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# ABOUT CORINNE

Corinne co-heads the firm's Competition Law & Regulatory practice.

Corinne's experience extends to all areas of competition law practice, including assisting clients in the filing of merger notifications to the Competition and Consumer Commission of Singapore (*CCCS*), leniency applications and assisting clients with CCCS investigations.

Corinne has also assisted multi-national and local companies in setting up competition law compliance and audit structures, dawn raid and whistle-blowing programmes and conducting audit checks for companies in a wide range of industries in Singapore and other jurisdictions such as China, Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, South Korea and Vietnam.

Corinne's corporate experience includes contractual and regulatory advice for listed and unlisted companies in a broad spectrum of industries, including aviation, technology, manufacturing and financial services industries and Corinne has assisted in the reviewing and drafting of joint venture agreements, shareholder agreements, distribution and sale and purchase agreements.

With regard to the aviation industry in particular, Corinne has assisted in competition law as well as regulatory and licensing advice, and in contractual matters, pertaining to air services agreements, passenger and cargo airlines operations, travel agencies, global distribution systems, airport services, airport retail services and asset transfers.

### AREAS OF PRACTICE

#### **Competition Law**

Some of the projects Corinne has assisted on include:

- A competition law and anti-corruption compliance audit for a multi-national company in 10 jurisdictions across Asia, including, amongst others, Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, Indonesia, the Philippines, Hong Kong, Taiwan and South Korea.
- A competition law audit for a multi-national company in the fast-moving consumer goods industry.
- The merger notification to the CCCS, for a Decision in respect of the acquisition of TNT Express N.V. by United Parcel Service, Inc.
- The notification by Seagate Technology PLC and Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd to the CCCS, for a Decision in respect of Seagate's proposed acquisition of certain assets of the hard disk drive business of Samsung.
- The provision of advice on various other confidential mergers and acquisitions.
- Responses to information requests from, and ongoing dealings with, the CCCS.
- The provision of competition law advice on investigations by the CCCS into companies in various industries, including the entertainment industry and the ball and roller bearing supply industry.
- The provision of competition law advice on investigations (worldwide) for several airlines (cargo and passenger).
- The provision of competition law advice on a case before the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC).
- A confidential leniency application before the CCCS.
- A confidential complaint before the CCCS.

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- Competition law advice, the drafting of competition law compliance and dawn raid manuals, the provision of training talks, etc. for companies operating in Singapore, China, Thailand and Malaysia covering the following industries:
  - Aviation airlines, global distribution systems, airports
  - Énergy
  - · Pharmaceuticals and chemicals
  - Paper
  - Mining
  - Petroleum
  - Semiconductor
  - Financial services
  - Fast-moving consumer goods

### **Corporate and Commercial Experience**

Some of the projects Corinne has assisted on include:

- Corporate, contractual and regulatory advice for listed and unlisted companies in a broad spectrum of industries.
- Drafting of agreements for mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures, consortiums, technology and software agreements, general sale and purchase contracts, tenancy and lease agreements, employment agreements, etc.
- The provision of advice on corporate governance for charities in Singapore.
- The provision of advice on corporate governance for the financial industry in Singapore.
- Setting up an adjudication framework for a commercial association.

#### **Regulatory Experience**

Some of the projects Corinne has assisted on include:

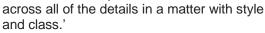
- The provision of advice to a statutory body on amendments to certain Singapore laws.
- The provision of advice to a statutory body on amendments to its competition code and Guidelines.
- The provision of advice to a statutory body on a potential judicial review matter.

- Drafting of licensing and commercial agreements for a statutory body.
- The provision of advice to a regulator on a financial instrument.
- The provision of advice on an appeal matter to a statutory body.

### ACCOLADES

The Legal 500 Asia-Pacific
Antitrust and Competition 2024 –
Leading Individual for 8
consecutive years

'Corinne Chew offers balanced and deep professional knowledge with understanding and empathy for commercial imperatives. She is



'Dr. Corinne Chew is extremely competent with her profound knowledge. We really appreciate her prompt attentiveness and her expertise. Corinne always gives us the assuring feeling to be in good hands.'

'Corinne Chew has impressed the market with her expertise in merger filings, leniency applications, dawn raids and investigations. '

'Corinne Chew is an absolute stand-out for us. Her availability and engagement is second to none. A pleasure to work with and always across all the relevant issues and likely responses from the CCCS and market.'

'Corinne Chew is the brains behind the practice. Unassuming but always able to read the situation well and produce great outcomes. Genuinely cares and fights the clients' case.'

'Corinne Chew is the one that holds up the competition practice and leads the team in terms of legal strategies and practical wisdom.'

'fantastic' and 'deserve strong recognition for their client focus'

"excellent legal knowledge and in-depth understanding of the regulator"



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Chambers Asia-Pacific Competition/Antitrust 2024 – Leading Individual for 4 consecutive years; Up and Coming individual for 3 consecutive years



A client enthuses: "Corinne is quick to understand clients' needs and is able to provide a pragmatic risk management solution."

"She is very detail-oriented and technically skilled."

"Corinne is commercially savvy and has an excellent grasp of competition law. She is therefore able to come up with very sensible arguments and remedies to address competition issues."

She wins praise for her "strong commitment to clients" and her willingness to "work tirelessly to bring about the best outcome."

"she knows her stuff and treats her clients' issues as if they are her own."

"in-depth knowledge on the subject matter; very well equipped and is truly an expert."

"Clients pinpoint her responsiveness, client service and competition law knowledge as [Corinne's] key strengths."

### Who's Who Legal

Global Guide: Competition 2023 – Recommended Lawyer for 3 consecutive years

National Guide: Southeast Asia – Competition 2023 – Recommended Lawyer for 3

consecutive years

Competition – Future Leaders (2018 – 2020)

Recognised as one of Singapore's foremost competition practitioners under the age of 45

**Best Lawyers International: Singapore**Competition/Antitrust Law 2024 – Endorsed individual for 5 consecutive years

Competition/Antitrust Lawyer of the Year Singapore 2024

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Notable Practitioner for 4 consecutive years



"Corinne is always willing to help and provides thoughtful advice in a timely manner."

"Profound legal knowledge with excellent communication skills."

# **Singapore Business Review**

Singapore's 20 most influential lawyers aged 40 and under for 2018 - Listed Lawyer

#### **MEMBERSHIPS**

Member, Law Society of Singapore
 Member, Singapore Academy of Law

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

- Co-Author of the Singapore Chapter of the ICN Anti-cartel Enforcement Worldwide.
- Contributor to the book, ASEAN Competition Law.
- Co-Author of the article, China The Baidu Decision, in the Competition Policy International Journal.
- Co-Author of the article, Changes to Corporate Governance Regime for Financial Institutions in the Singapore Law Gazette.
- Co-Author of the article, Competition Law and Foreign Investment in Singapore for the China Institute of International Antitrust and Investment – First Annual Antitrust Symposium 2013.