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Civil Litigation
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DEFAMATION

- **Sharifah Aini v. Kumpulan Karangkraf Sdn Bhd** (1993)
(co-counsel) (for the Plaintiff, Sharifah Aini)
- **Tuan Haji Osman Said v. Kumpulan Karangkraf Sdn Bhd** (1995)
(co-counsel) (for the Plaintiff, Tn Hj Osman)
- **Tuan Haji Osman Said v. Kumpulan Utusan Melayu Berhad & Datuk Haji Hasan Ibrahim** (1995) (co-counsel) (for the Plaintiff, Tn Hi Osman)
- **Mirzan Mahathir v. Sin Chew Jit Poh** (1998)
(co-counsel) (for the Defendant, Sin Chew Jit Poh)
- **DP Vijandran v. Karpal Singh** (1999)
(co-counsel) (for the Plaintiff, DP Vijandran)
- **Tan Sri Abdul Rahim Tamby Chik v. Ruslan Hj. Kasim** (2002)
(co-counsel) (for the Defendant, Ruslan)
- **Rusli Mohd Nor & 2 others v. Penerbit Puncak Kreatif Sdn Bhd (Bicara Magazine)** (2003)
(co-counsel) (for the Defendant, Penerbit Puncak Kreatif)
- **Ahmad Kamil Abdullah (ex-president of MATTA) v. Star Publication, New Strait Times Berhad** (2003)
(co-counsel) (for the Plaintiff, Ahmad Kamil)
- **Mohd Sharif v. Datuk Hj. Ismail Bin Kijo** (State Assemblyman of Lembah Jaya) (co-counsel) (for the Defendant, Datuk Hj Ismail)
- **Datuk Sharifah Aini v. Fauziah Binti Johar @ Zieman** (senior entertainment journalist of The Star) (co-counsel) (for the Defendant, Fauziah)
- **ECM Libra Sdn Bhd v. Datuk Hj. Husam Musa & Anor** (Exco member of Kelantan Government.) (co-counsel) (for the Defendants, Datuk Husam Musa)

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CRIMINAL DEFENCE

PP v Mohd Amin Razali & 29 others (known as Al Maunah group / case) (1999) – this is the first trial for the offence of treason in Malaysia. Hasnal was one of the leading counsels who argued the substantive appeal before a 5-man bench of the Federal Court.

PP v. Tan Sri Muhammad Bin Hj Muhd Taib (1998) – the former Chief Minister of Selangor who was charged for non declaration of asset under the Prevention of Corruption Acts.

PP v. Yeoh Lam Jit & 2 others (2000) – a criminal breach of trust charge against the Managing Director of a stock broking firm

PP v. Saleem (1997) – a vocalist of pop group IKLIM who was charged for reckless driving resulting in the death of the victim

PP v. Mohd Ezam B. Mohd Noor – (1999) – a political leader charged for participating in an unlawful assembly.

PUBLIC & ADMINISTRATIVE LAW

[Election cases]

- **Rhina Bhar v. Karpal Singh and The Returning Officer of the Jelutong parliamentary seat, 1995 General Election** (co-counsel) (for the Petitioner)
- **Ang Thye Chin v. The Returning Officer of Bandar Klang state seat 1995 General Election** (co-counsel) (for the Petitioner)
- **Dr. Lee Chong Meng v. Wee Choo Keong & The Returning Officer of the Bukit Bintang parliamentary seat 1995 General Election** (co-counsel) (for the Petitioner)
- **Dato' Haji Yahya Lampong v. Datuk Amir Kahar Bin Tun Datu Haji Mustapha and The Returning Officer of the Marudu parliamentary seat 1995 General Election** (co-counsel) (for the Petitioner)

[Tribunal hearings]

- **re Dr. Farouk Musa** (2000) – staff doctor of Universiti Sains Malaysia who was charged with misconduct and was eventually cleared of all charges. The tribunal was chaired by the Vice Chancellor of USM.
- **re Mohd Ezam Mohd Nor, Re Hishamuddin Rais, Re Badrul Amin Baharon & Re Saari Sungip** (2001) – presented representations on behalf of the above said ISA detainees before the advisory panel at the Kemunting Detention Centre.
- **re Dr. Rozaidah Talib** (2004) – represented the member of Parliament of Ampang before the Dentistry Disciplinary Board.
- **re Dr. Amir Hakim** (2005) – represented a medical doctor before the Medical Practitioners' Disciplinary Board.
- Retained by the **Legal Profession's Qualifying Board** to prosecute 6 CLP students' for examination fraud

COMMERCIAL LITIGATION

- **AmInternational (L) Ltd v. Rentak Wira Sdn Bhd & 3 others** (2003) – defending a guarantor to a syndicated loan amounting to USD163 million
- **Etika Gemilang Sdn Bhd v. Lingkaran Luar Butterworth & Rayston Consortium Sdn Bhd** – acting for Plaintiff, Etika Gemilang, in a shareholders' dispute of a concession company
- **Rahika Holdings v. Government of Malaysia** (2004) – a suit against the Government for breach of contract
- **Masmirin Corporation v. Government of Malaysia** (2006) – breach of construction contract.
- **Zarinah Abu Bakar v. Dato' Hj. Abd. Rahman Bin Palil** – Defending the State of Assemblyman of Senate in a suit for breach of contract.

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Pro bono work

Hasnal was retained as Panel Counsel by Kuala Lumpur Bar Committee Legal Aid Centre for variety of criminal cases such as illegal assembly, urgent arrest, mitigation and sentencing etc.

Advisory work

Legal advisor of Barisan Nasional (BN) attending to the preparation and submission of nomination papers of BN candidate for the Permatang Pauh parliamentary seat, Y.A. Berhormat Dato' Seri Anwar Ibrahim and candidates for the state seats of Seberang Jaya, Permatang Pasir and Penanti in the 1995 General Election.

Legal advisor of Barisan Nasional (BN) attending to the preparation and submission of nomination papers of BN candidate for the Selayang parliamentary seat, Y.B. Dato' Seri Chan Kong Choy and candidates for the state seats of Rawang, Kuang and Taman Templer in the 2004 General Election.

Advising several former senior office bearers of Malaysian Association of Tour and Travel Agents (MATTA) on the legality of the proceedings at the AGM, Disciplinary proceedings and Domestic inquiry.