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## ABOUT SUANG

*“He has a first-class legal mind, is detailed, industrious, responsive, professional and has a very good ‘bedside’ manner in handling his clients through difficult situations.” – [Asialaw Profiles 2022](#)*

Suang Wijaya’s record as lead counsel includes securing an arbitral award in the quantum of USD 3 million and [successfully contesting](#) the winding up of an iconic Indian vegetarian business on account of the winding up application being an abuse of process.

Suang is of Indonesian origin and is a Raffles Institution alumnus. He is proficient in Mandarin and Bahasa Indonesia. Suang advises on contentious matters including shareholder and corporate disputes, fraud and asset recovery, property disputes and employment matters. Suang is regularly instructed on matters with a Chinese or Indonesian connection.

In 2014, Suang graduated with First Class Honours from the National University of Singapore. Drawn to the firm’s commitment to access to justice and the upholding of fundamental liberties, he joined Eugene Thuraisingam LLP. In 2018, after three years in practice, Suang became a Partner of the firm.

In 2023, asialaw [awarded](#) Suang the recognition of “*Client Choice Awards – Singapore lawyer of the year*”.

In 2024, Suang was appointed Managing Partner of Eugene Thuraisingam LLP.

Suang believes in giving back to society. He has been empanelled by the Supreme Court of Singapore as Lead Counsel in the Legal Assistance Scheme for Capital Offences. He is also Honorary Secretary of the Medico-legal Society of Singapore and Council Member for the Singapore Institute Council.

### **Suang’s representative matters include:-**

- [United States of America v Wang Yun He](#): As lead counsel, leading a multi-jurisdictional disputes team comprising United States, Thailand and Singapore counsel in connection with a Chinese national undergoing extradition proceedings in Singapore and indicted by the US Department of Justice for alleged wire fraud offences giving rise to alleged gains of more than USD 200 million.
- [Public Prosecutor v Zhang Ruijin](#): Acting for one of 10 accused persons with Chinese origin, who have been arrested in connection with alleged money-laundering involving up to SGD 2.8 billion in assets. Approximately SGD 100 million of Zhang Ruijin’s assets have been seized.

- **International arbitration:** As lead counsel, secured an award in the amount of USD 3 million on behalf of a renewable energies company after an expedited arbitration involving the breach of share purchase and loan agreements.
- [\*Djony Gunawan v Christina Lesmana\* \[2024\] SGHC\(A\) 14](#), [\*UFN v UFM\* \[2019\] SGCA 54](#) and [\*UFM v UFN\* \[2017\] SGHCF 22](#): After a long litigation battle as lead counsel lasting 8 years, successfully secured a ruling that our Indonesian client is beneficial joint owner of a property valued at approximately SGD 3.34 million and an order for partition and sale of the property.
- [\*Adcrop Pte Ltd v Gokul Vegetarian Restaurant and Café Pte Ltd\* \[2023\] SGHC 152](#): On behalf of a shareholder, as lead counsel successfully resisting the attempted winding up of company on the novel basis that the winding up application was part of a conspiracy to wrest control of an iconic Indian vegetarian business. Advising the client in connection with corporate governance and minority oppression disputes with the other director and 50% shareholder.
- [\*HC/MA 9002/2020/01\*](#): As lead counsel, acted for a Filipino domestic helper, Portela Vilma Jimenez (“**Portela**”), as a lead counsel at trial and on appeal. Portela had been convicted by the District Court of 10 theft charges and sentenced to 12 months’ imprisonment. On appeal, the High Court Judge accepted our legal argument that there was a reasonable doubt raised on the charges against Portela. The High Court Judge therefore acquitted her on all 10 charges.
- **HC/S 697/2018**: As lead counsel, acting for a sports goods company in a claim against a former director for an alleged complex fraudulent scheme resulting in the misappropriation of approximately SGD 3.5 million from the company. The case also raises an interesting legal issue as to whether the company is bound by a matrimonial settlement agreement between the defendant and another director of the company.
- **HC/S 685/2020**: As lead counsel, litigated and ultimately negotiated a favourable settlement in our Chinese client’s claim against a Singapore law corporation, where it was alleged that arising from a conveyancing solicitors’ negligence, the client suffered damages amounting to the entire purchase price of a property.
- **Confidential clients**: Acting as Singapore counsel for confidential clients in connection with asset forfeiture proceedings and other legal matters involving more than USD 200 million in assets.
- **Confidential clients**: Acting for Taiwanese clients in connection with a succession dispute before the Family Division of the High Court involving USD 30 million in assets in Singapore.
- ***Tan Seng Kee v Attorney-General* [2022] SGCA 16**: Acted for one of the three appellants who challenged the constitutionality of Section 377A of the Singapore Penal Code, which [criminalised](#) intimate conduct between consenting adults males.
- ***Ilechukwu Uchechukwu Chukwudi v Public Prosecutor* [2020] SGCA 90**: Acted for an accused who had been convicted by the Court of Appeal of drug trafficking. The Court of Appeal, by a 4:1 majority set aside its previous conviction and acquitted the accused. This is the first time in [Singapore’s](#) legal history that a court has exercised its inherent power to review and set aside its own decision convicting an accused person.
- ***Ramesh s/o Krishnan v AXA Life Insurance Singapore Pte Ltd* [2016] SGCA 47**: Acted for a former financial services director (“FSD”) in a successful appeal to the Court of Appeal.

The Court of Appeal agreed with us that the defendant, a financial institution, had been negligent in the preparation of a reference check for the FSD, and this caused a prospective employer to decide not to proceed with hiring the FSD.

**Suang's Professional Engagements include:-**

- Honorary Secretary at the Medico-Legal Association of Singapore
- Council Member at the Singapore Insurance Institute

**Suang's Recognitions:-**

- Recognised as "Singapore lawyer of the year (client choice awards)", *asialaw Leading Lawyers* 2024
- Recognised as a "Rising Star" for dispute resolution in Singapore, *asialaw Leading Lawyers* 2024
- Recognised as a "Preeminent" lawyer for criminal defence in Singapore, *Doyle's Guide* 2023
- Recognised as a "Recommended" lawyer for white collar crime & regulatory investigations in Singapore, *Doyle's Guide* 2023