

LITIGATION CONFERENCE

3 & 4 APRIL 2024

About the Conference

The Litigation Conference 2024 is proudly presented by the **Civil Practice Committee of The Law Society of Singapore**.

Litigation Conference 2024 marks a significant milestone in the history of the series – this year, we celebrate the **10th anniversary** of the full edition of the Conference. We thank everyone who has supported us over the past decade and invite you to be part of the 10th edition in 2024.

Over the last 10 years, the conferences and workshops held under the Litigation Conference series have distinguished themselves as a key event in the annual Singapore legal calendar. We have had the privilege of the active participation of eminent speakers and trainers from Singapore and abroad including Judges, Kings Counsel, Senior Counsel, Ministers, and key stakeholders in the litigation industry.

The 2024 edition will be no exception. We are privileged to have The Honourable the Chief Justice Sundaresh Menon as our key-note speaker to open the Conference.

In addition to in-depth discussions on the experiences of the Courts and the Bar on the new Rules of Court 2021, topics to be discussed include:

- How the work of litigators has and will continue to change by the rise of generative artificial intelligence with the associated ethical and professional concerns.
- How litigators should prepare for the numerous transnational issues that are becoming increasingly common in litigation.
- How young litigators can navigate the challenges of an everchanging legal practice and what capabilities and mindsets should the young litigator have to become a 'litigator of the future'.

The 2024 edition will be a full in-person event. So please book your seats early to avoid disappointment. This is a conference not to be missed by any serious litigator!

Registration link: <https://reg.eventnook.com/event/LitigationConf2024>

About the Organisers

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Day 1: 6.0
Day 2: 6.0

Practice Area:
**Civil
Procedure**

Training Level:
General

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Programme Outline

Day 1 (3 April 2024, Wednesday)	
8.15am – 9.00am	Registration
9.00am – 9.05am	<p>Opening Remarks</p> <p>Lawrence Teh – Chairperson, Litigation Conference 2024 Organising Committee, The Law Society of Singapore; Senior Partner, Global Co-Head of Dentons’ International Arbitration Group, Dentons Rodyk & Davidson LLP</p>
9.05am – 9.10am	<p>Welcome Remarks</p> <p>Lisa Sam – President, The Law Society of Singapore</p>
9.10am – 10.00am	<p>Keynote Address</p> <p>The Honourable the Chief Justice Sundaresh Menon – Supreme Court of Singapore</p>
10.00am - 10.30am	<p>Discussion with CJ</p> <p>The Honourable the Chief Justice Sundaresh Menon – Supreme Court of Singapore</p> <p>Lawrence Teh – Senior Partner, Global Co-Head of Dentons’ International Arbitration Group, Dentons Rodyk & Davidson LLP</p>
10.30am – 11.15am	Tea Break
11.15am – 12.45pm	<p>Plenary Session 1: The Tomorrow War – Litigation Meets Artificial Intelligence</p> <p>Whilst Artificial Intelligence (AI) is still in its infancy, generative AI has already made its way into some litigation departments. Separately, some courts have already started trialling the use of AI in their processes. If this is AI in its infancy, what will the child be when it grows up?</p> <p>This session will explain what AI and Generative AI are, and what these technologies presently can and cannot do. It will explore the current use of AI by judges and litigators and how this will change litigation practice in the near future.</p> <p>Moderator: Lye Kah Cheong – Director, Breakpoint LLC</p> <p>Panellists: Alaister Johnson – Counsel, Linklaters Singapore Lee Ji En – CEO, Chambers Lab Jerrold Soh – SMU Law Faculty, Assistant Professor of Law; Deputy Director, Centre for Computational Law (CCLAW); D.S. Lee Foundation Fellow Tan Ken Hwee – Chief Transformation and Innovation Officer, Supreme Court of Singapore (Judiciary)</p>
12.45pm – 2.00pm	Lunch
2.00pm – 3.30pm	<p>Plenary Session 2: To Be Or Not To Be That is the Question – What Tech AI Tools Can a Litigator Use?</p> <p>All the AI tools say that they are the best thing since sliced bread. But are they? How do I, as a litigator, separate the wheat from the chaff. Here is an opportunity to listen to the industry players and lawyers who are testing or using such tools as part of their litigation practice – or are they?</p> <p>Lim Seng Siew – Director, OTP Law Corporation</p>
3.30pm – 4.15pm	Tea Break

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4.15pm – 5.45pm	<p>Plenary Session 3: Artificial Intelligence – Boon or Bane for the Young Litigator</p> <p>Much has been said about how AI will change the world that we live in. Will AI replace the young litigator such that young lawyers will now be redundant? Or can AI assist the young litigator to learn and achieve a level which they would not have been able to do by themselves? Listen to our panel's point of view as they discuss the issue and then ask your burning questions as to how AI will affect the practice of a young litigator.</p> <p>Moderator: Richard Yeoh – Partner, David Lim & Partners LLP</p> <p>Panellists: Hannah Alysha – Associate Director, Ascendant Legal LLC (in alliance with Norton Rose Fulbright) Torsten Cheong – Partner, Rajah & Tann Singapore LLP Senthil Dayalan – Partner, Dentons Rodyk & Davidson LLP</p>
5.45pm	End
End of Day 1	

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Day 2 (4 April 2024, Thursday)	
8.15am – 9.00am	Registration
9.00am - 9.45am	<p>Keynote Address</p> <p>Mr Ang Cheng Hock, SC – Deputy Attorney-General, Attorney-General's Chambers, Republic of Singapore</p>
9.45am - 11.00am	<p>Plenary Session 4: The Rules of Court 2021 – Perspectives from the Courts</p> <p>This session will provide an opportunity to hear first-hand from the Courts on the developments and feedback on the new Rules of Court 2021. This will be followed by an extended Q&A session that promises to be interesting and informative. Practitioners can look forward to obtaining insights on the Court's approach to the new Rules and answers to issues they may have faced in its application.</p> <p>Moderator: M K Eusuff Ali – Dispute Resolution Specialist and Partner, Messrs Tan Rajah & Cheah</p> <p>Panellists: The Honourable Justice Chua Lee Ming – Supreme Court of Singapore Judge Chiah Kok Khun – District Judge, The State Courts of Singapore Judge Teo Guan Kee – District Judge, The State Courts of Singapore Lim Sai Nei – Assistant Registrar, Supreme Court of Singapore</p>
11.00am – 11.30am	Tea Break
11.30am – 12.45pm	<p>Plenary Session 5: The Rules of Court 2021 - Ways to Navigate Safely and Make the Most of Its Provisions (The Lawyers' Perspective)</p> <p>Sharing their case experience, the panel speakers will seek to explore and lead discussions with participants on the best methods and ways to take full advantage of the provisions in the 2021 Rules for effective case management from pre-action evaluations to post judgment considerations.</p> <p>Moderators: Jason Lim – Principal, Jason Lim Law Chambers M K Eusuff Ali – Dispute Resolution Specialist and Partner, Messrs Tan Rajah & Cheah</p> <p>Panellists: Foo Soon Yien – Senior Director & Founder, BR Law Corporation Francis Goh – Partner, Harry Elias Partnership LLP Siraj Omar, SC – Managing Director, Dispute Resolution, Drew & Napier LLC Kyle Gabriel Peters – Partner, Braddell Brothers LLP Gregory Vijayendran, SC – Partner, Rajah & Tann Singapore LLP</p>
12.45pm – 2.00pm	Lunch
2.00pm – 3.30pm	<p>Plenary Session 6: Singapore as a Cross-Border / International Litigation Hub</p> <p>Singapore is often described as a “dispute-resolution hub”, but that principally refers to Singapore's international arbitration and mediation offerings e.g. the SIAC and SIMC. In contrast, this session explores cross-border / international litigation in Singapore, in particular, at the Singapore International Commercial Court (SICC). What exactly is the SICC? How different are proceedings before the SICC and its international judges? How is the SICC faring in drawing international litigation to Singapore, and where is it headed? Is the SICC important for local practitioners? If so, how can local practitioners, especially those who are not from the larger Singapore law firms, gain more opportunities to appear before the SICC, or have their clients' cases heard by the SICC?</p> <p>Moderator: Edmund Kronenburg, FCIArb, FSIArb – Managing Partner, Braddell Brothers LLP</p> <p>Panellists: Justice Philip Jeyaretnam – President, Singapore International Commercial Court Dinesh Dhillon – Partner, Allen & Gledhill Teh Ee-von – Director, Infinitus Law Corporation</p>

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	Thio Shen-Yi SC – Joint Managing Partner, TSMP Law Corporation
3.30pm – 4.00pm	Tea Break
4.00pm – 5.30pm	Plenary Session 7: Latest Trends in Regional and International Litigation This session will explore the latest trends that are being seen by courts in terms of case profile, any overlap with international arbitration, the availability and use of interim measures and the speed and effectiveness of enforcement processes. Moderator: Lawrence Teh – Senior Partner, Global Co-Head of Dentons' International Arbitration Group, Dentons Rodyk & Davidson LLP Panellists: Peter Dunning KC – President, Australian Bar Association Dr. Luu Tien Dzung – Vice-President, Vietnam Bar Federation
5.30pm – 5.45pm	Closing Remarks M K Eusuff Ali – Co Vice-Chairperson, Litigation Conference 2024 Organising Committee, The Law Society of Singapore; Dispute Resolution Specialist and Partner, Messrs Tan Rajah & Cheah
5.45pm	End
End of Day 2	

The programme is updated on a regular basis and subject to changes. Please refer to our conference website for the latest update at <https://reg.eventnook.com/event/LitigationConf2024>

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Keynote Address (Day 1)



The Honourable the Chief Justice Sundaresh Menon – Supreme Court of Singapore

Chief Justice Sundaresh Menon was appointed Chief Justice of the Supreme Court on 6 November 2012.

Chief Justice Menon graduated with a Bachelor of Laws (First Class Honours) from the National University of Singapore in 1986 and a Master of Laws from Harvard Law School in 1991. He was admitted as an advocate and solicitor in Singapore in 1987, and as an attorney and counsellor-at-law in New York in 1992.

After he was called to the Bar in Singapore, he practised with major local and international law firms, primarily as an advocate, in the fields of commercial litigation and arbitration, construction law and insolvency law. From 2006 to 2007, he served as a Judicial Commissioner of the Supreme Court. He was appointed Senior Counsel in 2008. In 2010, he was appointed the 6th Attorney-General of Singapore, a post he relinquished in 2012 shortly before his appointment as a Judge of Appeal. He was appointed to the Presidential Council for Minority Rights upon his appointment as Attorney-General in 2010 and was later appointed as its Chairman in 2012, upon his appointment as Chief Justice.

Between 2012 and 2020, Chief Justice Menon served on the Governing Board of the International Council for Commercial Arbitration, and he has been serving as a member of the International Chamber of Commerce Governing Body for Dispute Resolution Services since 2021.

He is also an elected member of the American Law Institute, an Honorary Bencher of the Honourable Society of the Inner Temple in England and the President of the Singapore Academy of Law. Chief Justice Menon was conferred an Honorary Doctorate in Laws by the University of Western Australia in 2022 for his services to the law.

Chief Justice Menon is married with three children.

Keynote Address (Day 2)



Mr Ang Cheng Hock, SC – Deputy Attorney-General, Attorney-General's Chambers, Republic of Singapore

Mr Ang Cheng Hock, SC, graduated with a Bachelor of Laws (1st Class Honours) from the National University of Singapore in 1995 and a Master of Laws from Yale Law School in 1998. He served as a Justices' Law Clerk in the Supreme Court in 1996 and 1997. He was called to the Singapore Bar in 1996 and admitted as an Attorney & Counsellor at Law in the state of New York in 1999.

Mr Ang joined Allen & Gledhill in 1999 and became a partner of the firm in 2000. His main areas of practice included civil and commercial litigation, international arbitration and corporate-related disputes such as shareholders' disputes, breaches of directors' duties, securities-related and banking litigation, defamation and professional liability. He had also represented clients in insolvency related litigation, shipping disputes and intellectual property disputes. He was appointed Senior Counsel in 2009.

Mr Ang was appointed Judicial Commissioner of the Supreme Court on 14 May 2018 and High Court Judge on 1 August 2019.

He was appointed and assumed office as Deputy Attorney-General on 1 October 2022.

Chief Justice Menon is married with three children.

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Opening Remarks



Lawrence Teh – Senior Partner, Global Co-Head of Dentons' International Arbitration Group, Dentons Rodyk & Davidson LLP

Lawrence Teh is Global Co-Head of Dentons' International Arbitration practice and a senior partner in Dentons Singapore's Litigation and Dispute Resolution practice group, where he is co-head of the International Arbitration practice. He advises clients in all areas of commercial law and appears regularly as lead counsel in the Singapore courts, in arbitration, mediation and other forms of dispute resolution. He is also considered and appointed regularly as an arbitrator in international disputes under the rules and auspices of many international arbitration institutions and also in ad hoc arbitrations. He is particularly noted for his work on jurisdictional issues in international arbitration and litigation. He has particular experience in handling disputes in international trade and commodities, maritime and aviation, banking and financial services, onshore and offshore construction, mergers acquisitions and joint ventures and insurance.

He is named in numerous legal guides and directories including the Chambers Asia Pacific, The Legal 500 Asia Pacific, Who's Who Legal, Benchmark Litigation Asia Pacific, Best Lawyers and Asialaw Leading Lawyers.

Welcome Remarks



Lisa Sam – President, The Law Society of Singapore

Lisa is the President and part of the Executive Committee of the Council of the Law Society. She is the Managing Partner of Lisa Sam & Company and has a whole range of experience and practice in litigation and advisory matters. Admitted as an advocate and solicitor of the Supreme Court of Singapore in 1997 and a barrister-at-law of England and Wales, Lisa started her practice in 2004. Her practice areas include corporate law, commercial litigation and advice, family law and general litigation.

Closing Remarks



M K Eusuff Ali – Dispute Resolution Specialist and Partner, Messrs Tan Rajah & Cheah

Eusuff has been a litigator for almost 25 years and specialises in commercial and civil litigation at all levels of the Singapore Courts. He is also an accredited mediator with the Singapore International Mediation Institute.

Eusuff acts in complex commercial litigation matters and has advised a diverse range of clients from statutory boards/entities, tertiary institutions, professional organisations, foreign state organisations, state-owned companies and large multi-national corporations.

Eusuff is an active member of the Law Society of Singapore. He has been a member of the Organising Committee for the Litigation Conference since its inception and is the co-Deputy Chair of the Organising Committee for Litigation Conference 2024. He has also been a member of the Civil Practice Committee since 2006 and was its Chairman from 2014 to 2016. Over the years, he has held several other appointments in other committees and working groups and continues to champion access to justice, ethics and sustainability in practice.

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Profile of Moderators/Panellists (In order of plenary sessions)

Plenary Session 1: The Tomorrow War – Litigation Meets Artificial Intelligence



Alaister Johnson – Counsel, Linklaters Singapore Pte. Ltd.

Alaister is a Counsel in the Linklaters technology team based in Singapore, having previously spent over a decade in the London office. He advises clients on a broad range of both contentious and non-contentious technology, data, cyber and sourcing issues.

Alaister's data practice covers all aspects of privacy and data protection law, with particular expertise in complex cross-border information governance mandates. He advises clients on their most innovative and challenging privacy matters, ranging from international transfer solutions, multi-jurisdictional data protection compliance programmes and cyber incidents, to the commercial and regulatory implications of AI, AdTech, big data and other cutting-edge technologies, issues surrounding the lawful interception of data and high-profile regulatory investigations.

He also has significant experience counselling clients on business-critical outsourcings, complex technology contracting arrangements, FinTech initiatives and other innovative digital solutions. In addition, Alaister works on the technology, data and separation issues associated with M&A transactions, with a focus on complex carve outs and deals in the tech space.

Alaister has been ranked for several years in the Legal 500 as a "Next Generation Lawyer" and "Rising Star" for data protection, privacy and cyber security and is recognised as a key member of the Linklaters tech team.



Lee Ji En – CEO, Chambers Lab

Ji En recently left practice to build Chambers Lab, a legal innovation startup focused on helping lawyers practice better. He believes that, with intelligent use of technology and global human resources, the practice of law can be effective and enjoyable at the same time. Prior to this, Ji En was an associate at an international law firm in Singapore. He has extensive experience in dispute resolution (both civil and criminal matters) and competition law. Ji En has argued in the Singapore High Court and Court of Appeal and worked with leading King's Counsel on various complex and high-profile matters.

Ji En has been actively involved in the legal tech and legal innovation space for the past 9 years. He was the founding Deputy Chairperson of the Asia-Pacific Legal Innovation and Technology Association (ALITA) and the Chapter Organiser of Legal Hackers Singapore. Ji En was also part of a Working Group formed by the Singapore Computer Society and the Singapore Academy of Law to help the Singapore government develop strategies for the legal workforce in view of tech disruption in the industry. He is a regular speaker on issues relating to technology and innovation in law and have been invited to speak at conferences in many countries, including Singapore, Korea, Italy, Thailand and the United Kingdom.

Ji En read law at the National University of Singapore on the ASEAN Undergraduate Scholarship and graduated in 2017.



Lye Kah Cheong – Director, Breakpoint LLC

KC focuses on international arbitration and has been involved in a wide variety of contested matters in South-East Asia. He handles high-value disputes from a range of industry sectors, including oil and gas, aviation, and commercial fraud. He has represented clients in ICSID, SIAC, ICC and LCIA arbitrations and mediation proceedings in London, Hong Kong and Singapore. He has accepted numerous appointments to sit as arbitrator, both as sole arbitrator and as part of a panel, in commercial cases centred in Japan, India, China, the Philippines and Rwanda.

KC publishes and lectures extensively on international arbitration and alternative dispute resolution. His articles have been cited by the Singapore High Court. He is qualified as a Solicitor in England & Wales and as an Advocate & Solicitor in Singapore.

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Jerrold Soh – SMU Law Faculty, Assistant Professor of Law; Deputy Director, Centre for Computational Law (CCLAW); D.S. Lee Foundation Fellow

Jerrold Soh is Assistant Professor of Law at the SMU Yong Pung How School of Law and Deputy Director of its Centre for Computational Law. He has written and taught on the implications and applications of artificial intelligence systems for law since he joined the faculty in 2018. For instance, on the regulation of AI systems, liability for automated vehicle accidents, text analytics for legal judgments, network analysis of court citations, expressing legal rules as code, and natural legal language processing systems. He is formally trained in law and economics and a self-taught programmer.



Tan Ken Hwee – Chief Transformation and Innovation Officer, Supreme Court of Singapore (Judiciary)

Tan Ken Hwee is currently the Chief Transformation and Innovation Officer for the entire Court system in Singapore. He has been involved in legal tech initiatives for 33 years in various deployments throughout the Singapore legal ecosystem. He was previously the Chief Prosecutor in charge of white collar crime in the Attorney-General's Chambers, and was also a Senior State Counsel entrusted with international law negotiations and dispute settlement. He has also been a Senior Assistant Registrar in the Supreme Court, and also advised the Singapore Government as a State Counsel in the Attorney-General's Chambers. In his current role, he supervises all transformation, innovation and technology initiatives in the Singapore Courts, and frequently finds himself going beyond the Courts to participate in cross-agency collaboration efforts with other Government agencies. Ken Hwee graduated from the National University of Singapore and obtained his LL.M from Columbia University.

Plenary Session 2: To Be Or Not To Be That is the Question – What Tech AI Tools Can a Litigator Use?



Lim Seng Siew – Director, OTP Law Corporation

Lim Seng Siew, Director of OTP Law Corporation, has over 30 years practice experience in litigation and commercial transactions, concentrating mainly on data protection, cybersecurity and technology related matters. In addition to practice experience, the years when he was CEO of a technology start-up (2000-2003) and Senior Director of the Technology Cluster, Singapore Academy of Law (2008-2011) has also gained him practical experience managing technology projects as well as the daily operations of such entities. His combined experience translates to practical advice to clients who intend to start a new or run a technology business, manage their technology partners and/or develop technology projects. His litigation experience means that he had the ability to spot potential problem areas and suggest possible solutions.

Plenary Session 3: Artificial Intelligence – Boon or Bane for the Young Litigator



Hannah Alysha – Associate Director, Ascendant Legal LLC (in alliance with Norton Rose Fulbright)

Hannah is a dispute resolution lawyer at Ascendant Legal, a Singapore law firm in Formal Law Alliance with Norton Rose Fulbright. Her core areas of practice are commercial litigation, international arbitration and restructuring and insolvency.

Hannah's representative experience spans all levels of the Singapore courts, where she has acted as both lead counsel and as second chair to prominent Senior Counsel. The disputes in which Hannah has been involved in run the gamut, from high-profile shareholder, property and trust-related disputes to defamation actions and arbitration-related Court proceedings. Many involve complex cross-border elements and traverse a variety of industry sectors, including energy, healthcare and hospitality. In The Legal 500 Asia Pacific, Hannah is recognised as "excellent, personable" and "very prompt".

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Torsten Cheong – Partner, Rajah & Tann Singapore LLP

Torsten is a partner at Rajah & Tann Singapore LLP with a busy commercial practice focusing on complex high-value litigation and appellate advocacy. He serves as a member of the Young Lawyers' Committee of the Law Society of Singapore and the Law Awareness Committee of Pro Bono SG, and was appointed Young Amicus Curiae in 2021. Before private practice, Torsten was a Deputy Public Prosecutor and State Counsel with the Attorney-General's Chambers and a Justices' Law Clerk with the Supreme Court. He obtained his law degree from the University of Oxford with First Class Honours.



Senthil Dayalan – Partner, Dentons Rodyk & Davidson LLP

Senthil is a partner in Dentons Rodyk's Litigation and Dispute Resolution Practice.

Senthil's practice covers a broad range of commercial litigation and arbitration matters with a focus on disputes in the shipping, international trade and commodities as well as construction sectors. He also regularly handles shareholder/joint venture disputes, civil fraud claims and sports law matters.

He has appeared before all levels of the Singapore courts as well as arbitral tribunals in Singapore and London under the SIAC, SCMA, and LCIA rules.

Between 2017 and 2021, Senthil joined the Legal Service and was posted to the Ministry of Law where he handled various law reform projects touching on the civil litigation and arbitration sectors – including the implementation and drafting of the Rules of Court 2021.

Senthil is a member of the Advocacy Committee and Sports Committee at the Law Society of Singapore and is actively involved as a trainer under the Advocacy Module for the Singapore Bar Examinations.



Richard Yeoh – Partner, David Lim & Partners LLP

Richard is qualified to practice in Singapore and Malaysia. He is currently a Partner in the Corporate & Commercial Practice Group. Richard also heads the Intellectual Property and Technology department of the Firm.

Since 2001, Richard has practised in both the litigation and corporate and commercial departments of a notable commercial law firm in Malaysia as well as in Singapore. Richard's unique combination of experience in both practice areas stands him in good stead in assisting clients with commercially workable and enforceable legal solutions.

Richard has been actively involved in the areas of corporate finance, mergers and acquisitions, fund management, corporate restructuring, corporate insolvency and receivership, corporate advisory and corporate secretarial work as well as commercial transactions. Richard's main areas of expertise in litigation includes pre-emptive litigation, corporate and commercial litigation, litigation involving shareholders rights, disputes in relation to tort, contract and banking.

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Plenary Session 4: The Rules of Court 2021 – Perspectives from the Courts



The Honourable Justice Chua Lee Ming – Supreme Court of Singapore

Justice Chua Lee Ming was appointed Judicial Commissioner in 2015 and High Court Judge in January 2017.

Justice Chua began his legal career in 1984. He served in the Subordinate Courts (renamed as State Courts in 2014), the Supreme Court Registry and in the Attorney-General's Chambers, before leaving for private practice in 1990. In 1998, he joined the Government of Singapore Investment Corporation Pte Ltd (renamed as GIC Pte Ltd in 2013), where he later became the General Counsel.

He was a founding member of the Singapore Corporate Counsel Association, and has served on various committees of the Law Society of Singapore as well as the School of Law Advisory Board, Singapore Management University. Justice Chua continues to serve on various committees of the Singapore Academy of Law.



Judge Chiah Kok Khun – District Judge, The State Courts of Singapore

Kok Khun is a district judge in the State Courts of Singapore.

Prior to his appointment as district judge, Kok Khun was in private practice for 20 years. His practice was in civil and commercial litigation. He had acted in a number of major disputes before the High Court and the Court of Appeal. He had also acted for parties in international commercial arbitrations.

Kok Khun graduated with an LLB from the National University of Singapore. He is a fellow of both the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators.



Judge Teo Guan Kee – District Judge, The State Courts of Singapore

Guan Kee is a District Judge in the State Courts of Singapore. He previously held appointments as an Assistant Registrar of the Supreme Court and as Registrar of the Appeals Board (Land Acquisition).

Prior to being appointed an Assistant Registrar in 2012, Guan Kee was in private practice, with his practice areas including construction law and insurance law.



Lim Sai Nei – Assistant Registrar, Supreme Court of Singapore

Sai Nei is an Assistant Registrar of the Supreme Court and concurrently a District Judge. Prior to joining the Supreme Court Registry, Sai Nei was a State Counsel in the Attorney-General's Chambers.

Sai Nei was Secretary of the Civil Justice Commission, which drafted and proposed the Rules of Court 2021. In addition, she was actively involved in the implementation of the Rules of Court 2021. Sai Nei is also Secretary of the Rules of Court Working Party.

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Plenary Session 5: The Rules of Court 2021 - Ways to Navigate Safely and Make the Most of Its Provisions (The Lawyers' Perspective)



Foo Soon Yien – Senior Director and Founder, BR Law Corporation

With a distinguished 36-year career, Ms. Foo is a legal luminary in Singapore's legal landscape. Renowned for her expertise in civil and commercial litigation, she has earned a reputation for her profound legal acumen and adept application of the law in complex cases.

Ms. Foo's journey began at the National University of Singapore, where she entered the legal profession. Over the years, she has become a formidable force, excelling in various legal domains, including company shareholders' disputes, contractual disagreements, estate conflicts, property matters, and more.

Throughout her career, Ms. Foo has been at the forefront of groundbreaking cases. As a Senior Litigation Lawyer at BR Law Corporation, she has led and mentored teams, shaping the future of legal professionals while achieving success and justice for her clients. Her analytical prowess and strategic thinking have set legal precedents, solidifying her status as a leading litigator.

Ms. Foo's illustrious career reflects her unwavering dedication, sharp intellect, and significant impact in civil, commercial, estate, and family law litigation. As a trusted advisor and respected legal mind, she continues to set the standard for legal excellence. Notable cases in her portfolio include landmark trademark disputes, property cases, environment-related matters, and pivotal family court jurisdiction issues before the Court of Appeal of 5 judges and many other cases in law reports, reviews and the newspapers, showcasing her diverse legal expertise.

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Francis Goh – Partner, Harry Elias Partnership LLP

Francis is the Head of International Arbitration and Mediation, as well as Head of Private Client Advisory practices at Harry Elias Partnership Singapore. He has been in practice for over 30 years engaged in disputes and advisory work. Francis has acted in international arbitrations under the SIAC, HKIAC, ICC and LMAA.

As an undergraduate at the National University of Singapore, Francis won the B.A Mallal Mooting Competition in 1987. Today he continues his passion for advocacy, serving as Chair of the Singapore Law Society's Advocacy Committee.

As a SIMI and IMI certified mediator as well as mediation advocate, Francis understands how to use the mediation process to help parties manage their disputes to achieve win-win outcomes, resolving matters in a time and cost-efficient manner. Francis is also regularly approached to act as Mediator.

Francis is a Principal Mediator at the Singapore Mediation Centre, a Specialist Mediator and Ambassador of the Singapore International Mediation Centre as well as a Senior Mediator on the panel of the Law Society Mediation Scheme. Francis serves as an Adjudicator of the Financial Industry Dispute Resolution Centre Ltd. Francis is a Fellow of the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators and the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators.



Jason Lim – Principal, Jason Lim Law Chambers

Jason is currently the sole proprietor of Jason Lim Law Chambers.

Jason obtained his LL.M degree from University College, London in 1981 and was admitted to the Singapore Bar in October 1983. He has worked in commercial litigation and been actively engaged in dispute resolution work in Singapore for the past 39 years.

Jason was admitted as a Fellow of the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators in 1999. He has been appointed by the SIAC and the ICC International Court of Arbitration in both international and domestic arbitrations as sole arbitrator and as co-arbitrator since 2003.



Siraj Omar, SC – Managing Director, Dispute Resolution, Drew & Napier LLC

Siraj is Managing Director of the Dispute Resolution practice at Drew & Napier LLC in Singapore.

He has an active trial and appellate practice in the Singapore courts with more than 25 years' experience in litigating complex, high-value commercial disputes. He has litigated many landmark disputes before the Courts in areas as diverse as banking, consumer protection, debt restructuring and insurance. He also has an active international arbitration practice, appearing as counsel as well as sitting as arbitrator.

He is recognized in all the leading legal directories, including being globally ranked in Chambers and recognised as a leading individual in The Legal 500.

He serves on the Board of Directors of the Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC) and as a member of its Board Executive Committee and also holds Fellowships at the the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb), the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators (SIArb) and the Singapore Academy of Law (SAL). He is also the Chief Examiner for the Dispute Resolution Practice module of the Singapore Bar course conducted by the Singapore Institute of Legal Education.

Outside of practice, he serves as a civilian panel member of the Military Court of Appeal and as Deputy Commissioner of the Government Procurement Adjudication Tribunal. He also volunteers on the Council of the Law Society, as an Assigned Solicitor with the Legal Aid Bureau and as Secretary of the Singapore Indian Development Association (SINDA).

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Kyle Gabriel Peters – Partner, Braddell Brothers LLP

Kyle Gabriel Peters is a partner at Braddell Brothers specializing in commercial and corporate litigation with an emphasis on insolvency and restructuring, and investigations.

Gabriel regularly handles cross-border commercial and corporate disputes, and he has significant experience in advising, coordinating, and managing concurrent disputes and proceedings across multiple jurisdictions. He also handles contentious insolvency proceedings and corporate restructuring applications. Gabriel was instructed as lead counsel for a Plaintiff-beneficiary in a dispute relating to the estate of a deceased UHNW individual with an estimated value in excess of S\$800m.

Gabriel featured in the *ALB Asia 40 Under 40 2022* list, and has been described by practitioners and clients as “a commercially astute litigator”, who is able to conduct “highly contentious litigation battles with grace and tenacity” and is “well able to see the bigger picture and advise decisively and well on the strategy to be adopted in resolving any given dispute.”



Gregory Vijayendran, SC – Partner, Rajah & Tann Singapore LLP

Gregory graduated from the National University of Singapore in 1992, was admitted to the Singapore Bar in 1993 and is practising at Rajah & Tann Singapore LLP. The longest serving Law Society President in the society’s history, Gregory was appointed Senior Counsel in 2019. Gregory presently serves as Chairman of Pro Bono SG, the Law Society’s subsidiary focused on access of justice.

Gregory’s present practice focusses on litigation, arbitration and mediation of civil, commercial and chancery disputes. He has been consistently recognized as a profession-wide expert in corporate insolvency and charities governance. A trained and experienced mediator, he serves on the panel of Singapore International Mediation Centre’s (SIMC) specialist mediators. Gregory was also appointed to the board of SIMC at the end of 2021.

A senior member of the Advocacy Committee and historically serving as Senior Moderator, he has conducted Advocacy Training for Law Society and conducted local and international advocacy training (including for Sabah and South Korea).

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Dinesh Dhillon – Partner, Allen & Gledhill LLP

Dinesh Dhillon is the Co-Head of Allen & Gledhill’s International Arbitration Practice. He practices international arbitration and litigation.

Dinesh Dhillon has represented multinational companies in cases before the Singapore International Commercial Court (SICC), Singapore High Court and Court of Appeal relating to banking, corporate, employment, entertainment, insurance, property and shareholder disputes. He has also acted for statutory boards in judicial review cases.

Dinesh is the immediate past President of The Singapore Institute of Arbitrators, Fellow of the Asian Institute of Alternative Dispute Resolution, Board member of the Law Society’s Pro Bono Services Office, Vice Chair of the Asia Pacific Forum of the International Bar Association and Co-Chair of the Legal & IPR Committee of The American Chamber of Commerce in Singapore (AmCham).

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Justice Philip Jeyaretnam – President, Singapore International Commercial Court



Justice Philip Jeyaretnam is the President of the Singapore International Commercial Court and a Judge of the Singapore High Court. His focus since joining the Bench in 2021 has been on complex commercial cases, arbitration law, building and construction, company and trust law. He is also a member of the Judicial Service Commission, and the Presidential Council for Minority Rights. While in practice, he was a senior counsel, having been appointed at the early age of 38, and recognised as an expert in commercial litigation, arbitration and construction law in all major legal publications. In 2020, the Law Society conferred on him the CC Tan Award, which honours exemplars of professional values and integrity. He was managing partner of Rodyk & Davidson LLP from 2011, and, following its 2016 combination with Dentons, ASEAN CEO. Justice Jeyaretnam was the founding chairperson of the Society of Construction Law (Singapore), from 2002 to 2004, and served as the President of the Law Society during the years 2004 to 2007.

Edmund Kronenburg, FCIArb, FSIArb – Managing Partner, Braddell Brothers LLP



Edmund helms Braddell Brothers LLP, Singapore's second-oldest independent law practice, founded in 1883. He is admitted as an Advocate & Solicitor (Singapore) and Solicitor (England & Wales) and has over 26 years' experience in litigation and arbitration. Edmund's diverse practice includes commercial and corporate disputes, breach of confidence, defamation, energy and natural resources, medical law, media and telecommunications, as well as pre-emptive relief and injunctions. Edmund also actively sits as an Arbitrator and has conducted arbitrations seated in Singapore, Indonesia, Vietnam, Hong Kong, Malaysia, Cambodia and Brunei. He is a Fellow of the CIArb, SIArb, MIArb, HKIArb, AMINZ, PIArb and ACICA.

Edmund's accolades include the following: "[O]ne of Singapore's highest-regarded litigators and arbitration counsel" ... "the type of advocate you want on a case when you want to maintain pressure" (Who's Who Legal); "[A]ggressive", "articulate", "good strategist and communicator" and "best in class" (Legal 500, Asia Pacific); "Master strategist [who] strikes the right balance between being aggressive and going towards mediation and trying to settle. The qualities you'd want in a good litigator - attention to detail and commitment - are played out extremely well. ... He receives praise from clients for his "no-nonsense" and "focused" approach" and "... He has the ability to think beyond the conventional and has brilliant ideas in terms of legal strategy" (Chambers & Partners).

Teh Ee-von – Director, Infinitus Law Corporation



Teh Ee-von was called to the bar in 1998 and is experienced in the area of general civil litigation mainly in commercial and contract claims, matrimonial, real estate disputes, wills and probate, Strata Titles Board proceedings, landlord and tenant disputes, employment disputes, and debt recovery. She has handled litigation relating to intellectual property enforcement and intellectual property disputes and construction claims. She has assisted and conducted trials both in the Subordinate Courts as well as in the High Court and Court of Appeal, some of which have contributed towards defining a particular aspect of the law and have been reported in the Singapore Law Reports.

Thio Shen Yi, SC – Joint Managing Partner, TSMP Law Corporation



Shen Yi read law at St John's College, Cambridge University, graduating in 1991. He topped the English Bar Examinations, and was called to the Singapore bar in 1993. Since then, he has practiced exclusively in dispute resolution, primarily as counsel, and occasionally as arbitrator. He was appointed Senior Counsel in 2008 at 40 and elected a Master Benchler of The Middle Temple in 2016. He served as the President of the Law Society, and as Vice President of the Senate of the Singapore Academy of Law from 2015-2016.

Shen Yi has been consistently recognised in leading law journals, such as Chambers Global, Asialaw Profiles, Legal500 Asia Pacific and most recently identified as a Leading Individual (Dispute Resolution) in the Legal500 Asia Pacific 2020 as well as Elite Practitioner (Dispute Resolution) in the Asialaw Leading Lawyers 2024. He was also named Lawyer of the Year in the Benchmark Litigation Asia-Pacific Awards 2020.

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Peter Dunning KC – President, Australian Bar Association

Peter is a barrister in private practice, appearing and advising predominantly in commercial, constitutional and appellate matters throughout Australia.

Peter is the current President of the Australian Bar Association.

Peter Dunning between 2014 and 2019 held a commission as the Solicitor-General for Queensland. In that role Peter has appeared many times in the High Court of Australia and other courts for the State of Queensland in the full range of constitutional, native title and public law cases. During that period Peter also maintained his right of private practice and continued his private practice predominantly in the areas of appellate work and commercial litigation.

Prior to his term as Solicitor-General Peter had a large, essentially commercial, practice but in fact covering nearly the full gamut of legal disputes and appearance work. Peter also maintains a significant advice practice.



Dr. Luu Tien Dzung – Vice-President, Vietnam Bar Federation

Dr. Luu Tien Dzung currently serves as a Vice President of the Vietnam Bar Federation, Partner of a top international law firm of Vietnam (YKVN LLC), co-heads YKVN's litigation practice, a member of Panel of Arbitrators of Singapore International Arbitration Center (SIAC) and an arbitrator of Vietnam International Arbitration Center (VIAC).

Before joining YKVN, Dr. Dzung was a Law Clerk for the Chief Justice of the Supreme People's Court of Vietnam for more than 10 years assisting the Chief Justice with the screening of most complicated and sophisticated commercial disputes to determine whether full review by the Judicial Council of the Supreme People's Court would be appropriate. He also supported the drafting committee of the 1992 Constitution and the drafting committees of the first Civil Code and Civil Procedure Code of Vietnam.

In 2020, Dzung was the only Vietnam based lawyer ranked as Asia's Top 15 Litigators by Asian Legal Business (ALB).

Recently in 2023 Dr. Dzung was the first ever non-civil servant nominated to the Supreme Court of Vietnam.



Lawrence Teh – Senior Partner, Global Co-Head of Dentons' International Arbitration Group, Dentons Rodyk & Davidson LLP

Lawrence Teh is Global Co-Head of Dentons' International Arbitration practice and a senior partner in Dentons Singapore's Litigation and Dispute Resolution practice group, where he is co-head of the International Arbitration practice. He advises clients in all areas of commercial law and appears regularly as lead counsel in the Singapore courts, in arbitration, mediation and other forms of dispute resolution. He is also considered and appointed regularly as an arbitrator in international disputes under the rules and auspices of many international arbitration institutions and also in ad hoc arbitrations. He is particularly noted for his work on jurisdictional issues in international arbitration and litigation. He has particular experience in handling disputes in international trade and commodities, maritime and aviation, banking and financial services, onshore and offshore construction, mergers acquisitions and joint ventures and insurance.

He is named in numerous legal guides and directories including the Chambers Asia Pacific, The Legal 500 Asia Pacific, Who's Who Legal, Benchmark Litigation Asia Pacific, Best Lawyers and Asialaw Leading Lawyers.

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