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Oxford University (Balliol College) – Law
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English
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Citizenship

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Practice Experience

Ravindra Chetty SC is a Silk with more than 30 years' practice at the Mauritian Bar

Ravindra is the legal advisor of several banking, financial, fund management institutions and parastatal bodies. He has appeared before the Supreme Court, Judicial Committee of the Privy Council and Arbitration Domestic and International Tribunals on a regular basis with a focus on the following fields: Administrative & Public law; Banking Law; Civil and Commercial litigation; Company Law; Employment & Labour Law; Environment Law, Defamation & Libel Law.

Ravindra is also an Arbitrator on the panel of arbitrators of the Mauritius Chamber of Commerce and Industry and a member of the Permanent Court of Arbitration (Mauritius). He was one of the first Arbitrators for the Court of Arbitration for Sports (Lausanne, Switzerland) in 2002.

Ravindra Chetty SC has successfully appeared in several landmark cases, including:

Dayal v Jugnauth & Ors [2022] SCJ 279 – In this case, the election of the Prime Minister of Mauritius was challenged in an election petition on the ground of bribery, illegality and treating. The Supreme Court dismissed the election petition in August 2022.

State Trading Corporation v Betamax Ltd [2019] SCJ 154 - In this case, the Court allowed an application to set aside an arbitral award pursuant to sections 39(2)(a)(i), 39(2)(b)(i) & (ii) of the International Arbitration Act on the ground of public policy.

State of Mauritius v CT Power Ltd & Ors (Privy Council) - [2019] UKPC 27 - In this case, the Judicial Committee found inter alia that the decision of the Ministry of Energy not to finalise an implementation agreement with the Respondent was not tainted by fraud, corruption or bad faith, and that no legitimate expectation arose in favour of the Respondent.

DPP v Jugnauth & Anor (Privy Council) - [2019] UKPC 8 - In this case, the Judicial Committee set aside the DPP's appeal of the decision of the Supreme Court quashing the conviction of the Respondent for an offence of conflict of interests under section 13(2) and (3) of the Prevention of Corruption Act 2002.

Bank of Mauritius v Ramdewar [2010] SCJ 98 – In this case, the Court held that the Governor of the Central Bank was allowed to take a number of decisions, especially decisions relating to the day to day running of the Central Bank without having to

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refer such decisions to the Board of the Central Bank for approval.

Mungtah v Jugnauth [2009] SCJ 393 – In this case, the Court held that prescribed procedural requirements in matters of electoral petitions are mandatory. Failure to comply with such requirements is fatal.

Societe Alleck v IOIB (Privy Council) - No. 87 of 2007 – In this case, the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council held that a trader who is a party to a security document cannot oppose a defect in that security document against a Banker.

Bundhoo v Bhugoo [1993] MR 243 – This is a Court of Appeal case in which the full bench held that inordinate delay to enter a civil claim can be fatal although the claim has been entered within the statutory delay where the defendant can show that he is embarrassed in putting up his defence as with the passage of time he no longer has all the documentary evidence to support his case.

OTHER

Ravindra presently serves on the Committee on Reform of Vocational Studies and Discipline of the Legal Profession, which is presently chaired by Lord Philipps of Worth Matravers, KG, PC.

Ravindra served as President of the Mauritius Bar Association in 2005.

He has also lectured at the Mauritius Council of Legal Education and was a member of the Board of Examiners of the Council.

Ravindra Chetty SC has been a member of the following bodies:

Rotary Club of Port Louis Citadelle since 1989. He was President of the Club from 1995 to 1996;

Mauritius Football Association, of which he was President from 1997 to 2001;

Standing Committee on Statutes of the Confederation Africaine de Football (C.A.F) from 1998 to 2001;

Council of Southern African Football Associations, of which he was an executive member from 1999 to 2001.