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LL.B / B.Com (Accounting) (Distinction), University of New South Wales, Australia (2007)

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ABOUT MERYL

Meryl is a litigator and a Director in both the Dispute Resolution and Intellectual Property Departments.

Meryl graduated with a double degree, Bachelor of Laws and Bachelor of Commerce (Accounting) (Distinction) from the University of New South Wales in Sydney, Australia in 2007.

Meryl was admitted as an Australian Lawyer in 2008. She joined Drew & Napier in 2008 as an International Lawyer and was called to the Singapore Bar in January 2011.

Meryl's principal areas of practice are general civil and commercial litigation, and intellectual property litigation. As a specialist in intellectual property and civil and commercial litigation, she has assisted in many complex matters including numerous patent infringement cases as well as civil and commercial cases involving contractual disputes, defamation, breach of director's duties and employment law.

EXPERIENCE

Here is a sample of the matters which Meryl has been involved in:

- Representing Becton Dickinson Medical (S) Pte Ltd ("Becton Dickinson"), a global leading medical technology company, in an on-going patent infringement suit commenced by B. Braun Melsungen AG ("B. Braun") in HC/Suit 655/2018, in relation to medical catheters. Becton Dickinson is also resisting B Braun's application to amend its patent in Suit and has counterclaimed for, inter alia, a declaration of non-infringement and a declaration that B. Braun's patent is invalid. This suit is part of the ongoing litigation and contentious proceedings in various jurisdictions between Becton Dickinson and B. Braun.
- Representing Ila Technologies Pte Ltd, an industry leader in state-of-the-art lab grown diamond technology, in a patent infringement suit commenced by Element Six Technologies Ltd, a subsidiary of the De Beers Group, in HC/Suit No. 26/2016, including a counterclaim by Ila Technologies Pte Ltd to revoke Element Six Technologies Ltd's patents in the Singapore High Court.
- Representing TWG Tea Company Pte Ltd ("TWG Tea"), a subsidiary of public listed OSIM International Ltd, in HC/S 799/2017. TWG Tea is a home-grown brand famous for its luxury tea boutiques and salons. The action was started TWG Tea against a former office holder and shareholder of TWG Tea ("Defendant") for the return of TWG Tea domain name. Also representing TWG Tea and two of its office holders in the counterclaim brought by the Defendant for malicious falsehood, unjust enrichment and conspiracy.
- Represented TWG Tea against T2 Singapore in a trademark infringement and passing off matter in respect of TWG Tea's trademarks associated with six of their luxury tea blend names.
- Representing TWG Tea in ongoing matters before the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore (IPOS) in respect of opposition filed by T2 Singapore in respect of trademarks associated with TWG Tea's luxury tea blend names. Successfully obtained a rare order for a confidentiality club to be formed in opposition proceedings for TWG Tea's confidential information.
- Represented Sentosa Development Corporation, a statutory board, in Suit 1084/2014 involving use of the well-known SENTOSA trade mark. This action also involved Rule 13 of the Trade Mark Rules, governing inter alia the registration of a mark which bears the name or initials of any government body or statutory board.

- An action concerning defamation, malicious falsehood and disputes involving shareholdings in an Indonesian listed company worth over US\$1 billion (Court of Appeal case of Low Tuck Kwong v Sukanto Sia [2013] SGCA 61).
- An assessment of damages for defamation and malicious falsehood resulting in an award of over S\$130 million.
- A patent infringement action representing Sanofi Aventis in Suit 305/2010/Y for alleged infringement of patents for drugs for breast cancer treatment, including an application to amend Sanofi Aventis' patents.
- An application by Aventis Pharma and Sanofi Aventis for a Court determination under the Medicines Act (Cap 176) on issues concerning patent declarations made by a generic company.
- Various actions by Novartis AG and Novartis (Singapore) for patent infringement relating to their innovative drugs.
- An application to invalidate a patent relating to technology in the marine and offshore engineering industry.
- An action representing owners of a well-known restaurant chain in a construction dispute.

40 and under in 2016 – Listed lawyer

Euromoney Asia Women in Business Law Awards 2016

Nominated as a Rising Star for IP

APPOINTMENTS/MEMBERSHIPS

- Member, International Association for the Protection of Intellectual Property (AIPPI) Singapore Group
- Member, Inter-Pacific Bar Association
- Member of the Law Society of Singapore
- Member of the Academy of Law

PUBLICATIONS

Meryl also contributed to the following publications:

- Co-authored an article for Straits Times Supplement, Digital Life, on Defamation on the Internet ("*Be Careful, Not Sorry*") (August 2009)
- Co-authored an article for Straits Times Supplement, Digital Life, on Copyright Issues in Home-made Productions ("*Watch What you Post*") (August 2009).

ACCOLADES

The Asia Pacific Legal 500

Intellectual Property 2019 – Next Generation Lawyer for 3 consecutive years

Dispute Resolution 2017 – Recommended Lawyer



Sources say that Meryl is noted for "*her great eye for detail, as well as an ability to see the big picture*"

"The '*meticulous*' Meryl Koh is a '*great strategist*.'"

Prestige Singapore Magazine

Featured as an accomplished industry leader under the age of 40 in the annual 40 under 40 report (September 2017 issue)

Singapore Business Review

Singapore's 70 most influential lawyers aged