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Areas of Practice

- Dispute Resolution
- Infrastructure and Construction
- Data Protection

Qualification/Education

- Advocate & Solicitor, Singapore, 1994
- Barrister, England and Wales, 1992
- Master of Science in Construction Law and Arbitration, King's College, University of London, 1997
- Postgraduate Practical Law Course, Singapore, 1994
- Bachelor of Laws (Hons), University of London, 1991
- Bachelor of Engineering, Civil (Hons), National University of Singapore, 1988

Appointments/Memberships

- Notary Public
- Commissioner for Oaths
- Member, The Law Society of Singapore
- Member, Singapore Academy of Law
- Member, Society of Construction Law (Singapore)
- Member, The Institution of Engineers, Singapore
- Fellow, Singapore Institute of Arbitrators

Awards and Accolades

- *Best Lawyer*: Leading Lawyer (Arbitration and Mediation), 2017-2024
 - *Best Lawyer*: Leading Lawyer (Construction Law), 2014-2026
 - *asiaLaw*: Market-leading Lawyer (Dispute Resolution), 2016-2019
 - *asiaLaw*: Market-leading Lawyer (Construction and Real Estate), 2018-2019
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Karam practises civil and commercial litigation. While a significant part of his area of practice involves building and construction law, the nature of the commercial disputes that he handles is diverse and covers a wide area of the law.

On the non-contentious front, Karam regularly advises clients on legal and regulatory issues, and on documentation such as bonds, letters of intent, guarantees, warranties, indemnities, deeds of assignment, insurance policies, the various types of construction and consultancy agreements, public-private partnership agreements, data protection documentation and numerous types of commercial contracts. The contentious side of Karam's practice regularly sees him appearing in the courts of law, before arbitral tribunals or in adjudications. Karam is also active in promoting non-confrontational dispute resolution procedures where he negotiates settlements on behalf of clients and/or represents them in mediations.

Experience

- Acting for the **developer of buildings** in Singapore's Biopolis Park litigation against the main contractor. The matter involved numerous interlocutory, trial and appellate proceedings with the primary issue in dispute involving delay and extension of time issues. The Appellate Division agreed that damages can be claimed for losses suffered beyond the delay period; that intervening acts of prevention did not break the chain of causation; that losses suffered were directly foreseeable (departing from foreign authority); and that all wasted fixed expenditure was claimable in addition to net rental loss.
- Acting for the **primary design consultants** of a large-scale soil remediation project in Singapore in arbitration proceedings against multiple parties. Aggregate value of claims and counterclaims exceeded S\$65 million.
- Acting for a **major contractor** of a mixed-used development (consisting of office towers, a retail mall and residential blocks) on delay, payment and variation of works issues. The total sum in dispute exceeded S\$11 million.
- Acting for **various MCSTs** of a residential developments in proceedings against the developer, main contractor and architect for building defects.
- Acting for the **main contractor** of a mixed-used development (consisting of residential units and a retail mall) successfully in court proceedings commenced by a subsidiary MCST for alleged defects.
- Acting for the **main contractor** of a tunnelling project in a dispute involving alleged ground settlement and damage to property.

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- Acting for a **multi-national health and electronics technology company** in an arbitration in connection with claims arising out of construction of its flagship building in Singapore.
- Acting for a **property developer** in various appeals and cross-appeals against a contractor and project consultants in relation to numerous construction law issues arising out of a multi-million dollar development in Singapore's premier research hub for biomedical sciences.
- Acting for a **large Singapore fitting-out contractor** in an arbitration against a main contractor in relation to disputes over quality and payment.
- Advising **Singapore project managers** in a dispute with developers of a multi-storey development in Malaysia.
- Advising and drafting contracts for a **developer** of an island resort in the Republic of Maldives.
- Advising and acting for a **government body** in respect of unforeseen conditions and delay claims arising out of tunnelling works for Singapore's mass rapid transit system.
- Acting for a **Korean specialist geotechnical contractor** in an arbitration against a foreign main contractor in connection with claims arising out of sub-structure works.
- Acting for a **Singapore contractor** against a ready mix concrete supplier for failing to supply concrete during the period of a ban by the Indonesian government on the export of sand to Singapore.
- Acting for **minority residents** of a prestigious residential development in Singapore opposing an en bloc sale.
- Advising an **Indonesian developer** on a private-public partnership agreement to develop a township in Papua New Guinea.
- Advising and drafting contractual documents for a **Singapore developer** of a commercial complex in Lao PDR.
- Acting for a **Singapore-listed construction company** in a claim by the MCST of a prestigious development on Singapore's Sentosa island.
- Advising and acting for various **parties** in connection with disputes arising out of construction projects including developers, main contractors, consultants, MCSTs, sub-contractors and/or third parties.
- Acting in numerous adjudications for various parties in claims made pursuant to Singapore's Building and Construction Security of Payment Act.
- Advising an **international container survey bureau** against a German systems provider in respect of disputes

arising out of a joint venture software development agreement.

- Advising and acting for a **global hedge fund** in respect of investigations into unauthorised trading losses.
- Advising and acting for **investigators** into the collapse of a Singapore listed entity.
- Acting for an **Indian entity** operating in Singapore in an arbitration in the Singapore International Arbitration Centre in a dispute arising out of a software services agreement.
- Advising and acting for a **multi-national insurance company** in respect of a fraudulent policy claim.
- Advising a **subsidiary of a US oil and gas services provider** in a matter involving criminal breach of trust by an employee.
- Advising and acting in an arbitration for a **major Indian exporter** of iron ore against a Singapore entity.
- Advising and acting for a **container leasing company** in a dispute with one of the largest Singapore container depot.
- Acting for a **structural engineer** in respect of a professional negligence claim in the High Court of Singapore.
- Acting for a **Singapore property developer** in respect of property damage claims by third parties.
- Advising an **insurance company** in assessing a data breach and formulating mitigation strategies.
- Providing data protection advice relating to the Singapore operations of a **USA-headquartered telecommunications company**.
- Drafting data protection documents for an **education company**.
- Drafting data protection notice and providing related advice to the **liquidators** of a family-run hardware firm in Singapore.
- Providing data protection advice to **various clients** including those from the medical, education, energy, telecommunications, and insurance industries.