



Counsel | Advocate & Solicitor (Singapore)

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KEY PRACTICES

Corporate & Commercial

Financial Services

Funds, Private Equity &
Emerging Technologies

Regulatory & Compliance

Employment & Industrial
Relations

Dinesh is Counsel in PDLegal's Singapore office. His practice focuses on corporate and commercial advisory, where he advises businesses on a broad range of transactional, regulatory and commercial matters.

He regularly assists clients with mergers and acquisitions, commercial agreements, employment contracts, shareholders' agreements and Payment Services Act licensing matters. His experience also extends to data privacy, venture capital transactions and cross-border corporate matters, advising businesses at various stages of growth on their legal and commercial objectives.

QUALIFICATIONS

University of Leeds, United Kingdom, LL.B. (Second Class (Upper) Honours) (2015)

University of Hannover, Germany, LL.M. in IT and IP law (2016) (Magna Cum Laude)

University of Oslo, Norway, LL.M. in ICT Law (2016) (Magna Cum Laude)

Known for his practical and business-oriented approach, Dinesh works closely with clients to deliver commercially effective solutions while helping them navigate complex legal and regulatory landscapes.

Dinesh graduated from the University of Leeds with an LL.B. in 2015. He also holds a dual-degree from the University of Hannover and the University of Oslo specialising in Intellectual Property Law and Information Technology Law, graduating in 2016. He was admitted as an Advocate and Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Singapore in 2018.

WORK HIGHLIGHTS

MEMBERSHIPS

Member, Law Society of Singapore

Member, Singapore Academy of Law

Member, Project Law Help Committee, Law Society of Singapore

Member, Diversity and Inclusion, Law Society of Singapore

PAYMENT SERVICES / DATA PRIVACY

- Served as lead counsel for numerous applications for licenses under the Payment Services Act, including successfully obtaining Major Payment Institution Licenses ("MPIL") for clients and variations to the MPIL to accommodate new activities. This included providing and understanding the nuances in the concerns raised by the Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS).
- Advised a prominent payment services industry client on a wide range of matters, including continued review of AML/CFT policies to align seamlessly with the latest MAS Notices, as well as conducting reviews of merchant agreements, service agreements and internal business continuity planning procedures.

Member, Foreign Bar Liaison
Committee (India Chapter)

PROFESSIONAL ACCOLADES

Recipient of the Top Volunteer
Award at the Pro Bono
Singapore Awards Night 2026

- Advised clients on the drafting of comprehensive anti-money laundering policies and ensuring clients' continued compliance with regulatory requirements with the MAS Notices.
- Advised various clients on data privacy matters, including drafting and reviewing privacy notices tailored to their specific business operations and regulatory requirements.
- Advised a food and beverage client on the launch of its customer ordering application, including drafting and reviewing the terms and conditions, user acceptance agreements and other related commercial contracts.

MERGERS & ACQUISITIONS

- Represented a French company with a subsidiary in Singapore, in a significant share swap agreement valued at over €11 million. Reviewed the share swap agreement, overseeing the review of shareholder and board resolutions, and ensuring strict compliance with Singaporean legal requirements, including a tax exemption for the transaction.
- Advised a Singapore company on its acquisition of another Singapore entity in a transaction valued at more than S\$16 million, including drafting the sale and purchase agreement and letter of indemnity.
- Advised an international coffee chain on its expansion strategy in Singapore, including the establishment of coffee kiosks in local supermarkets.
- Advised a Singapore-based sports retailer with an international presence on its expansion into India, including cross-border transactional and regulatory matters relating to its market entry.
- Advised a prominent human resource management software company on its potential sale of shares to a foreign company.

EMPLOYMENT LAW

- Advised a sustainability-focused start-up on its employment documentation, including customised employment agreements, an employee handbook and offer letters, ensuring compliance with applicable regulatory requirements and alignment with industry practice.
- Advised a tech startup through the development of its employment agreements and employee handbook, maintaining uniformity with templates from their foreign counterparts while ensuring compliance with Singaporean legal requirements.

FUNDS, SINGLE FAMILY OFFICES & VCCs

- Advised various family offices on exemption letters to the Monetary Authority of Singapore.

- Assisted in the drafting of relevant documents for the operation of a Single-Family Office including:
 - Constitution for family funds;
 - Constitution for the investment management company; and
 - Investment Management and Administration Agreement (“IMAA”)
- Advised clients on the re-domiciliation of foreign entities to Singapore under the Variable Capital Company Pilot Programme.
- Assisted clients with the regulatory requirements for establishing variable capital companies in Singapore.
- Drafted investment management and advisory agreements and private placement memoranda.
- Prepared a trust deed and letter of wishes for a family seeking to manage shares that were purchased in a Singapore company.
- Assisted a retainer with the amendment of trust deeds and other various agreements such as a collaboration agreement, referral agreement and other documents.