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PRACTICE AREAS
General & Civil Litigation
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Profile Summary

Tanya was called to the Malaysian Bar in 2008 and joined the firm as an Associate in the same year. She was admitted as a Partner in January 2016.

Tanya's main area of practice is in general and civil litigation where she handles a myriad of litigation matters including commercial disputes pertaining to cross-border transactions, estate and dependency claims, winding up and insolvency litigation apart from assisting clients on general advisory work. She is also actively involved in the handling of labour and industrial disputes, shipping and aviation litigation as well as medical malpractice litigation. Tanya's broad range of experience is a blend of both commercial and civil practices, allowing her to provide clients with holistic advice on matters from the pre-litigious to the litigious stage. She regularly appears in all levels of the Malaysian court, including the Court of Appeal and the Federal Court.

Between 2014 and 2015, Tanya was in a team of lawyers who defended a Malaysian company involved in the design, fabrication and installation of industrial machinery in a commercial dispute initiated by two established ink manufacturers in the Middle East. The High Court was called upon to consider novel points of law relating to CIF contracts which the Malaysian courts have not in the past had the opportunity to consider. The Middle Eastern companies lost their appeals to the Court of Appeal against the High Court decision and were refused leave to appeal to the Federal Court.

In more recent times, Tanya successfully represented a litigant in bringing a high-profile negligence suit against the Royal Selangor Flying Club, one of Malaysia's premier flying clubs. The case attracted significant media coverage in light of the recent spate of accidents which have befallen the aviation sector.

Tanya's keen interest in medical malpractice also saw her successfully defend a private hospital in Kuala Lumpur from a multi-million dollar suit. She also advises patients on their rights.

Tanya is a member of the Medico-Legal Society of Malaysia and the Secretary of the Malaysian Maritime Law Association.

List of Notable Published Cases Handled

2016

Zaharen bin Haji Zakaria v Redmax Sdn Bhd and other appeals [2016] 5 MLJ 91, Court of Appeal

2016

Nowran Begam Mohamed Saliff v Nantha Kumar Devar Sangaran & Anor [2016] 7 CLJ 760, High Court

2015

Network Pet Products (M) Sdn. Bhd. v Royal Canin SAS & Anor [2015] 4 MLJ 525, Court of Appeal

2011

Terengganu Forest Products Sdn. Bhd. v Cosco Container Lines Co. Ltd. & Anor
[2011] 1 MLJ 25, Federal Court

2010

Lombard Commodities Limited v Alami Vegetable Oil Products Sdn. Bhd. [2010] 2
MLJ 23, Federal Court

2009

Trengganu Forest Products Sdn. Bhd. v Cosco Container Lines Co. Ltd. & Anor
[2009] 7 MLJ 281, High Court

Professional Memberships

- Member of the Malaysian Bar
- Member of the Medico-Legal Society of Malaysia
- Secretary of the Malaysian Maritime Law Association

Firm's Overview

Shook Lin & Bok is an award-winning full service firm and one of most well-established in Malaysia, offering a comprehensive range of legal services spanning the globe. Such services range from civil and commercial practice, banking and finance, international arbitration, litigation disputes and intellectual property.

Ranked in 2017 as a Top Tier firm by famed research houses *Legal500* and *Chambers & Partners*, the firm's dispute resolution practice has continuously thrived with the combined strengths of the General & Civil Litigation Department, Banking & Finance Litigation Department and International & Domestic Arbitration Department as its key practice contributors. The integral aspect of the services provided for this practice is to advise clients on overall litigation strategy especially in complex disputes and also to participate, lead and advise clients in any settlement negotiations. The litigation team has been involved in many high profile civil cases with a well-established niche in the shipping and aviation practice complemented by a strong domestic and international arbitration practice.

Over the years, the litigation team has acted for clients across industries, including governmental bodies, corporate organisations and private individuals. More notably, the team acted on behalf of The United States Department of Justice in the case of *The United States of America v Shearn Delamore & Co and Drew & Napier & Ors* [2007] 8 MLJ 654 in a complex contract dispute involving multimillion dollar admiralty suits.