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Qualifications

- Advocate and Solicitor, High Court of Malaya (2026)
- LLB (Hons), University of Malaya
- Diploma in Marine Engineering, Malaysian Maritime Academy

Languages

- English
- Malay

Lishanthan is an associate based in our Kuala Lumpur office. His main areas of practice include commercial litigation, shipping and admiralty, and ESG.

Before turning to law, Lishanthan trained as a Marine Engineer and spent 13 months at sea aboard tankers, giving him a practical understanding of the technical and commercial realities behind shipping disputes.

He completed his pupillage at Messrs Tommy Thomas, where he assisted on corporate and commercial litigation, securities fraud, shipping and admiralty, and judicial review related matters.

He also interned with PDLegal LLC in Singapore, working mainly on maritime insurance and ship financing. He writes on maritime law, with articles published in the Malayan Law Journal on ship arrest and high-seas jurisdiction, and received the Shook Lin & Bok Book Prize for Banking Law and Negotiable Instruments

Practice Areas

- Maritime & Shipping
- Civil & Commercial Litigation
- Fraud & Asset Recovery
- Environmental, Social & Governance (“ESG”)

Publications

- MC Cannot Impose Different Rates of Maintenance Charges for Residential Development (Lexology, January 2026)
- MT SKIPPER: Statelessness, High-Seas Jurisdiction, and the Convergence of Maritime and Counterterrorism Law [2026] 2 MLJ i
- The Full and Frank Disclosure Requirements In An Action In Rem: Suggestion for Suitable Ship Arrest Frameworks in Malaysia [2026] 2 MLJ xv
- Analysis of Relevant National Legislation in the context of the EUDR for Commodities in Malaysia (focus on rubber and timber sectors) (2025)

Professional Memberships

- Member, Malaysian Bar
- Committee Member, International Malaysian Society of Maritime Law

Accolades

- Shook, Link & Bok Book Prize Awardee (Best Student for Banking Law and Negotiable Instruments)