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KEY AREAS OF PRACTICE

- Marine, Trade & Energy
- International Arbitration
- Corporate Commercial & Civil Litigation
- Private Client Disputes & Advisory

EXPERIENCE

Andrew graduated from the National University of Singapore with an LLB (Hons) degree in 2008 and was admitted to the Singapore Bar in 2009. Prior to joining Peter Doraisamy LLC in January 2017, Andrew started his practice career in one of Singapore's leading firms before joining the Singapore office of a US-based international law firm.

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In October 2017, Andrew was featured as one of “*Asia’s brightest young legal minds under 40 years of age making waves*” by the Asian Legal Business publication.

Andrew’s practice is focused in the areas of maritime, offshore oil and gas, energy and international trade disputes. In particular, Andrew's experience extends to charterparty disputes, marine insurance disputes, shipbuilding and/or repair disputes, ship collisions and ship arrests, and disputes involving bills of lading and documentary letters of credit. Andrew had the opportunity to act as counsel in one of the first offshore cases to be heard by the Singapore International Commercial Court. Andrew has also acted as counsel in SIAC, UNCITRAL, LMAA and SCMA arbitration proceedings.

As a former national rugby player for Singapore, Andrew now sits on the judiciary panel for the Singapore Rugby Union.

Andrew also currently heads the firm’s Private Client Practice Group and has Corporate Commercial & Civil Litigation expertise.

AREAS OF PRACTICE AND EXPERIENCE

MARINE, TRADE & ENERGY

- Acted for a subsidiary of a Singapore Stock Exchange listed company, involved in a dispute with a US-based company over three separate offshore oil and gas projects off the coast of Australia involving cross-claims amounting to over USD 40 million. This dispute was brought before the newly established Singapore International Commercial Court (SICC) and was one of the first three cases to be heard by the SICC. The case was fixed for a three-week trial before the Honourable Justice Sir Bernard Eder (an SICC International judge and former judge of the High Court of England and Wales). In deciding a preliminary issue, the Court provided guidance as to when a dispute under the auspices of the SICC would constitute an “offshore case” under the Singapore Rules of Court. This was of particular importance as it shed light on when parties could appoint legal counsel with no expertise in Singapore law. The Court deemed this dispute to be an offshore case and this paved the way for the US-based company to appoint United States counsel, thereby being the first SICC case in Singapore involving foreign counsel. At the conclusion of the trial, our clients obtained judgment for its full claim of USD 27 million. The case received significant media attention in the Singapore local newspapers, The Straits Times.
- Acted as counsel for the subsidiary of a company listed on the Singapore Stock Exchange involved in arbitration proceedings under the London Maritime Arbitrators Association Rules regarding a dispute over the sale of a self-elevating jacked-up barge vessel which serves as a platform for gas turbines used to generate electricity in Indonesia. Allegations of contractual breach arising from the seller’s failure to meet dry-docking requirements as well as conspiracy and collusion between the seller and third party Indonesian vessel agents were raised in the dispute.

- Acted as counsel for a Chinese shipbuilding and ship repair company in the arrest of a bulk container vessel registered in Panama. The admiralty and arrest proceedings involved claims from numerous intervening parties including the cargo owners, bunker suppliers, mortgagee bank and crew and concluded with the judicial sale of the vessel. Also obtained judgment in a sister ship claim against the same owners.
- Acted as counsel for a Singapore shipping company in the business of providing bunker supplies involved in the arrest of a vessel registered in Indonesia to secure a claim in an admiralty action against the Indonesian vessel's owners.
- Acted for a Mexican oil and gas company which commenced arbitration proceedings under the UNICTRAL Rules against a Singapore rig-building company over a dispute involving the construction of a semi-submersible oil drilling rig for a claim of approximately US\$35 million.
- Acted for a North American oil and gas company involved in an arbitration dispute with a Malaysian petroleum company involving the claims in respect of the performance of the exploration and drilling of oil and gas in Vietnam for a claim of approximately US\$50 million.
- Acted as counsel for a Singapore company listed in the SGX mainboard dealing with the ownership and chartering of offshore vessels and rigs against a Mexican credit company involving a dispute over standby letters of credit amounting to approximately US\$9 million issued pursuant to a charterparty agreement. As part of the proceedings, obtained an interlocutory injunction against the Mexican company preventing it from calling for payment under the letters of credit.

- Acted as counsel in arbitration proceedings for a global conglomerate company involved in the trading of mineral and steel products in an international trade dispute with a Chinese trading and manufacturing company with a claim of approximately US\$3 million.
- Acted as counsel for an American stainless steel and commodities trading company in an arbitration dispute with a Singapore commodities trading company involving allegations of breach of contract, conspiracy and fraud.
- Acted as counsel for a company based in the Marshall Islands to enforce a London Maritime Arbitrators Association award against an Indonesian-based company. As part of the proceedings, obtained a worldwide Mareva Injunction preventing the dissipation of assets within and outside the jurisdiction of Singapore.
- Acted as Singapore counsel for the owners of a Hong Kong registered bulk carrier vessel involved in a three-way collision with a Marshall Islands bulk carrier vessel and a vehicle carrier from Singapore.
- Acted as Singapore counsel on behalf of a Hong Kong cargo and freight forwarding company commencing admiralty actions for indemnity claims against master carriers in respect of loss cargo arising from the sinking of a Bahamian container vessel.
- Acted as counsel for a Singapore company involved in a dispute against a Timor Leste insurance company under the Marine Insurance Act relating to insurance claims for losses of over USD 1.2 million arising from acts of piracy in the waters off the coast of Tanjung Berakit, Indonesia.

RECENT REPORTED JUDGMENTS

- *Teras Cargo Offshore Pte Ltd v Teras Cargo Transport (America) [2017] SGHC(I) 04*
- *Teras Offshore Pte Ltd v Teras Cargo Transport (America) LLC [2016] SGHC (I) 02*
- *TCZ v TDA, TBA and TDC [2015] SGFC 63*
- *TDA v TCZ, TDB and TDC [2016] 3 SLR 329*
- *Chung Khin Chun K (by her deputy Mok Chiu Ling Hedy) v Yang Yin and others [2015] 5 SLR 467 (reversed on appeal)*
- *Ezion Holdings Ltd v Credit Suisse AG [2017] SGHC 137*
- *Ewe Pang Kooi v Public Prosecutor [2015] SGHC 24*
- *S Pacific Resources Ltd v Tomolugen Holdings Ltd [2016] 3 SLR 1049*

MEMBERSHIPS IN PROFESSIONAL BODIES

- Member, Law Society of Singapore
- Member, Singapore Academy of Law
- Judicial Officer, Singapore Rugby Union

PUBLICATIONS / EDITORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Andrew's publications include: -

- Contributing Editor to the Singapore Civil Procedure (Special Volume) 2014
- Author of the Singapore chapter of International Comparative Legal Guide on Shipping Law 2014

- Contributing Author of *The SICC Handbook: A Guide to the Rules and Procedure of the Singapore International Commercial Court - A Review of the Road Map to Navigating Order 110 of the Rules of Court*