

Nigel William Kraal

Partner

Dispute Resolution

Practice Focus

Nigel's practise is focused mainly on dispute resolution across corporate, commercial and civil litigation where he acts for clients in matters involving shareholder disputes, boardroom tussles, regulatory enforcement, commercial contracts, intellectual property disputes, tortious claims, defamation and a variety of commercial litigation. He also represents clients in arbitration, advises clients on compliance with regulatory laws and drafting of contracts.

He read law in England under a full scholarship from the Central Bank of Malaysia where he later served 8 dedicated years, gaining experience in policy formulation, advisory and prosecution. Outside the law, Nigel is passionate about music and time permitting, volunteers to perform for a live audience.

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Experience and Credentials

Acted as counsel for a Defendant in a construction dispute on liability and damages involving multiple parties.

- Unreported decision on the damages aspect of the suit being reported in *Tenaga Nasional Bhd v Panareno Sdn Bhd (Vital Projects Sdn Bhd, third party) (Semantara No-Dig Engineering Sdn Bhd, fourth party)* [2025] MLJU 1017

Acted as counsel in a stay pending arbitration dispute (settled in the Federal Court)

- Reported decisions from the lower courts in *Gise Kam Kwan International Trade Ltd v Antara Steel Mills Sdn Bhd* [2024] 6 MLJ 662 (CA) and *Gise Kam Kwan International Trade Ltd v Antara Steel Mills Sdn Bhd* [2022] MLJU 3475 (HC)

Acted for a listed issuer in a company law matter concerning injunctive reliefs under section 351 of the Companies Act 2016 in a dispute involving shares

- Reported decision is in *Pop Investments Ltd v iCapital.Biz Bhd* [2025] 9 MLJ 331

Acted for a foreign entity in a suit involving oil and gas diagnostics

- Unreported decisions from interlocutory applications in *MRA International Sdn Bhd v SPC Diatech, LLC* [2022] MLJU 100, *MRA International Sdn Bhd v SPC Diatech, LIC* [2022] MLJU 1215

Acted for a regulator in a dispute concerning the Capital Markets and Services Act 2007

- Unreported decision is in *Bursa Malaysia Securities v Serba Dinamik Holdings Bhd* [2022] MLJU 1999

Acted for a substantial shareholder in a large shareholders dispute

Assisted senior counsel in a complex patent dispute

- Unreported decision is in *Merck Sharp & Dohme Corporation & Anor v Hovid Bhd* [2022] MLJU 16

Assisted senior counsel in a judicial review suit

Advised a regulator on improvements to internal framework

Advised a prospective licence holder on compliance with obtaining necessary approvals in a regulated sector

Advised a block of shareholders on the takeover of a board of a listed issuer, including calling for an extraordinary general meeting

Qualifications

Nigel graduated from the University of Warwick, England (Hons) in 2010 with a 2:1. He was called to the Bar of England & Wales in 2012 and obtained a 1st class Master of Laws in International Legal Practice in 2019 writing a thesis on Dispute Resolution in Islamic Finance. He is currently an advocate and solicitor of Malaya.