

1. HARIDASS AJAIB

Haridass graduated from the University of London in 1974 with an LL.B (Hons.) and was called to the English Bar at the Middle Temple in 1975. He was admitted as an Advocate and Solicitor of the High Court of Singapore in 1976.

In 1985, Haridass together with Ho Wah Onn established the present firm of Haridass Ho & Partners.

Areas of Practice

Haridass Ajaib has 33 years experience as a practising lawyer in Singapore, having acted for major clients, both in Singapore and worldwide. He has vast experience as a litigation lawyer, mediator and arbitrator. He specialises in all admiralty matters, both of litigious and non-litigious nature as well as matters relating to ship sale and purchase and the financing aspects of such transactions.

He is an accredited mediator of the Singapore Mediation Centre. He is an Arbitrator on the panel of the Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC), Singapore Chamber of Maritime Arbitration (SCMA) and the Korean Commercial Arbitration Board.

He has been a counsel in several leading arbitrations. He sat as arbitrator on several shipping, shipbuilding and commodity related disputes.

He sits on the Board of SembCorp Marine Ltd, a Singapore government-linked company.

He also sits as Magistrate in the Singapore Subordinate Courts as well as a Referee in the Small Claims Tribunal, Singapore Subordinate Courts.

Haridass is regularly identified as a leading individual in his practice. Euromoney, since the inception of its Expert Guides, has consistently identified him as a world leader in admiralty and shipping disputes. Chambers Global - The World's Leading Lawyers, as well as the Asia Pacific Legal 500, identify Haridass and the firm as leaders in dispute resolution and shipping litigation.

He is identified in Band 1 as a leading shipping lawyer in Chambers 2009. Some of the leading cases argued by Haridass Ajaib and are reported as follows:-

- 1) [1980 – 1981] SLR 144 – The “August 8”
- 2) [1980 – 1981] SLR 86 – Malayan Motor and General Underwriters (Pte) Ltd v Abdul Karim and Another
- 3) [1982 – 1983] SLR 32 – The “August 8” (Privy Council, England)
- 4) [1982 – 1983] SLR 455 – The “Reunion”
- 5) [1987] SLR 282 – The “Honey I”
- 6) [1991] SLR 583 – The “Ocean Jade”
- 7) [1992] 1 SLR 600 – SSAB Oxelosund AB v Xendral Trading Pte Ltd
- 8) [1992] 2 SLR 676 – Kodrat Suradji v Banque Nationale De Paris

- 9) [1993] 2 SLR 278 – Goldenlotus Maritime Ltd v European Chartering and Shipping Inc
- 10) [1993] 2 SLR 329 – Ho Dwan Tiau and Another v Banque Nationale De Paris
- 11) [1996] 2 SLR 670 – The “Dwima 1”
- 12) [1997] 2 SLR 669 – The “Lircay”
- 13) [1997] 3 SLR 312 – Baring Futures (Singapore) Pte Ltd (in liquidation) v Deloitte & Touche (a firm) & Anor
- 14) [1998] 2 SLR 905 – The “Bridge”
- 15) [1998] 3 SLR 45 – The Wilson Ruby and Another Action
- 16) [1999] 2 SLR 595 – The “Kiku Pacific”
- 17) [2001] 4 SLR 475 – Abani Trading Pte Ltd v PT Delta Karina Mandiri & Anor
- 18) [2001] 3 SLR 146 – The “Hung Vuong 2 “ (Court of Appeal)
- 19) [2002] 4 SLR 716 – Faith Maritime Co Ltd v Feoso (Singapore) Pte Ltd & another action
- 20) [2002] 1 SLR 370 – Re Baring Futures (Singapore) Pte Ltd (in compulsory liquidation) & another action
- 21) [2002] 4 SLR 232 – The “Patraikos 2”
- 22) [2002] 2 SLR 124 – The “Neptra Premier”
- 23) [2003] 2 SLR 491 – Afro Asia Shipping Co (Pte) Ltd v Haridass Ho & Partners and Anor
- 24) [2003] 2 SLR 517 – Chaly Chee Kheong Mah and Others v The Liquidators of Baring Futures (Singapore) Pte Ltd
- 25) [2003] 1 SLR 295 – Bandung Shipping Pte Ltd v Keppel Tatlee Bank Ltd
- 26) [2006] 4 SLR 689 – Marina Offshore Pte Ltd v China Insurance Co (Singapore) Pte Ltd & Anor
- 27) [2006] 1 SLR 800 – Marina Offshore Pte Ltd v China Insurance Co (Singapore) Pte Ltd and Anor (Court of Appeal)
- 28)** [2007] 1 SLR 196 – Raiffeisen Zentralbank Osterreich AG v Archer Daniels Midland Co and Others

In Chambers 2009, Chambers has annotated a peer comment on Haridass as follows:

“Haridass Ajaib is so good that I’d take twice as long to prepare my case if I was going up against him than I would to face anyone else”.