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Villie Nethi and W.S. Saw both spent the better part of their legal careers being trained at Messrs Ranjit Singh & Yeoh where they honed their skills while working on a diverse range of high-profile and high-value commercial, civil and public interest litigation.

Villie Nethi and W.S. Saw routinely appear at the High Court and appellate courts, both as lead counsel and co-counsel. When necessary, Messrs Nethi & Saw also has access to various sought-after senior counsel from reputable law firms in Kuala Lumpur.

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Villie holds a Bachelors' degree in English Literature & Theatre Studies from the National University of Singapore as well as an LLB (London). She is a member of the Honourable Society of Lincolns Inn and was admitted to the Malaysian Bar in 2014. Villie specialises in commercial disputes including breaches of various fiduciary duties, conspiracy and fraudulent/negligent misrepresentation. She has also been involved in various defamation, judicial review, professional indemnity insurance, constitutional and housing legislation cases. Villie is a talented multi-tasker who ably manages the simultaneous demands of complex litigation and clients' expectations.

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Saw graduated with a Bachelor of Laws (Honours) from the National University of Malaysia (UKM) and was admitted to the Malaysian Bar in 2016. His solid understanding of the law enables him to collaborate with counsel who are far more senior, in complex cases ranging from land fraud, construction, advisory work to general commercial disputes. He is equally well-versed in both international and domestic arbitration, being familiar with Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC) rules, Asian International Arbitration Centre (AIAC) rules, fast track rules and preemptive measures pending arbitration. In the construction context, Saw is experienced in handling multifaceted and simultaneous litigation, which often arises when claims are made under the Construction Industry Payment and Adjudication Act 2012, whilst concurrent litigation also progresses in the Courts.

Notable Experience

1. Successfully defeated an arbitration claim amounting to RM245 million by an oil & gas operator against the subcontractor in respect of the rehabilitation works carried out in sub-sea pipelines and successfully recovered the subcontractor's claim of RM25 million
2. Defended offshore trust companies and their directors in a worldwide fraud claim amounting to RM940 million brought by a sovereign tax revenue authority
3. Resisting the Securities Commission's claim of RM169 million for various breaches of the Capital Markets and Services Act 2007
4. Successfully obtained a stay of the adjudication decision under the Construction Industry Payment and Adjudication Act 2012 pending the disposal of the dispute at the High Court
5. Successfully defeated a claim for professional fees by foreign architectural firm at the High Court while contesting the simultaneous claim made under the Construction Industry Payment and Adjudication Act 2012
6. Successfully established the principle that legal fees are not recoverable as damages, at the Federal Court
7. Successfully clarified the applicable test to qualify as a purchaser in good faith/*bona fide* purchaser under Section 340(3) of the National Land Code, at the Federal Court
8. Successfully resisted various winding up petitions based on just and equitable grounds and preference of directors' interests
9. Successfully rectified a company's register of members on grounds of unauthorized repayments of capital
10. Successfully obtained an order for vacant possession on summary proceedings i.e. Order 14A (determination of a question of law) and Order 14 (summary judgment) against a tenant holding over
11. Acting for a major investor in a public-listed company in a civil action pursuant to Section 199 of the Capital Markets and Services Act 2007 for fraudulently inducing persons to deal in securities

12. Successfully defended a prominent trust company against a claim for negligence instituted by a former client.
13. Successfully obtained a Fortuna injunction preventing the presentation of a winding-up petition, on grounds that the debt was disputed.
14. Defending a member of the senior management of an embattled local sovereign wealth fund against allegations of fraud and conspiracy
15. Defended a prominent former senior statesman in a claim for defamation
16. Successfully obtained judgment for an Italian public-listed arms manufacturer for a debt arising from the supply of naval guns
17. Defending an architect practice in a claim for negligence
18. Defending the majority shareholders and the company subject to a winding up petition and a derivative action as well as contesting *Mareva*/ freezing orders, *Anton Piller*/ search orders in that shareholder dispute
19. Acting for members of a financial technology (FinTech) company in their shareholder disputes
20. Advising a local public-listed company on the enforceability of a foreign judgment against it in Malaysian Court
21. Acting for a creditor to remove the court appointed liquidator of a wound-up company on the ground of fraud and breach of statutory duties
22. Acting for the management corporation of a residential development in Bangsar in disputes pertaining to the management of strata property
23. Advising the management corporation of a residential development in Bangsar as to the viability of a claim in respect of the liquified petroleum gas piping system installed by the developer
24. Involved in an arbitration claim on behalf of a developer against a piling contractor in respect of the faulty piling design and defective work

25. Successfully suing the developer and proprietor of a landed gated residential project in Penang for unlawful departures from the Housing Development (Control and Licensing) Act 1966 and its attendant Regulations
26. Successfully recovering land which was fraudulently transferred to third parties and financial institutions
27. Acting for a leading telecommunications infrastructure provider in Perak in several commercial disputes concerning breaches of contract and fiduciary duties
28. Successfully obtained judgment for a minority shareholder in an oppression suit under the Companies Act 2016

Villie Nethi's List of Published Cases (as at Dec'24)

1. Professor Dato' Dr Sellappan s/o Subbiah v Datuk Subbiah s/o Thevarayan Chettiar & Ors [2024] MLJU 1075
2. Kasi a/l Palaniappan v Gamelan Rentak Sdn Bhd [2024] MLJU 1654
3. Jumabhoy Iqbal (mendakwa sebagai wasi harta pusaka Jumabhoy Ameer Ali Rajabali) v Trans-Orient (M) Sdn Bhd & Ors [2023] MLJU 1091; [2023] 1 LNS 976 (HC)
4. IB Builders Sdn Bhd v Misi Armada Sdn Bhd & Anor [2022] 11 LNS 557 (HC)
5. Vivian Kishore Samuel v Lekas Fuel Services Sdn Bhd & Anor [2022] 1 LNS 1770 (HC)
6. Perak Integrated Network Services Sdn Bhd v Urban Domain Sdn Bhd & Anor [2022] 1 LNS 1759; [2022] MLJU 1794 (HC)
7. Federal Land Development Authority & Anor v Tan Sri Hj Mohd Isa bin Dato' Hj Abdul Samad & Ors [2022] 7 MLJ 883 (HC)
8. The Customs and Tax Administration of the Kingdom of Denmark v Saling Capital Ltd & Ors and other appeals [2022] 1 MLJ 316 (CA)
9. Teh Keh Hin & Anor v Acara Kreatif Sdn Bhd & Anor [2022] MLJU 3257 (HC)
10. AX Holdings Ltd v TMF Trust Labuan Ltd [2022] MLJU 2568 (HC)
11. Malayan Banking Bhd v Poh Yang Hong [2021] 1 LNS 2611 (HC)
12. Perak Integrated Network Services Sdn Bhd v Urban Domain Sdn Bhd (suing on behalf of PINS OSC & Maintenance Services Sdn Bhd vide derivative action) & Anor [2021] 5 MLJ 549 (CA)
13. Tan Sri Halim bin Saad v Hoe Leong Corporation Limited & Ors [2021] MLJU 1534 (HC)
14. Tay Yew Chong v Koh Hooi Siang & Ors [2021] 1 CLJ 221; [2021] 6 MLJ 699 (CA)
15. Tina Loh & Ors v Kemuning Setia Sdn Bhd & Ors [2020] 6 MLJ 191 (CA)
16. Renganathan Ravindranath Ponniah v Anil Kumar Chigurupati & Ors [2019] MLJU 447 (HC)
17. Novaviro Technology Sdn Bhd v QI Plantation Sdn Bhd & Anor (Watermech Engineering Sdn Bhd, Third Party) [2018] 11 MLJ 392; [2018] 7 CLJ 119 (HC)

18. Tanjung Offshore Bhd v Harzani Bin Azmi & Ors [2018] MLJU 1751; [2018] 1 LNS 1719 (HC)
19. Lim Thian Huat & Anor v MBF Holdings Bhd & Anor and Other Appeals [2018] MLJU 662; [2018] 1 LNS 678 (CA)
20. Newlake Development Sdn Bhd v Zenith Delight Sdn Bhd [2017] MLJU 671 (CA)
21. Kejuruteraan Elektrik KM v Hazman Bin Ahmad & Ors [2017] MLJU 520 (HC)
22. Tan Geok Hwa v Centamin Construction & Development Sdn Bhd & Ors [2017] MLJU 1822 (HC)
23. Majlis Agama Islam Wilayah Persekutuan v Victoria Jayaseele Martin And Another Appeal [2016] 2 MLJ 309 (FC)
24. Peter Ola Blomqvist v Zavarco Plc & Ors [2016] 6 CLJ 523 (CA)
25. Seremban Engineering Bhd v Nandakumar A/L Perumal (Trading Under The Name And Style Of New Trax Resources) [2016] 9 MLJ 656 (HC)
26. Joanna Wong Ying Ming Yee v Saujana Triangle Sdn Bhd [2016] MLJU 414 (HC)
27. Majlis Agama Islam Wilayah Persekutuan v Victoria Jayaseele Martin [2016] MLJU 40 (HC)
28. Wong Chun Sing & Anor v Saujana Triangle Sdn Bhd [2016] MLJU 413 (HC)
29. Ranjeet Singh Sidhu v Zavarco Plc [2016] 2 CLJ 975 (HC)

W.S. Saw's List of Published Cases (as at Dec'24)

1. Golden Star & Ors v Ling Peek Hoe & Anor & another appeal [2024] 4 MLJ 749; [2024] 6 CLJ 487 (FC)
2. Ooh Tong Hai & Anor v Lee Chee Boon & Ors [2024] MLJU 2485 (HC)
3. Kee Hin Ventures Sdn Bhd v Great Partners Industries Ltd & Ors [2024] 9 CLJ 1; [2024] MLJU 1192 (CA)
4. Ling Boon Huat v Ding Toh Biew [2024] 6 CLJ 694; [2024] MLJU 970 (CA)
5. Tawfiq Ayman & Anor v Perbadanan Pengurusan One Menerung & Ors [2024] CLJU 557; [2024] MLJU 596 (HC)
6. Conweld Engineering Sdn Bhd v Low Terk Chen & Ors (Goh Swee Boh @ Goh Cheng Kin & Anor, third parties) [2024] MLJU 2373
7. Golden Star & Ors v Ling Peek Hoe & anor & another appeal [2023] 1 LNS 1406 (CA)
8. All Trust International Pte Ltd v Lagenda Erajuta Sdn Bhd [2023] MLJU 810 (HC)
9. Kumarappan KM Palaniappan v Kiranjit Kaur Jagjit Singh & Ors [2023] 3 CLJ 438; [2022] MLJU 3389 (HC)
10. Great Partners Industries Ltd & Ors v Kee Hin Ventures Sdn Bhd [2022] MLJU 2596; [2022] 1 LNS 2458 (HC)
11. Conweld Engineering Sdn Bhd & Ors v Goh Swee Boh @ Goh Cheng Kin & Anor [2022] 1 CLJ 323; [2022] 6 MLJ 810 (CA)
12. Falconer Chester Hall (UK) Ltd & Anor v LFE Engineering Sdn Bhd & Anor [2022] 1 LNS 2123 (HC)
13. Kee Hin Ventures Sdn Bhd v Great Partners Industries Ltd & Ors [2022] 1 CLJ 974; [2022] 9 MLJ 875 (HC)
14. Datuk Wira Wang Hsiu-Ying v SMD Real Estate Sdn Bhd [2022] MLJU 549 (HC)
15. Re Dirga Niaga (Selangor) Sdn Bhd (In Liquidation) [2021] 1 LNS 1687; [2021] MLJU 2050 (HC)
16. Conweld Engineering Sdn Bhd v Low Terk Chen & Ors [2021] 1 LNS 2605 (HC)
17. Amanah International Finance Sdn Bhd v Medini Square Sdn Bhd & Ors [2021] 1 LNS 128 (HC)

18. Taz Logistics Sdn Bhd v Taz Metals Sdn.Bhd & Ors [2020] 10 MLJ 791; [2020] 5 CLJ 426 (HC)
19. Falconer Chester Hall (UK) Limited & Anor v LFE Engineering Sdn Bhd [2020] MLJU 2196; [2020] 1 LNS 2015 (HC)
20. Amanah International Finance Sdn Bhd v Medini Square Sdn Bhd & Ors [2020] MLJU 1168; [2020] 1 LNS 1330 (HC)
21. Liputan Simfoni Sdn Bhd v Pembangunan Orkid Desa Sdn Bhd [2019] 4 MLJ 141; [2019] 1 CLJ 183 (FC)
22. Conweld Engineering Sdn Bhd & Ors v Goh Swee Boh @ Goh Cheng Kin & Anor [2019] MLJU 1359; [2019] 1 LNS 580 (HC)
23. Tan Geok Hwa v Centamin Construction & Development Sdn Bhd & Ors [2019] MLJU 1500; [2019] 1 LNS 1892 (HC)
24. WRP Asia Pacific Sdn Bhd & Anor v TAEI Tijari Partners Ltd & Ors [2019] MLJU 1244; [2019] 1 LNS 1645 (HC)
25. Huang Min & Ors v Malaysian Airline System Bhd & Ors [2018] 2 MLJ 450; [2018] 1 CLJ 434 (CA)
26. Huang Min & Ors v Malaysian Airline System Bhd & Ors [2017] MLJU 899 (HC)
27. Top Glove Corporation Bhd & Anor v Low Chin Guan & Ors (No 2) [2018] MLJU 1608; [2018] 1 LNS 1652 (HC)
28. WRP Asia Pacific Sdn Bhd & Anor v TAEI Tijari Partners Ltd & Ors [2018] MLJU 1673; [2018] 1 LNS 1818