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Understanding the new sentencing framework for tax evasion

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Synopsis:

Rajah & Tann acted in the first GST evasion case to be decided under the new sentencing framework for GST offenses laid down by the High Court in *Public Prosecutor v. Pua Om Tee*. In this ITD, we will consider how the new sentencing framework is to be interpreted and the higher imprisonment terms likely to be imposed.

About the Speaker:

Vikna Rajah is recognised as a leading lawyer in both Tax and Trust & Private Client practices. He, who also has a degree in accountancy, is praised in the legal directories as being an “experienced litigator” with “extensive tax knowledge”, who is “an extremely intelligent man” and is “excellent to work with”. He also combines “very deep technical expertise with acute commercial acumen”, while “carefully listening to his clients and putting himself in their shoes”.

In addition to being nominated as the Chairman of the International Fiscal Association (Singapore Branch), Vikna has recently been recognised as “Highly Regarded” in the “tax controversy” practice area by World Tax 2021. He led the Tax Practice to clinch Singapore’s Tax Disputes and Litigation Firm of the Year by the International Tax Review 2017. He is recently ranked ‘Distinguished Practitioner’ in tax by Asialaw Profiles 2021 and is also ranked ‘Leading Individual’ in tax by The Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2020 and a leading tax lawyer by Chambers Asia Pacific 2020. Aside from being recognised by the Singapore Business Review 2015 as one of Singapore’s Top 40 most influential lawyers aged 40 and under, Vikna was also one of Prestige Singapore’s 40 Under 40 (2017), being heralded as one of the “movers and shakers and the dream makers to watch”.

On the Private Client front, Vikna has been named as one of the world’s Leading Experts in Private Client Practice by Who’s Who Legal since 2017. He won “Private Client Lawyer of the Year” at The Asia Legal Awards 2017 and is recognised as one of the world’s Top 250 Private Client Lawyers by Legal Week’s Private Client Global Elite 2018. Vikna has recently been selected by his peers for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in Singapore (2021) for Trusts and Estates. He is also ranked as a Leading Individual for Private Wealth by both The Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2020 and the Chambers High Net Worth Guide 2020. The Private Wealth Practice which he leads is also ranked Tier 1 by The Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2020.