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### Sharon is a partner in the litigation and arbitration team and leads the Professional Liability practice group in Withers Khattarwong.

In more than a decade of litigation practice, Sharon has been involved in many high profile matters and has successfully represented clients in the State Courts and the High Court of Singapore.

The focus of Sharon's work is on both the contentious and non-contentious aspects of insurance where she advises and acts for the major insurance companies in Singapore in various classes of insurance, with a special focus on professional indemnity insurance. She acts as defence counsel for various Real Estate professionals in disciplinary proceedings by the Council for Estate Agencies (CEA) before the Disciplinary Committee and Appeals Board. She is also appointed by Singapore Medical Council (SMC) in professional disciplinary matters against doctors.

Sharon's portfolio also includes a significant amount of commercial litigation and arbitration cases, such as mining disputes, breaches of fiduciary duties, minority oppression, trademark infringement and tort of conspiracy claims. Sharon has delivered numerous seminars/ webinars and she has contributed to several chapters in the Singapore Atkin's Court Forms (Personal Injury, Third Party proceedings, Discovery, Payment into and out of Court and Discontinuance).

Sharon is an accredited Mediator with the Singapore International Mediation Institute (SIMI), an accredited Mediation Advocate with International Mediation Institute (IMI) and a Fellow of the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators (SIArb).

Sharon is recognised as a leading individual in Singapore in the 2020 (inaugural), 2021, 2022 and 2023 editions of Who's Who Legal: Professional Negligence.

Sharon is also recognised as a key lawyer in the Dispute Resolution team at Withers Khattarwong LLP by The Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2021 and 2022 Guides and is a known figure “in the insurance sector, specializing in professional indemnity”.

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## Track record

### Misrepresentation claim by GCB buyer

Lam Wing Yee Jane v Realstar Premier Group Pte Ltd [2023] SGHC 344: Successfully defended Realstar in a misrepresentation claim by GCB buyer. [Read the reported decision [here](#) and report on The Business Times [here](#) and on The Straits Times [here](#)]

### Misrepresentations in purchase of property

Successfully defended Huttons and salesperson in a claim by Chinese businessman for misrepresentations in purchase of property [Read the [reported decision here](#) as [reported on The Business Times here](#); and previous reports on The Business Times [here](#) and [here](#)]

### Professional misconduct

Successfully prosecuted a doctor for professional misconduct on behalf of the Singapore Medical Council - [Read the [reported decision here](#) and [report on ChannelNewsAsia here](#)]

### Singapore Medical Council

Representing and advising Singapore Medical Council in professional disciplinary matters against doctors.

### Disciplinary proceedings and civil matters

Representing and advising real estate professionals in disciplinary proceedings and civil matters.

### Workplace injury claim

Represented a prominent hotel in a workplace injury claim by its former employee.

### Personal injury claim

Represented a prominent hotel in a personal injury claim by a visitor to its premises.

## Worldwide logistics company

Successfully resolved a claim for damaged/ loss goods amounting to more than SGD 3.5 million for a worldwide logistics company.

## Penal code offence

Successfully represented two real estate professionals whose licenses were revoked as a result of a Penal Code offence in a disciplinary proceeding before the Appeals Board and reduced the disbarment periods.

## Personal injury claim

*Smith Jay Mitchell v Abdul Rahim and Resort World At Sentosa Pte Ltd (RWS)* (Suit No. 742 of 2014): Acted for RWS and its driver in their defence against a personal injury claim by the Plaintiff, an Australian tourist. This case is notable in that the Plaintiff made an unusual claim for loss of opportunity to be a commercial pilot based on 6 hours of flying and quantified his claim for loss of future earnings at \$6.7 million. After 5 days of trial, the Plaintiff caved in and eventually accepted a sum of \$720,000. Link: [\\$](#)

## Plaintiff damages

*Toh Wai Sie and another v Ranjendran s/o Selamuthu* [2012] SGHC 33: Appointed as counsel in a case where the quantum of the Plaintiff's damages was reduced by almost half of the original award given by the Registrar on appeal.

## Oppression claim

*Spectramed v Lek Puay Puay & Ors and another Suit* [2011] SGHC 43: Acted for a minority shareholder who successfully brought an oppression claim against the majority shareholder under section 216 of the Companies Act and the court ordered a buy-out of the minority shareholder's shares. This case is notable in that the minority shareholder was a managing director of the company.

## Jurisdiction decision

*Ng Chan Teng v Keppel Singmarine Dockyard Pte Ltd* [2007] 4 SLR 633; [2007] SGHC 148; [2008] SGCA 12: Assisted in a Court of Appeal landmark decision on the jurisdiction of the Subordinate Courts (now known as the State Courts).

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## External publications

Business Times article on the Singapore Convention on Mediation. Link: [\\$](#)

Author, 'Personal Injury, Road Traffic/Fatal Accidents', chapter, *Atkin's Court Forms Singapore*, LexisNexis - 2018 (re-issue)

Co-author, 'To mediate or not to mediate? Viewpoint from an insurer law practitioner', *Singapore Mediation Centre's newsletter* - 4 October 2016

Assisted Ms. Deborah Barker, S.C in updating the chapters in A Guide to Termination of Employment in Singapore, 2nd edition, LexisNexis, 2008

## Admissions

Singapore, 2007

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## Education

National University of Singapore, LL.B (Hons), 2002 to 2006

Psychology and Mediation Course, Regent's University London, 2017

International Entry Course, Singapore Institute of Arbitrators, 2018

Fellowship Assessment Course, Singapore Institute of Arbitrators, 2018

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## Languages

English

Mandarin

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## Memberships

Member, Professional Indemnity Committee of the Law Society of Singapore

Associate Mediator, the Law Society of Singapore Mediation Scheme

Regent's University London Accredited Mediator

Singapore International Mediation Institute (SIMI) Accredited Mediator

International Mediation Institute (IMI) Accredited Mediation Advocate

Fellow, Singapore Institute of Arbitrators

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## Key dates

Year joined: 2007

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