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LL.B. (Hons), National University of Singapore, 1997
Gazetted as Deputy Public Prosecutor/ State Counsel
Attorney-General's Chambers, Singapore, 1997-2000
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ABOUT WENDELL

Wendell is a highly respected civil, commercial and criminal lawyer. His civil and commercial practice includes contracts and commercial disputes, shareholder and director disputes, medical negligence, product liability, asset recovery and cross-border arbitration work. His criminal practice focuses on commercial and business crime, fraud, securities, corruption, corporate governance related offences and investigation work.

Wendell also regularly engages in regulatory and compliance advisory work including antifraud and anti-bribery investigations work for multinational and listed companies. He is on the panel of lawyers representing various embassies in Singapore, including those of the United States of America and Qatar.

Wendell is an experienced arbitration counsel who has acted as lead counsel in numerous disputes and international arbitrations under the rules of the Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC), International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) and United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL).

Wendell has also acted as lead counsel in the Singapore International Commercial Court.

Chambers Global ranks Wendell as a leading practitioner in dispute resolution and commends his regional work related to the US Foreign Corrupt Practices Act ("FCPA"). Chambers Global describes him as renowned for his developed understanding of the Indonesian legal system. Asia Pacific Legal 500 also ranks Wendell high in the area of dispute resolution. Who's Who Legal recognises Wendell as one of the top Business Crime Defence and Investigations lawyers in Singapore.

Wendell is a strong advocate of pro bono work and was one of the pioneer trainers for International Bridges to Justice, a Ministry of Foreign Affairs' Criminal Justice Training for ASEAN Countries in Singapore and Laos in 2011 and involving Myanmar in 2013. He is also a mentor with the Criminal Legal Aid Fellowship, Law Society of Singapore. Wendell is a member on the Board of Law Society Pro-Bono Services Limited.

Wendell joined Drew & Napier in 2000, having spent three years as Deputy Public Prosecutor/ State Counsel with the Attorney General's Chambers.

Wendell is the current co-chairperson of the Criminal Practice Committee, Law Society of Singapore, and a member of the Steering Committee, Criminal Legal Aid Scheme, Singapore Academy of Law. Wendell is also the Membership Officer for the International Bar Association's Anti-Corruption Committee and Regional Coordinator for the International Bar Association's Anti-Corruption Structured Criminal Settlements Sub-Committee.

Wendell was also appointed as a member of the Penal Code Review Committee by the Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of Law.

Civil Cases (Highlights only)

Arbitration Disputes

- Represented North American company in cross-border arbitration oil and gas dispute with Indonesian JV partner over participation rights in Indonesia. Value of dispute estimated in excess of US\$450 million.
- Successfully represented Indian State Owned Oil Company (Fortune 500 Company) in cross border dispute with



- Nigerian-owned company for short supply of oil and related technical issues.
- Successfully argued lengthy cross-border arbitration in a joint venture commercial dispute involving issues of contract law and employment law including restraint of trade and non-competition clauses.
- Successfully represented multinational warehousing and logistics client in insurance-related arbitration over damage at warehouse including work place health safety issues.
- Represented multinational pharmaceutical company in arbitration involving Indonesian party; distributorship involving Singapore and Indonesian law.
- Successfully represented multinational insurance company in insurance policyrelated arbitration on material nondisclosure by insured.
- Representing claimants in cross border dispute regarding service agreements for infrastructure projects in Vietnam.

Singapore International Commercial Court ("SICC")

 Represented a Chinese State Owned Enterprise in a contract dispute involving a commodities swap transaction and ISDA Master Agreement with an Australian bank. Including related issue of quantification of damages under ISDA Master Agreement.

Asset Recovery and Securities Law

- Represented Asia Pulp & Paper ("APP") in the then largest debt restructuring in the world estimated in excess of US\$16 billion and related US securities action (including dealings with the US Securities Exchange Commission), bondholders litigation and class action litigation and asset recovery actions in jurisdictions including Indonesia, Singapore, New York, California, various other parts of the US, Canada and Bermuda. The APP group has more than 150 companies worldwide including U.S., Canada, China, India, Indonesia and Singapore.
- Representing an overseas casino in an asset recovery and tracing claim against a claim an individual for funds received

- pursuant to cheque payments arising from forged signatures.
- Represented client against asset recovery claim arising from alleged botched wine investments and related investment funds involving assets in Singapore and crossborder assets in Europe.

Commercial Law including misrepresentation- fraud

- Represented a multinational pharmaceutical company in a distributorship dispute with an Indonesian counterpart with proceedings in Indonesia and Singapore. Estimated value of dispute in excess of US\$10 million.
- Successfully represented franchisees from Australia, Indonesia and Singapore against Da Vinci Pte Ltd and the founder's son, Raymond Phua, for fraudulent misrepresentation over the Walking Culture franchise ("Da Vinci Case").
- Represented multiple plaintiffs in a disputed cross border property investment fraud involving Canadian defendants and investments made in Canada.
- Successfully represented Estate of Ma Chi against insurers for insurance claim arising from fatal accident involving client's Ferrari at Bugis Junction ("Ferrari Crash Case").
- Successfully represented Maxi-Cash Ltd against customers for recovery in mistake in over payment of value of pawned items arising from a settlement agreement.
- Successfully represented daughter in a claim made against her by her stepmother for breaching an oral agreement. The suit was to forbid the daughter from publishing online on matters pertaining to her family, which includes a Member of Parliament.
- Represented Zhong Jun Resources Pte
 Ltd in claim brought by creditors in relation
 to allegations involving multi-billion dollars'
 worth of commodities stock related fraud in
 Qingdao warehouse(s) ("Qingdao Fraud").
- Represented client against claim by joint liquidators from Cayman Islands of alleged breaches of fiduciary duties for fund-related activities.
- Successfully represented Sintalow
 Hardware Pte Ltd against OSK
 Engineering Pte Ltd at trial and on appeal



- in contract claim for supply of products for Marina Bay Sands Project.
- Represented Plaintiffs in contract and tortious claim for breach of oral agreement in botched joint venture in IT related project where "Court expressed appreciation for the helpful closing submissions of learned counsel and for the manner in which the case was conducted"

Trust Law

 Successfully argued a complex trust lawsuit involving family arrangements of oral trusts with trust assets in excess of \$\$60 million.

Shareholders Dispute - Minority Oppression - Company Law

- Representing client against Dr Georgia Lee in a minority oppression dispute in a business venture related to Dr Georgia's group of companies in the aesthetics business
- Successfully argued a 22-day minority oppression law suit involving the former Chief Executive Officer of Alphomega Research Group Ltd, which was listed in Singapore on Philips Securities OTC. Successfully obtained an injunction against wrongful removal of the former CEO.
- Represented multiple minority investors in a securities law suit for misrepresentation during IPO road shows against the former Chief Financial Officer of Alphomega Research Group Ltd.
- Represented the family directors in familyowned company, Malaysian Diary Industries ("MDI"), in court actions involving the patriarch's breaches of fiduciary duties, shareholder dispute and related actions.
- Representing majority shareholders in a High Court dispute with the minority shareholder in a ship repair business.

Negligence

- Successfully represented a local celebrity make-up artiste in a medical negligence suit against an aesthetic doctor, **Dr Amal Dass**, for botched nose job.
- Successfully represented the family of the deceased golfer who was struck by lightning at Tanah Merah Country Club ("TMCC") in

- a landmark negligence suit against the local golf club.
- Successfully argued a landmark product liability suit at trial and before the Court of Appeal for actress, Andrea De Cruz, against importers and distributors of Slim 10 slimming pills.
- Successfully argued a medical negligence suit against a urologist for an expatriate American cocoa trader in the 'Shrunken Testicles' case.

Governance-related and Conspiracy Claims

- Representing Singapore Rifle Association against Singapore Shooting Association in governance and negligence related claims.
- Successfully represented Singapore Rifle Association in a conspiracy claim against Singapore Shooting Association President Michael Vaz, Secretary Yap Beng Hui and Treasurer Patrick Chen for conspiring to injure the Singapore Rifle Association by unlawful means

Estate Claims

- Successfully represented the family of a former Land Transport Authority ("LTA") inspector in the "Nicoll Highway collapse" case against LTA and the main Japanese contractor for tortious and estate claims which were eventually settled.
- Represented Indonesian family members in an estate dispute over assets estimated in excess of US\$100 million with proceedings in Indonesia and Singapore.
- Represented wife of a deceased husband in an estate dispute over assets in Singapore and India under the Inheritance Act and possible challenge of will.

Employment Law

 Successfully represented local listed company in employment dispute against former employee for breach of covenants including confidential information.
 Successfully obtained an injunction against the former employee restraining the use of company's confidential information.



 Represented senior management in the oil and gas industry in employment related dismissals.

Defamation Law

- Successfully defended a defamation suit by local construction company Hytech against subsidiary proprietor in the High Court and Court of Appeal.
- Represented a prominent business magazine in a potential cross-border defamation dispute.
- Representing Singapore Rifle Association against Singapore Shooting Association President Michael Vaz in defamation suit involving remarks on closure of National Shooting Centre.

Property Disputes

- Successfully represented home owners in negligence suit against developers LINK (THM) Prestige Homes Pte Ltd for damages caused to homes with award of damages for defects and related costs in excess of S\$1.4million in favour of the home owners.
- Represented a multinational Hong Kong listed company on a disputed local property development.
- Successfully represented high net worth investors over botched purchase of property in Singapore including misrepresentation by real estate agent.

Matrimonial Law

- Successfully argued a contentious divorce case, with proceedings and ancillaries over 5 years involving matrimonial assets in excess of \$\$20 million in the High Court and Court of Appeal.
- Successfully represented Appellant in overturning findings of fact and law on appeal in the High Court for final ancillaries hearing involving matrimonial assets in excess of \$\$20 million.
- Represented client in a contentious appeal over division of matrimonial assets estimated in excess of \$\$13 million where adverse inference was successfully overturned in the Court of Appeal.

Criminal Cases (Highlights only)

Business Crime

Securities- Corporate Governance-Disclosure obligations- Directors' Duties

- Secured acquittal for former Director of Singapore-listed company, KXD Digital Entertainment Ltd, in non-disclosure related offences under the Securities and Futures Act that resulted in prosecution's withdrawal of charges in a discharge amounting to an acquittal.
- Represented the former CEO of Singapore listed company AEM-Evertech in a landmark whistleblower case involving corruption charges in what was termed by the media as a "landmark ruling", where the client was sentenced to the maximum fine and spared an imprisonment term by the Singapore courts.
- Secured an acquittal for a senior lawyer, who is also a former independent director of Singapore-listed company, Airocean, in a landmark decision by the former Chief Justice regarding corporate disclosure obligations under listing rules and securities law.
- Represented a former Executive Director and CFO of Singapore-listed company, JEL, in securities-related charges involving falsification of accounts, interested party transactions and alleged misleading public statements.
- Represented Singapore-listed timber company, Chuan Soon Huat's family directors in a landmark case on corporate disclosure and director's duties which also involved director's disqualifications.
- Represented former Singapore-listed company, **Datacraft**, in securities-related investigations by the Commercial Affairs Department.
- Represented one of the daughters of the late Tan Sri Khoo Teck Puat in a landmark corporate governance case regarding fiduciary duties and non-disclosure offences under the Securities and Futures Act and Companies Act.
- Represented Asia Pulp & Paper ("APP") in criminal investigations commenced by the Commercial Affairs Department regarding



allegations of cross-border commercial fraud in hundreds of millions of dollars in jurisdictions including Singapore, Bermuda, Europe, USA, Hong Kong.

Foreign Corrupt Practices Act ("FCPA")

- Represented a multinational pharmaceutical company in cross-border FCPA investigations which involved the Department of Justice of the US, and related US reporting obligations. Lead counsel for FCPA-related investigations in Indonesia.
- Lead counsel for US global functional safety and diagnostic company in the oil and gas industry in FCPA-related investigations in Malaysia, Vietnam and other Asian countries.

Corruption Cases

- Successfully defended the former CEO of Crimson Logic Pte Ltd in what was termed by the media as a 'rare acquittal in a commercial crime case' involving alleged commercial corruption which spanned some 60 hearing days in court over 10 months.
- Represented interested party in landmark corruption prosecution against the former SCDF Commissioner Peter Lim.
- Represented former CEO of a listed company Linair Ltd in corruption-related prosecution.
- Represented former CEO of ST Marine Ltd in high profile corruption probe against various senior management team spanning over 10 years of commercial dealings.

Commercial Crime and Fraud Cases

- Represented a dentist in a high profile landmark prosecution for fraudulent claims made under the Medisave Scheme administered by the Central Provident Fund in relation to patient's dental treatments.
- Represented three directors in a high-profile fraud case involving Profitable Plots Pte Ltd involving in excess of 80 charges which led to an acquittal for one of the directors.
- Successfully argued landmark Criminal Reference by the prosecution to the Court of Appeal in Profitable Plots Case where the

- Court of Appeal upheld the right of access to documents.
- Successfully defended a former employee of a large local construction company against charges of criminal breach of trust who was acquitted after 15 days of trial.
- Successfully represented a senior employee of a US-listed IT company in internal investigations and secured a discharge amounting to an acquittal for cheating charges tendered by the prosecution and Corrupt Practices Investigation Bureau (CPIB).
- Represented a US multinational company in the National Kidney Foundation ("NKF") investigations by the Commercial Affairs Department and CPIB.
- Represented a former lawyer in a banking fraud case involving over S\$3 million, and issues of oral trusts and misrepresentation.
- Acted for the family of the late "King of Serangoon Road" in relation to banking fraud charges.

Prevention of Harassment Act (POHA)

 Represented clients in seeking Protection Orders and related complaints and matters under POHA.

Disposal Inquiry: Freezing of Assets

 Successfully represented foreign casino to unfreeze assets/funds that were subject of disputed funds seized by Singapore authorities.

Investigations Work

- Represented various multinational corporation(s) in anti-fraud and anticorruption/bribery-related investigation work involving Singapore and overseas operations.
- Represented locally listed companies in anti-fraud, anti-corruption, regulatory and compliance-related investigation work.

Immigration Cases

 Acted in the criminal appeal of Lim Hong Kheng v PP involving offences under the Employment of Foreign Workers Act. Wendell received recognition and commendation by the High Court for his



efforts in pursuing his client's appeal despite obvious time pressure.

Murder Cases (Pro Bono)

- Assigned lead counsel by the High Court in the Court of Appeal case for former police officer Iskandar Bin Rahmat in a highly publicised murder case dubbed "Kovan Double Murder" by the media.
- Assigned lead counsel by the High Court for Lee Chez Kee in murder trial of a former professor at the National University of Singapore. Rare split decision in the Criminal Court of Appeal involving important points of criminal law in Singapore.
- Assigned lead counsel by the High Court for Indonesian maid in murder trial PP v Barokah. The capital charge was reduced to culpable homicide not amounting to murder after plea bargaining. Case was remitted by the Court of Appeal to the trial judge after successful arguments made by Wendell regarding sentence by the trial judge.
- Assigned lead counsel by High Court for Nigerian national Amanchuku Chukwuma where the murder charge was reduced to culpable homicide not amounting to murder after plea bargaining. Mitigation resulted in a 12-year imprisonment sentence imposed by the High Court.
- Assigned lead counsel by the High Court for Chinese national Wang Wenfeng in a highprofile murder case involving a local taxi driver. Successfully argued against the imposition of the death penalty sought by the prosecution.
- Assigned lead counsel by the High Court in the Court of Appeal case for Chan Lie Sian.
 The accused was a brothel operator who had a fight in the brothel with deceased over money issues.

Drugs Cases

 Successfully represented a young drug trafficker in a widely publicized case PP v Mhd Ridzwan, where the young offender was granted probation at first instance. This is the first reported case of a young drug trafficker who did not serve an imprisonment term. The case was also widely reported in the international media, including CNN.

- Assigned pro bono counsel by the High Court for a Malaysian national in the appeal of **Devendran Supramaniam v PP** for a capital charge of drug trafficking, involving the trafficking of heroin.
- Represented a client who was involved in a high-profile cocaine drug bust and other expatriate individuals for drugs-related offences. The use of cocaine in Singapore remains relatively uncommon.

Court Martial

Successfully represented former
 MediaCorp Artiste Marcus Ng in a Military
 Court of Appeal case and trial involving
 military law under the Singapore Armed
 Forces Act.

Prosecutorial work

 Represented the Infocomm Development Authority of Singapore ("IDA") in prosecutorial work involving regulatory offences under the Telecommunications Act.

ACCOLADES

Chambers Global 2015

Indonesia: Dispute Resolution (International Firms) (Experts Based Abroad) – Indonesia – Band 2



Dispute Resolution: Arbitration

- Singapore (Foreign Experts) - Indonesia

"Wendell Wong is highlighted for his crossborder arbitration work, and is well known for handling commercial disputes relating to the energy and natural resources sectors."

"Wendell Wong regularly tackles cross-border matters, particularly in arbitrations relating to Indonesia. His broad practice spans both civil and criminal law."

"Wendell Wong is renowned for his developed understanding of the Indonesian legal system."

Asia Pacific Legal 500

Dispute Resolution 2019 – Recommended lawyer for 2 consecutive years

'noted for headline commercial and white-collar crime cases'





a 'strong and well respected advocate', who is praised for his 'practical approach' and 'partnership' with the client

Who's Who Legal

Investigations 2019 – Recommended lawyer for 6 consecutive years

Business Crime Defence 2019 -Recommended lawyer for 7 consecutive years (Individuals and Corporates chapters)

Wendell Wong is well regarded for his "focus on financial crime" and garners respect for his work in international investigations

"Recognised for his 'practical and smart' approach to investigations, and is commended by sources for his 'ability to anticipate regulators' concerns and find effective solutions"

Wendell Wong is well known for his work in the criminal investigations space, covering anti-bribery and anti-fraud matters for major corporations.

Best Lawyers International: Singapore (2020 edition)

Criminal Defense – Endorsed individual (debut)



Benchmark Litigation Asia-Pacific 2019 edition

Dispute Resolution Star – Commercial and Transactions, White Collar Crime



ASIA-PACIFIC 2019

International Law Office

White Collar Crime - Recommended lawyer

APPOINTMENTS/MEMBERSHIPS

- Member of Penal Code Review Committee 2018, Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of Law
- Advocate & Solicitor, Supreme Court of Singapore
- Solicitor, England & Wales; Member of the Law Society of England & Wales
- Co-Chairperson, Criminal Practice Committee, Law Society of Singapore
- Member, Enhanced Criminal Legal Aid Scheme Steering Committee, Singapore Academy of Law

- Board Member, Law Society Pro Bono Services Limited
- Past Co-chairman, Legal Affairs Committee, American Chamber of Commerce, Singapore
- Panel member of US Embassy, Singapore's list of attorneys
- Panel member of list of lawyers for Embassy of the Kingdom of Netherlands, Singapore
- Panel member of list of lawyers for Embassy of Sweden, Singapore
- List of lawyers for Embassy for the Republic of Indonesia, Singapore
- Panel Member, Lead Counsel, Supreme Court's Legal Assistance Scheme for Capital Offences
- Panel of Counsel for Disciplinary Matters, Law Society of Singapore
- Membership Officer, International Bar Association, Anti- Corruption Committee
- Member, International Bar Association, Anti-Corruption Structured Criminal Settlements Sub-committee
- Member, Criminal Legal Aid Scheme, Law Society of Singapore
- Mentor, Criminal Legal Aid Fellowship, Law Society of Singapore
- Panel Member, Investigation and Disciplinary Panel, Institute of Singapore Chartered Accountants
- · Member, ASEAN Law Association
- · Member, Business China, Singapore
- · Member, Law Society of Singapore
- · Member, Singapore Academy of Law
- Member, Selection Panel, School of Law, SIM University
- Member, Singapore Institute of International Affairs
- · Member, Singapore Institute of Directors
- Immediate Past Advisor, Singapore Nightlife Business Association



PUBLICATIONS

- The Meaning of 'Corruptly': Singapore Academy of Law Journal, Vol. 11, p. 147, 1999
- "Fighting Transnational Crime"- Who's Who in Law, Business Times Supplement, 18 May 2011
- "To Give or Not to Give: That is the Question": Access to Documents: Asian Legal Business, March 2014
- "Time to Blow the Whistle on Securities Offences", Asian Legal Business, March 2015
- "A look back for the future: transformational changes in our criminal justice system". Law Gazette, 50th Anniversary Edition, 2017
- "The Criminal Justice Reform Bill: A transformative reform" Op-Ed, The Straits Times, 19 March 2018
- "The Regime for Deferred Prosecution Agreement": Drew & Napier LLC: Legislation Update Series: 10 April 2018

SEMINARS/CONFERENCES

- "Anti-corruption enforcement and investigations in Singapore" – Drew & Napier client seminar on Combating Corruption in Singapore and Abroad (collaboration with Control Risks), 28 June 2011
- Welcome address for Drew-sponsored lunch – International Conference on Electronic Litigation (organised by Singapore Academy of Law), 11-12 August 2011
- "Confessions and Police Statements the Way Forward" – Inaugural Criminal Law Conference (organised by Law Society, Attorney General's Chambers, ACLS and Singapore Academy of Law), 14 October 2011
- "Making Sense of Sentencing" Criminal Procedure and Practice Series 2012 (organised by Singapore Academy of Law), 10 May 2012
- "Privilege of Internal Investigation Reports"

 Drew & Napier client seminar on
 Corporate Fraud (collaboration with Nexia
 TS Technology), 21 June 2012

- "A study of the Air Ocean Judgment: Important Lessons for Company Directors" – Singapore Institute of Directors, 24 August 2012
- "ADR and the Criminal Justice System" Alternate Dispute Resolution Conference (organised by Singapore Academy of Law), 4-5 October 2012
- International Bridges to Justice Myanmar Country Training "Cross Examination and Direct Examination": 16 May 2013
- "Employment Law" Client Seminar: 28 May 2013
- "Criminal Procedure Code": SAL Law Week (organised by Singapore Academy of Law) 22 July 2013
- "Sexual Harassment and Stalking": IPS Conference on Harassment in Singapore (organised by Institute of Policy Studies Singapore) 18 November 2013
- "Financial Action Task Force (FATF)
 Recommendations and the Singapore Legal
 Profession"- Criminal Law Conference 2014
 (organised by Attorney General's
 Chambers, Law Society, ACLS and
 Singapore Academy of Law), 17 January
 2014
- "To Give or not to Give A case study on the right to access documents seized by authorities in *Public Prosecutor v Goldring*", 22 April 2014
- Chairman, Local Organising Committee, 3rd
 Asia Pro Bono Conference (organised by
 Law Society and BABSEA CLE) 2-3
 October 2014.
- "Advancing Sentencing": SAL Inaugural Sentencing Conference 2014 (organised by the Singapore Academy of Law), 10 October 2014
- Drew & Napier MNC Legal Update Series-Singapore Law: Criminal Law, 29 January 2015
- "Experts": Criminal Legal Aid Scheme Law Society of Singapore- Criminal Law Curriculum Series, 11 June 2015
- "Statements": Regional Defence Bar Forum, Criminal Law Conference 2016, 14-15 July 2016



- "Appeals": Criminal Legal Aid Scheme Law Society of Singapore- Criminal Law Curriculum Series, 28 July 2016
- Case study: litigation and investigation crisis management in Singapore: Web Based Seminar with Iwata Godo, 29 July 2016
- Drew & Napier Case Study Session for JCCI members- Litigation and investigation crisis management in Singapore, 24 August 2016
- Guest Speaker, NUS Law Faculty, Advanced Criminal Legal Process Elective, 26 January 2017
- "Dispute Resolution: Best Practices- Pre Litigation", Adecco Asia Pacific- Legal and Compliance Forum, 3 March 2017
- Uniform deferred prosecution agreement standards? Setting the stage -15th Annual IBA Anti-Corruption Conference, OECD, Paris, 13 June 2017
- Changing Laws for Security: running with or against time: Service Prosecuting Authority Conference, RAF Northolt, Ruislip, United Kingdom, 28 September 2017
- "Pre-trial Discovery Practice": Criminal Legal Aid Scheme – Law Society of Singapore-Criminal Law Training Programme, 10 May 2018
- "Direct Examination and the Defence Witness": Criminal Legal Aid Scheme – Law Society of Singapore- Criminal Law Training Programme, 5 July 2018
- "Investigations & Deferred Prosecution Agreements- Unravelling the inner workings" Drew & Napier Client Seminar Series, 31 July 2018