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### Brief Bio – Mr Darrell Low

Mr Darrell Low is a Partner at Bih Li & Lee LLP.

He graduated from NUS Law in 2005, and was admitted as an Advocate and Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Singapore in 2006. Subsequently, he was also admitted as a Solicitor of England & Wales.

Darrell's diverse practice of disputes-related work includes arbitration, administrative law, banking, bankruptcy, commercial disputes, corporate disputes (involving director-shareholder matters), criminal matters (including criminal revisions and criminal motions filed in the High Court), contentious estate matters, insolvency and restructuring, intellectual property disputes (copyrights, patents, and trademarks), mental capacity matters, and trusts.

Darrell has acted as lead counsel and been involved in trials, appeals, and applications at all levels of the Singapore Courts. He also has experience in dealing with complex multi-jurisdictional arbitrations that involve clients from various countries that include Japan, Korea, India, Philippines, USA, and China.

He is a Contributing Editor to *Singapore Civil Procedure* (Sweet & Maxwell) for the 2017 to 2020 editions. He is also a member of the Law Society's Inquiry Panel in relation to disciplinary and professional conduct matters, and has also acted as prosecuting counsel for the Law Society in relation to proceedings before the Disciplinary Tribunal. Further, he has also been appointed as counsel for the Law Society for applications under Section 96 of the Legal Profession Act.

Darrell is the Co Vice-Chairperson of the Law Society's Advocacy Committee and a Senior Trainer of the Part B Advocacy module. Darrell has also been involved in advocacy training in foreign jurisdictions that include Australia, Brunei, Hong Kong, Malaysia, and South Africa.

He has been an adjunct tutor for the Trial Advocacy module at NUS since academic year 2008/2009. Previously, he was also a former adjunct tutor of the International Commercial Arbitration module at NUS for academic years 2007/2008 and 2008/2009.

Prior to joining Bih Li & Lee LLP, Darrell was an Associate Director at Drew & Napier LLC before heading the Dispute Resolution Department at M/s Yusarn Audrey.

### *Cases of Interest*

- Acted for and defended one of the redemptorist priests against a claim for personal injury, psychiatric injury, and economic loss arising out of an alleged exorcism. The case, commonly referred to as the "*Novena Church Exorcism Trial*", was the first such case before the Singapore Courts.
- Acted for the appellant and substantially reduced a five-year jail term to two days. This was a unique case of delayed prosecution where the charges were brought only after some 6 to 10 years after the offences were committed.
- Acted for the Housing Development Board (the statutory board responsible for public housing in Singapore) in resisting a claim for patent infringement and seeking for the patent in issue to be revoked before the High Court.
- Acted for a Japanese multi-national corporation in relation to a case for fraud and misappropriation of monies before the Singapore High Court where both an *Anton Piller order* (search order) and *Mareva Injunction* (asset freezing order) were granted against the Defendants.
- Acted for the youngest son in a heavily contested matter involving mental capacity issues of his 92 year old mother where the Singapore High Court proceeded to declare that she was mentally incapable to make decisions and struck out both the will and lasting power of attorney she had executed earlier.
- Acted for a NASDAQ-listed US software company in an ICC Arbitration against a Thai manufacturing/ supply company for claims in excess of US\$13 million in a dispute over the supply of software services. The arbitration was governed by Thai law.
- Acted for a Japanese engineering company in an ICC Arbitration against a Taiwanese manufacturing company in a dispute over the supply of goods and services valued at US\$20 million. The arbitration was governed by Japanese law.

Outside of the law, Darrell is an avid marathon runner who embraces long distance races. He also he enjoys baking breads of all kinds and experimenting with new recipes from time to time.