds strong relationships with them. He is an effective and confident communicator, both in Court and vis-à-vis his clients.

Nichol is regularly briefed to take on urgent and critical work. He approaches problems in a sensible and pragmatic way. The results he delivers have earned him a reputation, amongst his clients and the Bar. He regularly represents listed companies, SMEs, and high-net-worth individuals. His practice is focused on company and shareholder disputes, urgent injunctive relief, crisis litigation, disputes involving trusts law, hostile takeovers and disputes involving listed companies.

Nichol is often briefed by other legal practitioners as instructed counsel or chosen as co-counsel. He is equally comfortable in a role as instructing counsel, and frequently works with foreign counsel in cross-border disputes.

With his interest in corporate governance, Nichol also takes on non-contentious briefs to provide regulatory and compliance advice.

Besides his active litigation practice, Nichol is also experienced in corporate transactional work, having acted as lead transaction counsel in cross-border mergers and acquisitions and RTOs in Singapore and abroad. His experience in transaction work gives him an added edge in his litigation practice.

Notable Experience & Cases

2023 **CONTENTIOUS** Acted for a white knight investor in the resuscitation efforts of a company listed on SGX's Catalist board in a dispute with its shareholders.

CONTENTIOUS Successfully represented USP Group Limited, an SGX-Mainboard listed company, on a question of law on the "membership" of a company, which arose from a EGM requisition under section 176 of the Companies Act seeking to replace the directors on the company's Board of Directors.

2022 **CONTENTIOUS** Represented Three Arrows Capital Limited & Three Arrows Capital Pte Ltd, dealing with the cryptocurrency collapse in 2022, involving sums of more than US\$ 3 billion.

CONTENTIOUS Successfully conducted an Estate's defence in a high-profile trial involving a claim against the Estate by the deceased man's friends, involving assets of more than SG\$ 4.6 million.

TRANSACTIONAL Advised & represented Lincotrade & Associates Pte Ltd, in its successful RTO on SGX.

2021 **CONTENTIOUS** Acted for the deputy of a plaintiff who lost mental capacity, to successfully obtain and maintain a Mareva injunction in support of a claim of approximately SG\$ 9 million of assets, went on to substantially recover most of the assets at trial, which involved expert evidence on medical and mental capacity and forensic handwriting analysis.

2020 **CONTENTIOUS** Successfully represented a group of shareholders to seek relief from Court for an EGM of an SGX-listed company to be convened for the removal of one of its Executive Officers. The case involved multiple applications for injunctive relief and allegations of breaches of the Companies Act and the Catalist Listing Rules.

2019 **TRANSACTIONAL** Acted as lead transaction counsel in the sale and purchase of a group of logistics companies spread over Asia by a company listed on the Thailand Stock Exchange, with a transaction value of HK\$ 110 million.

2018 **CONTENTIOUS** Represented an accused person in one of the largest marine gas oil thefts in Singapore, at the Shell Pulau Bukom refinery, involving a loss valued at more than SG\$ 100 million.

2016 **CONTENTIOUS** Advised & represented a substantial group of bondholders in the SG\$ 225 million Trikonsel bond default saga.

CONTENTIOUS Represented another substantial group of bondholders in the default of SG\$ 200 million worth of SGX-listed bonds issued by Pacific Andes Resources Development Ltd.

2015 **CONTENTIOUS** Represented 2 SGX-listed companies in launching defamation claims against a major publication in Singapore in connection with the penny stock crash.

2014 **CONTENTIOUS** Advised & represented a beneficiary in relation to a dispute involving the interpretation of a Will, with the Estate's valued at more than SG\$ 10 million.

CONTENTIOUS Advised & represented a mega-church in a high-profile criminal investigation leading up to what was then one of the longest trials in Singapore, against its ex-executive members.

CONTENTIOUS Advised & represented the founders of various prominent tech startups, including oBike Asia Pte Ltd & Honestbee Pte Ltd.

Judgments

2024

- (1) Tan Cheng Cheng (Chen Qingqing); (2) Tan San San (Chen Shanshan); (3) Keh Lay Hong (Guo Lihong) (as the administratrices of the estate of Spencer Tuppani, deceased) v (1) Shamlal s/o Tuppani Bisaysar; and (2) Tham Poh Kwai (SGHC 181)
- Public Prosecutor v Tan Sen Yang (SGHC 201)
- Public Prosecutor v Leu Xing-Long (SGDC 137)

2023

- Quek Peng Hock Henry (suing by his deputy and litigation representative, Quek Lee Tiam) v Chia Swee Hun (SGHC 162)
- Tanoto Sau Ian & USP Group Limited v USP Group Limited & (1) Hinterland Energy Pte Ltd; (2) Harmonic Brothers Pte Ltd; (3) Hia Yi Heng; (4) Lim Shi Wei (SGHC 106)
- Er Kok Yong & Anor v Tan Cheng Cheng (as co-administratrix of the estate of Spencer Tuppani, deceased) & 2 Ors (SGHC 38)
- Gazelle Ventures Pte Ltd v (1) Lim Yong Sim; (2) GuGong Pte Ltd; (3) No Signboard Holdings Ltd (SGHC 328)

2022

- Shinhan Investment Corp v Yap Shi Wen & Ors (SGHC 63)

- Darco Water Technologies Ltd v Thye Kim Meng (SGHC 49)
 - Lau Yaw Ben v Lau Wee Hion & Anor (SGHC 130)
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2021

- PT Karya Indo Batam v Wang Zhenwen & Ors 5 (SLR 1381)
 - Mirae Asset Daewoo Co, Ltd v Sng Zhiwei Joel (SGHC 166)
 - Public Prosecutor v Tan Kok Meng 4 (SLR 507)
 - Public Prosecutor v Lim Kah Huat (SGMC 92)
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2019

- VAA v VAB (SGFC 92)
 - Jocelyn Rita d/o Lawrence Stanley v Tan Gark Chong (SGHC 125)
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2018

- AYP Pte Ltd v AYQ (SCAdjR 158)
 - AYZ v AZA Pte Ltd (SCAdjR 304)
 - Hiap Seng Press (Pte) Ltd v The MCST Plan No. 246 (SGSTB 5)
 - Tang Ying & Ors v Chen Mingliang & Ors (SGHC 226)
 - The Working Capitol (Robinson) Pte Ltd (in liq) v Capitol Concepts Pte Ltd (SGHC 214)
 - Tarkus Interiors Pte Ltd v The Working Capitol (Robinson) Pte Ltd (SGHC 105)
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2017

- Public Prosecutor v Lee Yong Zhi (SGDC 82)
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2015

- City Harvest Church v AMAC Capital Partners and another (SGHC 299)
- Lim Yew Ming v Aik Chuan Construction Pte Ltd and others 3 (SLR 931)

Appointments & Memberships



Director, also
Chairman of Nominating & Remuneration Committee, also
Member of Audit Committee
Asia Network International Co. Ltd



Legal advisor
Board of Nam Sieng Dragon & Lion
Dance Activity Centre



Member
Thai Institute of Directors



Member
Singapore Academy of Law



Member
Law Society of Singapore