

## Criminal Law Advocacy Workshop

# Voir Dire: Hurdling Threats, Inducements and Promises

### Workshop Details

Date: Thursday, 7 October 2021

Time: 6.00pm - 8.30pm

Mode: Zoom Meeting Platform

### Overview

An area of evidence that is often understated and even misapplied, this workshop aims to demystify the nature of voir dire.

When is a challenge to be made on a threat? When does an inducement overlap with a promise? This workshop clarifies these issues for the benefit of practitioners and helps lawyers acquire practical skills in conducting voir dire.

There will be a few parts to the workshop -

- a) Theory
- b) Role-playing and
- c) Fireside Chat.

 Webinar	LIFTED by 	<b>2.5 PUBLIC CPD POINTS</b>
	Legal Practitioner  Technical Lawyering In-House Counsel  Others Legal Support  Others	Practice Area: Crime Training Level: General



## Programme

5.45PM	Participants log in
6.00PM	Welcome Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Mr Shashi Nathan, <i>Partner, Withers KhattarWong LLP</i></li></ul>
6.15PM	Lecture by <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Ms Tania Chin, <i>Partner, Withers Khattarwong LLP</i></li><li>Mr John Lu, <i>Deputy Public Prosecutor/ Deputy Senior State Counsel, Attorney-General's Chambers</i></li><li>Ms Diana Ngiam, <i>Associate Director, Quahe Woo &amp; Palmer LLC</i></li><li>Mr Tham LiJing, <i>Duxton Hill Chambers</i></li></ul>
7.00PM	Role-Playing (with Facilitators)
7.50PM	Fireside Chat <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Mr Ramesh Tiwary, <i>Sole Proprietor, Ramesh Tiwary</i></li></ul>
8.15PM	Q & A
8.30PM	End of workshop

## Registration

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SAL Members	SGD 53.50 (please log in to SAL account to enjoy the discounted rate)
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## Opening Remarks



**Mr Shashi Nathan**  
**Partner, Withers KhattarWong LLP**

Shashi is a partner heading the criminal litigation practice in Withers KhattarWong. He is a leading practitioner in the Singapore Criminal Bar where he often conducts high profile cases in both the trial and appellate courts. His cases involve offences of murder, drug trafficking, and kidnapping. Shashi is listed as a lead counsel under the Supreme Court's list of Assigned Counsel for Capital Cases and he has defended numerous clients charged for capital offences. He is one of the most sought after Defence lawyers in Singapore.

His white collar work includes advising and defending institutions as well as individual clients on Singapore's regulatory and compliance framework. Shashi is, in particular, familiar with the Securities and Futures Act and the Prevention of Corruption Act. He regularly advises clients on areas including fraud, corruption, insider trading, market manipulation, tax fraud, as well as a wide spectrum of legislation dealing with corporate malfeasance.

Shashi is cited in Who's Who Legal as one of Singapore's leading business crime lawyers, most recently in Who's Who Legal: Business Crime Defence 2020. He has been consistently nominated by in-house counsel and industry peers as one of the world's leading White Collar Crime practitioners in the Expert Guides since 2016. In 2020, Shashi was listed by Benchmark Litigation Asia Pacific as a 'Litigation Star' for White Collar Crime.

Shashi is actively involved with the work of the Singapore Academy of Law, where he is regularly invited as a panelist and speaker for legal conferences. He is presently the chairperson of the Criminal Justice Chapter of the Professional Affairs Committee. Shashi is also the immediate past chair of the Criminal Practice Committee of the Law Society. He also occasionally guest lectures at the Faculties of Law of both the National University of Singapore and the Singapore Management University.

Shashi is presently the Regional Division Leader for Dispute Resolution (Asia Pacific). In this role, he manages the Dispute Resolution practice and works with other partners and lawyers in developing this area for the firm.

## Fireside Chat Host



**Mr Ramesh Tiwary**  
**Sole Proprietor, Ramesh Tiwary**

Ramesh is the sole proprietor of Ramesh Tiwary, which commenced operations in 2006.

Ramesh is an experienced criminal law practitioner and is currently a member of the Criminal Practice Committee of The Law Society of Singapore as well as an advocacy trainer with The Law Society of Singapore. He is also an active CLAS Volunteer and a Lead Counsel on the Supreme Court's Legal Assistance Scheme for Capital Offences (LASCO) panel.

## Speaker/ Facilitators



**Ms Tania Chin**  
**Partner, Withers KhattarWong LLP**

Tania Chin is a Partner in the Criminal Litigation team at Withers KhattarWong.

Tania was called to the Bar in 2009 and her areas of expertise include both blue and white collar criminal cases and Investigations. Tania's white collar practice includes advising clients on Singapore's regulatory and compliance framework. She also regularly advises clients on areas including insider trading, market manipulation, tax fraud, and corruption offences. Tania is also listed as a Lead Counsel under the Supreme Court's list of Assigned Counsel for Capital Cases and she has defended numerous clients charged for capital offences such as murder and drug trafficking.

Tania was instrumental in setting up and running the Investigations arm of the firm's practice. She has been involved in several in-house investigations for corporate and individual clients in relation to fraud, cheating, criminal breach of trust, breach of fiduciary duties, and other misconduct including alleged sexual misconduct by employees.

Most recently, Tania was recognised as one of 'Singapore's 21 most influential lawyers under 40' in 2020 by the Singapore Business Review. She has also been recognised for her expertise in white collar crime in the 2021 edition of The Legal 500: Asia Pacific. Tania was the only Singaporean lawyer to be ranked and recognised as a 'Future Star' in the practice area of White Collar Crime by Benchmark Litigation Asia Pacific 2020, the only publication in the market focused exclusively on litigation work.



**Mr John Lu**  
**Deputy Public Prosecutor/Deputy Senior State Counsel,**  
**Attorney-General's Chambers**

John received his Bachelor of Laws from the National University of Singapore in 2006 and his Masters of Law from the London School of Economics and Political Science in 2013.

John is a Deputy Public Prosecutor/Deputy Senior State Counsel with the Attorney-General's Chambers, and presently serves as a Director within the Drugs and Organised Crimes Cluster of the Crime Division. John has conducted prosecutions for a wide variety of criminal offences in both the State Court and the Supreme Court.

John was an adjunct professor with the Singapore Management University in 2015 and 2016, where he co-taught a course on criminal procedure. He has been a Teaching Fellow with Singapore Institute of Legal Education since 2011, where he teaches criminal procedure for the Part B course.

## Speaker/ Facilitators



**Ms Diana Ngiam**  
**Associate Director, Quahe Woo & Palmer LLC**

Diana's practice is primarily in criminal defence litigation. She handles and assists in matters ranging from road traffic offences, to capital cases, as well as blue-collar and white-collar offences.

Diana was admitted to the Singapore Bar in July 2012 and pupiled under Mr. Subhas Anandan, whose values and approach to criminal defence work continue to guide Diana in her practice. Diana believes strongly in the need for fair representation as every accused person should be given the chance to have their voices heard.

Outside of work, Diana is the Secretary of the Association of Criminal Lawyers of Singapore ("ACLS"). Further, Diana volunteers at the Meet-The People-Sessions and legal clinics in Chong Pang. Diana is also a volunteer lawyer with the Criminal Legal Aid Scheme, an initiative by the Law Society of Singapore. Diana is also on the panel of assisting counsel under the Supreme Court's Legal Assistance Scheme for Capital Offences.

Diana also plays a significant role in the Preparatory Course leading to Part B of the Singapore Bar Examinations. Apart from being a lecturer and tutor in Criminal Procedure, Diana was in the course coordinating team for 3 years. Diana is also a tutor for the advocacy workshop.



**Mr Tham LiJing**  
**Duxton Hill Chambers**

Lijing runs his own practice in Chinatown out of Duxton Hill Chambers.

Lijing has appeared and/or advised in a number of leading cases. More interesting ones include: *L Capital Jones Ltd v Maniach Pte Ltd* [2017] 1 SLR 312 (on an important point of appellate procedure; also held that for the purposes of section 6 of the International Arbitration Act, a step taken by the subsidiary could be attributed to the parent company); *Public Prosecutor v Lee Sze Yong* [2017] 3 SLR 533 (acted pro bono for the accused in a kidnapping case); *Public Prosecutor v Ng Sae Kiat* [2015] 5 SLR 167 (part of a Law Society amicus team submitting on market misconduct under section 201(b) of the Securities and Futures Act); *Law Society of Singapore v Kurubalan s/o Manickam Rengaraju* [2013] 4 SLR 91 (acted for solicitor in breach of the rule against champerty).

He has published widely in the Law Gazette across a range of topics from restitution to administrative and criminal law. Some of his articles have been referred to in judgments: *BOI v BOJ* [2018] 2 SLR 1156 (Court of Appeal), *Public Prosecutor v Suresh s/o Krishnan* [2020] SGDC 141; *Public Prosecutor v Adaikalaraj a/l Iruthayam* [2017] SGDC 308.

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