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Areas of Practice

- Company & commercial disputes
- Employment law
- Contentious probate & complex estate claims
- Criminal defence work
- Complex matrimonial disputes
- Defamation claims
- Construction claims & disputes
- Insolvency law
- Advisory & regulatory compliance work

Nicholas regularly appears in Court on a wide variety of civil and commercial cases.

Nicholas has a broad practice covering a wide spectrum of legal issues. He regularly accepts instructions on commercial, construction, employment, insolvency, and property disputes. He is valued for his commercially minded approach and his ability to distil complex disputes into clear, workable strategies.

Nicholas has also taken on complex matrimonial proceedings, defamation matters, and applications under the Protection from Harassment Act 2014. He approaches sensitive and high-stakes matters with discretion, sound judgment, and careful attention to client objectives.

Nicholas is frequently engaged for courtroom advocacy, with extensive experience years ahead of his call as lead counsel in trials and arguing contested hearings. He is adept at both oral and written advocacy. He consistently delivers incisive arguments in Court. His advocacy is marked by thorough preparation, measured delivery, and a persuasive command of the issues before the Court.

Nicholas is also briefed to render opinions to MNCs, SMEs and listed companies. He dispenses pragmatic and incisive advice that fully addresses our clients' legal and commercial needs.

Notable Experience & Cases

2026

CONTENTIOUS Successfully acted as lead counsel in a trial concerning enforcement of an unusual guarantee clause. The matter turned on novel issues of contractual construction and the commercial intent underpinning the security arrangement.

2025

CONTENTIOUS Acted as lead counsel in a complex commercial trial canvassing issues of contract, unjust enrichment, and guarantee liability. The dispute involved substantial correspondence and questions of contractual interpretation.

CONTENTIOUS Acted as lead counsel in a defamation trial involving the MCST of a prominent commercial development in Singapore. The case engaged reputational, governance, and publication issues of significance to stakeholders.

CONTENTIOUS Successfully resisted an application to dismiss, terminate and/or set aside third party proceedings within ongoing commercial litigation. The matter required detailed procedural strategy and careful navigation of multi-party liability issues.

2023

SINGAPORE

Building & Construction

CONTENTIOUS Advised a South Korean construction company in respect of potential claims amounting to approximately SG\$ 15 million on remeasurement sub-contracts related to the construction of Xilin station and tunnels for the MRT Downtown Line 3 Extension.

CONTENTIOUS Acted for the claimant in SOP/AA 109/2023 in respect of a failure to serve a payment response under a sub-contract for the provision of plumbing and sanitary fittings and installation works for the Rezi 24 condominium.

Land & Property

CONTENTIOUS Acted for the claimant in HC/OC 366/2022, in respect of claims in negligence, nuisance, and the rule in *Rylands v Fletcher* for damage to his property (a Good Class Bungalow) as a result of excavation and piling works undertaken on an adjacent property.

2022

ENGLAND & WALES

CONTENTIOUS Worked together with Jeremy Cousins KC, English solicitors, and Jersey Advocates in three appeals to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council (the "**JCPC**") by the Indonesian trustees of a Jersey trust with assets spanning several jurisdictions. The decision by the JCPC was subsequently reported as *Tan Chi Fang and others v His Majesty's Attorney General (Jersey) and other appeals* [2023] UKPC 21.

AUSTRALIA

CONTENTIOUS Worked together with Australian solicitors on a complex claim involving mortgagee duties over mining tenements in the Supreme Court of Queensland.

SINGAPORE

Civil procedure

CONTENTIOUS Acted for a law firm in HC/BC 106/2022 for the taxation of two of its invoices issued to its former client.

CONTENTIOUS Acted for a law firm in AD/CA 62/2022 in resisting an appeal against the decision of Justice Choo Han Teck in *Loganathan Ravishankar v ACIES Law Corp* [2022] SGHC 135.

CONTENTIOUS Acted for the beneficiaries of an estate with US\$ 200 million in assets in HCF/BC 6/2021, which was for the taxation of the costs and remuneration of the estate's former administrators.

Insolvency & Restructuring

CONTENTIOUS Acted for a law firm in resisting HC/OSB 18/2022, an application to set aside a statutory demand issued against its former client.

2021

ENGLAND & WALES

CONTENTIOUS Worked together with Rupert D'Cruz KC in advising on a potential arbitration related to the LNG Canada project.

SINGAPORE

Civil procedure

CONTENTIOUS Acted for a private aircraft company in resisting two concurrent applications in HC/SUM 4390/2020 and HC/SUM 4401/2020 (and the subsequent appeals in HC/RA 299/2020 and HC/RA 306/2020) to strike out portions of its Statement of Claim.

Insolvency & Restructuring

CONTENTIOUS Acted for a liquidator in HC/BC 126/2021, which was the taxation of its costs and remuneration at the conclusion of the winding-up process.

CONTENTIOUS Acted for a liquidator in C/SUM 3110/2021, an application to obtain the High Court's approval of the assignment of a potential claim by the company in liquidation to another entity in order to raise funds for the winding-up process.

CONTENTIOUS Assisted a liquidator in the winding-up of Singaporean companies with Australian assets carried in their books at over US\$ 200 million.

Land & Property

CONTENTIOUS Acted for the administrators of an estate with US\$200 million in assets in HC/OS 1040/2021 to obtaining leave under Section 35(2) of the Conveyancing and Law of Property Act 1886 to sell an asset of the estate valued at SG\$ 4,060,000.00.

2020 SINGAPORE

Arbitration

CONTENTIOUS Represented a Hong Kong coal trader in international arbitration proceedings under the auspices of the Singapore International Arbitration Centre, and successfully arguing for less costs to be ordered against the client at the conclusion of the proceedings.

Civil procedure

CONTENTIOUS Acted for the appellant in HC/OS 764/2020, in which he sought an extension of time to file his appeal in the High Court.

Employment

CONTENTIOUS Acted for a senior employee in resisting a claim by his former employer, a leading local fitness brand, against him for alleged breaches of his employment contract and implied duties of fidelity, confidence and trust.

Judgments

- 2025**
- Purwadi v MBF Northern Securities Sdn Bhd (SGHC(A) 25)
 - Ronald Setiawan v Hun Ming Kwang (SGDC 320)
 - Koh Chong Chiah v MCST 4111 (SGDC 146)

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- 2024**
- Tan Cheng Chen and Ors v Shamlal s/o Tuppani Bisaysar and Another (SGDC 181)

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- 2022**
- Loganathan Ravishankar v ACIES Law Corp (SGHC 135)

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- 2021**
- VJZ and another v VKB and others (5 SLR 1196)
 - VKC v VJZ and another (2 SLR 753)

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- 2020**
- Hunger Busters Pte Ltd v Jonathan Cheok Wei Zheng (SGDC 129)

2019

- Cheng Tim Jin v Alvarmar Capital Pte Ltd (SGHC 220)

Appointments & Memberships



Singapore Academy of Law

Member



Law Society of Singapore

Member



Lincoln's Inn

Member