

# VANATHI ELIORA RAY

## Director

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### **Qualifications & Admissions**

LL.B (Hons), National University of Singapore.  
Advocate and Solicitor, Supreme Court of Singapore.



INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION | SINGAPORE LITIGATION



## CURRICULUM VITAE

### **AREAS OF EXPERTISE**

Vanathi has acted in a broad spectrum of international arbitration and commercial litigation cases, covering diverse areas such as oil and gas, infrastructure, commodities, and hospitality. Vanathi has acted for multinational corporations, public-listed companies and high-net worth individuals.

Vanathi's main areas of practice are:

- International arbitration
- Corporate & commercial litigation
- Shareholder and joint venture disputes
- Commodities disputes

After graduating from the National University of Singapore Vanathi practised for 6 years in Drew & Napier LLC, where she worked directly with eminent Senior Counsel.

Vanathi has a keen interest in trial advocacy. She has been teaching advocacy skills to students since 2013, and currently serves on the Advocacy sub-committee of the Law Society. Vanathi's desire to serve the community led her to move to Kolkata, India in 2016 for 1 year to volunteer as a Legal Fellow with International Justice Mission, working to protect vulnerable persons from human trafficking and prosecute perpetrators.

## **REPRESENTATIVE CASE EXPERIENCE**

### **International Arbitration**

- Successfully represented an Australian company in an SIAC arbitration against a government for breach of an infrastructure-building contract for an immigration system worth over USD 100 million
- Acted for one of the largest Bruneian marine offshore support companies in the oil and gas industry in a SIAC arbitration against an American-based global investment management in relation to two joint venture agreements valued at approximately USD 120 million
- Acted for one of India's largest manufacturer of industrial chemicals and fertilisers in a multi-party LCIA arbitration arising from the sale of shares in one of the largest producer of phosphate fertilizer products in sub-Saharan Africa for USD 50 million
- Acted for the director and shareholder of one of the largest Bruneian marine offshore support company in the oil and gas industry in a multi-party SIAC arbitration, in respect of a shares dispute brought by a former director and shareholder of the company with claim value pleaded at approximately USD 13.8 million
- Acted for an Indian stevedoring firm in a an SIAC arbitration commenced by a Singapore-based international commodity trading house for a claim in excess of USD 1.6 million arising from the sale and purchase of a cargo of coal
- Successfully represented a Mauritius asset management and equities investment company, in an application before the Singapore International Commercial Court to resist the setting aside of a multi-party SIAC arbitration award for approximately USD 24.5 million. See *Gokul Patnaik v Nine Rivers Capital Limited* [2020] SGHC(I) 23

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### **Corporate & Commercial Litigation**

- Acted for Singapore public-listed company, Sembcorp Marine Ltd, against a joint venture partner in a seminal case on the interpretation and implication of terms in a contract. See *Sembcorp Marine Ltd v PPL Holdings Ltd & Anor* [2013] 4 SLR 143
- Acted for the directors and shareholders, at both the parent and subsidiary company levels, in multiple lawsuits for minority shareholder oppression, breaches of fiduciary duties and claims for shares, arising from the acquisition of an SGD 200 million hotel in Sentosa island, Singapore
- Acted for a creditor of a manufacturer and trader of fertilisers and mineral ores in relation to a third-party litigation funding arrangement in one of the first cases of its kind in the Singapore High Court. See *Solvadis Commodity Chemicals Gmbh v Affert Resources Pte Ltd* [2018] SGHC 210
- Acted for a private individual in the High Court of Singapore in respect of a dispute arising from an investment project in an Indonesian coal mine valued at SGD 4.5 million, and successfully negotiated a favourable settlement via private mediation
- Successfully represented a casino in Southeast Asia in procuring the release of funds seized during investigations by the police against a third party