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QUALIFICATION:

- Advocate & Solicitor, Singapore, 2015

EDUCATION:

- LLB (Hons), University College London, 2013

LANGUAGE:

- English

Summary

Jamal Siddique is a Partner in the Dispute Resolution department, with experience in litigation, international arbitration, and cross-border insolvency. His practice has a particular focus on fraud, banking-related disputes, and international trade disputes. Jamal has also acted in matters concerning the Mental Capacity Act and was a volunteer lawyer for the NUS In-Person Deputyship Programme, providing pro-bono assistance on MCA applications.

He regularly appears both as lead and assisting counsel at all levels of the Courts.

Jamal graduated with First Class Honours from University College London in 2013. He was appointed Young Amicus Curiae by the Supreme Court for 2 years, in 2018 and 2019. Jamal was the recipient of the Singapore Academy of Law Overseas Attachment, and was attached to leading barristers at Fountain Court Chambers in 2020.

Matter Experience

- Acting for a major international bank in a suit against the founder, the family members, and a senior executive of Hin Leong Trading (Pte) Ltd;
- Successfully obtained a mandatory order in judicial review proceedings before the Court of Appeal. The judicial review concerned the decision of a Review Committee in disciplinary proceedings against a lawyer: CBB v Law Society [2021] 3 SLR 487; and
- Appointed as amicus curiae by the High Court in a matter concerning the question of resulting and constructive trusts in the context of HDB apartments: Philip Antony Jeyaratnam v Kulandaivelu Malayaperumal [2020] 3 SLR 738.

Restructuring & Insolvency

- Successfully acted for a South Korean engineering and construction corporation in successfully setting aside a scheme of arrangement in a landmark decision by the Court of Appeal: SK Engineering & Construction Co Ltd v Conchubar Aromatics Ltd [2017] 2 SLR 898;
- Acted for the firm in an application made by a debtor to set aside a statutory demand under the Bankruptcy Act. The Court of Appeal's decision in this matter provided clarity on the position of solicitors' bills; that taxation is the only judicial process available for a client to challenge solicitor's bills: Koh Kim Teck v Shook Lin & Bok LLP [2021] 1 SLR 596;
- Acted for a major international bank in successfully resisting a moratorium application under section 211B of the Companies Act (now section 64 of the Insolvency, Restructuring and Dissolution Act 2018), and obtaining a judicial management order in relation to Zenrock Commodities Trading Pte Ltd; and
- Acting for the Resolution Professional of Think and Learn Pvt Ltd, which is under a Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process in India. Successfully obtained recognition of the RP as the foreign representative under the Model Law.

International Trade/ Trade Finance

- Acted for a regional bank in a fraud claim against the beneficiary to a letter of credit;
- Acted for a high-net-worth individual in a dispute concerning agricultural commodities. Successfully set aside an ex parte worldwide Mareva injunction for US$280 million against the client. The High Court's decision was subsequently upheld by the Court of Appeal;
- Acted for an Indian Bank in a claim by a beneficiary. Successfully resisted the beneficiary's claim that the client negotiated the letter of credit; and
- Acting for the owners of cargo in a claim for conversion against the owner of the vessel.

International Arbitration

- Appointed as amicus curiae in a High Court application relating to a party's attempt to recognise and enforce an English arbitral award in Singapore under the International Arbitration Act;
- Acting in an arbitration administered by the SIAC for the trustee under a bond issued by a Singaporean company. The trustee's claim is against the issuer and guarantor under the bonds for unpaid finance charges and/or failure to redeem bonds; and
- Acted for an Indian agricultural co-operative in arbitration against an Australian JV partner and its director. Successfully obtained an award for US$40 million and subsequently acted for the client in enforcing the award in cross-border insolvency proceedings.

Family & Mental Capacity

- Acting as instructed counsel in obtaining an injunction under s 139M of the Women's Charter for a wife in a divorce;
- Acted for donees under a Lasting Power of Attorney executed by an elderly lady of 104 years old, who lacked capacity to make decisions for herself. Obtained orders pursuant to section 18(2)(b) of the Mental Capacity Act for the donees to

receive copies of the will from the solicitors who were acting for the donor;

- Acted for the Appellants in legal proceedings under the Mental Capacity Act before the Court of Appeal. Successfully obtained the declaration that P lacked capacity, and that deputies be appointed; and
- Acting for the family members of an elderly lady suffering from mental illness in proceedings under the Mental Capacity Act. Successfully obtained an interim deputyship order in favour of the family members, to facilitate obtaining a medical report for the elderly lady.

Accolades

Benchmark Litigation

- Future Star in Insolvency (2026)

Legal 500 Asia Pacific

- Recommended Individual in Dispute Resolution (2023 – 2026)
- Recommended Individual in Restructuring and Insolvency: Local Firms (2025 – 2026)

Testimonials

Legal 500 Asia Pacific

- "Jamal Siddique's preparation and drafting are meticulous, and excellent." (2026)
- Jamal has "risen to become a true star in this practice." (2026).
- Jamal is "highly intelligent, personable and someone you trust to get positive results." (2025)

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- "He is a relatively young partner. He is always accessible and responsive and across the matter." (2025)

Benchmark Litigation

- "He is very dedicated and meticulous." (2025)

Practice Areas:

- Employment
- International Arbitration
- Litigation & Dispute Resolution
- Restructuring & Insolvency