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QUALIFICATIONS

National University of Singapore (LL.B., Hons.)
King's College, University of London (M.A. in EC
Competition Law)

ADMISSIONS

Singapore Bar
Roll of Solicitors of England & Wales

PROFILE

Ameera ASHRAF heads the Antitrust & Competition Practice.

She advises on a full range of competition issues, including merger control, restrictive practices, abuse of dominance, issues in licensing and other intellectual property agreements and compliance programmes.

Ameera has been actively advising on the merger control provisions of the Competition Act since its introduction, and has advised clients in relation to various investigations of cartel activity by the Competition Commission of Singapore (“CCCS”).

She also offers guidance on sectoral competition laws including the codes of practice published under the Telecommunications Act and the Media Development Authority Act.

She is a regular participant in roundtable discussions organised by the CCCS for the review of competition guidelines and legislation in Singapore, and has participated as a non-governmental advisor at the International Competition Network conference since 2013. Ameera also has experience in UK and EC competition law through a stint with the Antitrust Group of an international law firm in London.

Ameera is a board member of the Tripartite Alliance Limited, which promotes fair and progressive employment practices in Singapore, and the Accounting and Corporate Regulatory Authority, which regulates business entities, public accountants, and corporate service providers. She is also an active member of the International Bar Association where she serves as the Legal Practice Division Representative to the Section on Public and Professional Interest, and a member of the American Bar Association’s International Cartel Task Force.

She graduated from the National University of Singapore and has a Master of Arts in EC Competition Law from King's College, University of London. She is admitted to the Singapore Bar and to the Roll of Solicitors of England & Wales.

Relevant experience:

Significant transactions that Ameera has been involved in include advising / acting for the following:

- Nachi Fujikoshi Corporation in its successful appeal against the quantum of financial penalty imposed by the (then) Competition Commission of Singapore.
- Singapore Chemi-con (Pte) Ltd, Nachi-Fujikoshi Corporation, and Nishi-Nippon Railroad Co. Ltd. in the first three infringement decisions involving multijurisdictional cartels issued by the CCCS.
- Uber Singapore in the first ever appeal against a merger decision by the CCCS.
- Luxottica Group in its successful Phase 2 clearance without commitments in its merger with Essilor International.

Related Practices

- Antitrust & Competition
- Corporate Regulatory & Licensing
- Mergers & Acquisitions

Publications & Legal Updates:

- The Merger Control Review, Singapore Chapter – 2nd to 5th Editions

Awards & Accolades:

Ameera is the only Singapore lawyer in private practice to be featured in the *Global Competition Review's Women in Antitrust 2016* which recognises leading women in antitrust worldwide. She has been acknowledged as a leading Antitrust and Competition lawyer in Singapore by various independent publications such as *The Legal 500: Asia Pacific – The Client's Guide to the Asia Pacific Legal Profession 2019*, *Chambers Asia-Pacific – Asia-Pacific's Leading Lawyers for Business 2020* and *Asialaw Profiles – The Guide to Asia-Pacific's Leading Domestic Law Firms 2020*. In *The Legal 500: Asia Pacific*, she is described by a client as "the best practitioner in Singapore in this area". *Chambers Asia-Pacific* describes her as "widely respected on the competition circuit", "a formidable lawyer" who is "very experienced, intelligent, clear and practical" and is "fantastic in giving strategic direction and providing very sound judgement". In *Asialaw Profiles*, she was described as a lawyer who "knows the business and is sensitive to difficult issues".