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ABOUT YUET MIN

Yuet Min graduated with First Class Honours from the National University of Singapore in 2006. Prior to joining Drew & Napier in 2008, Yuet Min was a Justices' Law Clerk at the Supreme Court of Singapore. She was also appointed to the Supreme Court's Young Amicus Curiae Scheme in 2010 and 2011.

Yuet Min advises clients mainly on civil disputes relating to a wide range of commercial contracts, with the aim of achieving commercially-viable solutions for clients. She has been described by a client as "very skilled" and "extremely dedicated to the needs of the client".

Besides maintaining an active litigation practice, many of Yuet Min's matters involve SIAC and ICC arbitrations as well as arbitration-related Court proceedings. She has particular experience and interest in dealing with multi-lingual proceedings and has conducted a bilingual international arbitration under the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules.

She has been appointed arbitrator in a number of SIAC and *ad hoc* international arbitrations, and is an arbitrator on the SIAC Reserve Panel. She has also conducted an SIAC arbitration under the expedited procedure.

On a *pro bono* basis, Yuet Min represents legally-aided persons in criminal and civil matters before the Courts.

Yuet Min is a co-author of the Chambers and Partners Global Practice Guides – Litigation 2019 (Singapore chapter).

She speaks English, Mandarin, Malay, and the Hokkien dialect.

EXPERIENCE

Yuet Min has successfully handled complex and high-value matters ranging from offshore drilling contracts and construction matters, to disputes relating to commercial rights to major sports events and banking disputes, among

others. Some of the matters which Yuet Min has acted in include:

International Arbitration

- Successfully represented an international group of companies in the oil and gas industry to recover more than \$20 million under a series of medium to long-term contracts with a Middle Eastern party, worth several hundred million US Dollars. The dispute related to the deployment and operation of high value offshore equipment. The proceedings also involved evidence being given in a number of different languages and translated simultaneously into English.
- Successfully represented an international sports marketing, media and event management group in defending against a contractual claim for over US\$130 million. The dispute arose in the context of a billion-dollar project and involved international broadcasting rights for a major sports event. As part of the arbitration proceedings, Yuet Min successfully argued against a challenge to jurisdiction.
- Acted for the same international sports marketing, media and event management group in a dispute involving media rights to sports events in the Arab region, achieving a favourable outcome for the client. The dispute involved documents in Arabic and concerned state-linked agencies.
- Acted in a joint venture dispute involving proceedings in three different jurisdictions and successfully defended against an application for security for costs as part of the proceedings.
- Acted for a manufacturing group of companies in a private equity dispute involving technical aspects of investment valuation, achieving a favourable result for the client. The amount in dispute was over US\$60 million.
- Currently acting in a number of arbitrations relating to disputes arising from major ground

engineering works and power plant design and construction projects.

Domestic Arbitration

- Successfully argued against an application for summary determination of a preliminary issue, where the dispute in the main SIAC arbitration involved the construction of high value offshore equipment.

Arbitration-related litigation

- Successfully represented the Respondent contractor, CRW, in the landmark Singapore Court of Appeal decision in *PT Perusahaan Gas Negara (Persero) TBK v CRW Joint Operation* [2015] SGCA 30. The case, which was closely watched internationally, concerned the enforcement of Dispute Adjudication Board (DAB) decisions under the widely-used FIDIC Contracts and was a significant decision on the enforceability of interim arbitral awards in Singapore. The decision took runner-up position for “Most important published decision of the past year” at the GAR Awards 2016.

- Successfully obtained a worldwide Mareva injunction before the Singapore Courts, pursuant to section 12A of the Singapore International Arbitration Act. The injunction for a sum of over US\$26 million was in aid of an arbitration seated in Thailand, concerning the operation of long-term petroleum concessions. Successfully obtained an anti-suit injunction in a separate action arising from the same Thai arbitration.

- Successfully resisted an application for stay of an ICC arbitration pending an appeal on ruling of jurisdiction under section 10 of the Singapore International Arbitration Act. The judgment, *BLY v BLZ & Another* [2017] SGHC 59, represents the first decision of a Singapore High Court Judge on the test to be applied when considering a stay under section 10. The underlying dispute in the arbitration was governed by the laws of New York.

Litigation and other matters

- Successfully set aside a worldwide Mareva injunction before the Singapore Courts on the basis of, among others, abuse of process by the plaintiff.
- Acted for a world-renowned architectural design firm in a tax-related dispute with an ex-employee. The matter involved numerous substantive interlocutory

applications in Court and was eventually resolved in the design firm’s favour.

- Acted for an ultra-high net worth individual in a dispute relating to an IPO consultancy agreement governed by German law, and obtaining a favourable result for the client.
- Represented one of the world’s largest port operators in a negligence claim commenced by an employee in the Singapore Courts. The employee’s claim was premised upon exposure to asbestos in the 1980s, before the use of asbestos was banned in Singapore.
- Currently acting in a number of high value banking and finance disputes before the Singapore Courts.

ACCOLADES

The Asia Pacific Legal 500

International Arbitration 2020 – Recommended lawyer for 3 consecutive years



‘Foo Yuet Min knows her case inside out, is meticulous in her pre-hearing preparations, and is sufficiently aggressive during the interlocutory stage.’

‘Foo Yuet Min is making an impression’

Who’s Who Legal: Arbitration – Future Leaders

Recognised as one of Singapore’s foremost arbitration practitioners under the age of 45 for 4 consecutive years

Identified by **Asian Legal Business** as one of 40 bright legal minds in the region under the age of 40 – “40 Under 40 list” (October 2016 issue)

India Business Law Journal

In the August 2020 issue of India Business Law Journal (IBLJ), Yuet Min is “*highly recommended*” as counsel for Indian legal matters based on market feedback.

In IBLJ’s June 2015 issue, a client that engaged the firm on an international arbitration matter described Yuet Min as “*very skilled and extremely dedicated to the needs of the client*”.

Asialaw Leading Lawyers

“Yuet Min always provides timely and practical advice no matter how tight the deadline.”

Singapore Business Review

Singapore's 40 most influential lawyers aged 40 and under in 2015 – Listed lawyer

APPOINTMENTS/MEMBERSHIPS

- Member of the Goods and Services Tax (GST) Board of Review (2020 to 2022)
- Member of the Home Detention Advisory Committee 4 (HDAC4) since late 2018
- Steering Committee Member, Young MCIA (Mumbai Centre for International Arbitration) (2019 to 2021)
- Member of the Law Society Inquiry Panel since December 2017
- Committee Member, YSIAC (2014 to 2018)
- Member, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators
- Member of the International Council for Commercial Arbitration (ICCA)
- Adjunct Faculty, Singapore Management University (instructor for a course on International Arbitration Practice)
- Mentor, Yale-NUS/Law Double Degree Program Fellowship
- Member, Singapore Academy of Law
- Member, Law Society of Singapore
- Member, Public and International Law Committee of the Law Society of Singapore (2011/2012)
- Honorary Treasurer, Society of International Law, Singapore (2007 to 2015)

DIRECTORSHIPS

- Director, BABSEACLE
- Director, T.H.E. Dance Company Ltd