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**Arif** is a senior associate in the firm’s Litigation and Arbitration practice. Arif has experience in complex transnational fraud and asset recovery, land acquisition, and general civil and commercial litigation.

Arif graduated from Queen Mary University of London (“QMUL”) with LLB (Hons) in 2017 and obtained an LLM in Comparative and International Dispute Resolution from QMUL’s Centre for Commercial Law Studies in 2019. He was called to the Bar as a Barrister-at-Law at the Honourable Society of Lincoln’s Inn in 2018 and was awarded the Tun Azmi Foundation Book Prize. Arif was admitted as an Advocate and Solicitor of the Malaysian Bar in 2021.

**Key Practice Areas**

Fraud and Asset Recovery  
Land Acquisition  
Civil and Commercial Litigation

**Selected Experience**

**Fraud and Asset Recovery**

- Representing a foreign government agency in a worldwide fraud litigation amounting up to a billion ringgit within the Malaysian jurisdiction alone. This dispute involves, among others, the obtaining of urgent interim injunctive and search orders to preserve assets and documents.

**Land Acquisition**

- Acted for a Management Corporation (MC) in a Land Reference seeking additional compensation for severance and injurious affection due to the SUKE Highway Project, and in its appeal therefrom which was by statute confined to questions of law wherein the Court of Appeal awarded additional compensation of RM 14.6 million in favour of the MC (on top of the RM 3.4 million awarded by the High Court).

## Civil and Commercial Litigation

- Acting for the owner of a private jet in a High Court Suit against aircraft service providers for damage done to the said jet.

## Qualifications & Professional Affiliations

### Qualifications:

- Advocate and Solicitor, High Court of Malaya (2021)
- LLM in Comparative and International Dispute Resolution, Queen Mary University of London (2019)
- Barrister-at-Law (Lincoln's Inn) (2018)
- LLB (Hons) Queen Mary University of London (2017)

### Professional Affiliations:

- Committee Member, Bar Council's Publications Committee (2024 - present)

## Publications

### Publications

- Co-author, 'Lessons Learned from Hong Kong: The Potential for Third Party Funding in Malaysia's International Arbitration Landscape', Skrine's Legal Insights, June 2021; [2021] 1 LNS(A) xcix.
- Author, 'Federal Court: Majority and Minority Judges differ on requirements to establish good faith for indefeasibility in the Setiakon Engineering Case', Skrine's Legal Insights, August 2024; Bar Council Circular No 243/2024
- Author, 'Court of Appeal rejects challenge under section 223 of the Companies Act 2016 and applies de minimis rule in interpreting Collateral Contract', Skrine's Legal Insights, November 2024; Bar Council Circular No 357/2024
- Author, Case note on Federal Court's decision in Seema Elizabeth Isoy v. Tan Sri David Chi Tat-Cheong (Civil Appeal No.: 02(f)-54- 9/2023(W)), Bar Council Circular No 174/2024;
- Author, Case note on the Court of Appeal's decision in Keysight Technologies Malaysia Sdn. Bhd. v Ketua Pengarah Hasil Dalam Negeri (Civil Appeal No: W-01(A)272-05/2021), Bar Council Circular No 213/2024;
- Author, Case note on the Court of Appeal's decision in Ganad Media Sdn. Bhd. v Big Tree Outdoor Sdn. Bhd. and another appeal (Civil Appeal Nos.: W-03(IM)-5-01/2021 and W-03(IM)-71-09/2021), Bar Council Circular No 403/2024;
- Author, Case note on the Court of Appeal's decision in Lee

Kam Lan v Lou Mai Chun and Others (Civil Appeal No.: W-02(IM)(NCvC)-1660-10/2023), Bar Council Circular No 021/2025