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B.A. (Hons), Oxford University (UK, 2014)

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Advocate and Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Singapore (2016)

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ABOUT SEAN

Sean practices civil litigation and international arbitration.

He handles a variety of matters, including matters relating to director / shareholder disputes, professional negligence, manufacturing, and finance.

Sean has represented multinational corporations and high net worth individuals at all levels of the Singapore Courts and in international arbitration.

Sean graduated with First Class Honours in law from Oxford University in 2014, winning the Worsley Prize for outstanding academic performance and contribution to college life. After passing the Singapore Bar examinations, he joined Michael Hwang Chambers as an arbitration associate in 2016. Sean qualified as a solicitor of England and Wales in 2017, and thereafter undertook an LL.M. at Columbia Law School, where he was a Harlan Fiske Scholar. Upon graduation from Columbia, Sean was admitted to the New York Bar in 2018 and practiced as a litigation associate with Debevoise & Plimpton in New York until late 2020 when he returned to Singapore.

Sean firmly believes in resolving disputes through negotiation. He is an SMC accredited mediator and a contributing editor of *Singapore Civil Procedure*, Sweet & Maxwell.

EXPERIENCE

Some of the notable matters which Sean has handled include:

Litigation

- Acting for an oil trading company in a US\$2.7 billion claim against its former auditors for failing to detect misstatements in the audited financial statements.

- Acted for the Chairman of a technology company in a claim by the minority shareholders for unlawful conspiracy seeking damages of S\$1.6 billion.
- Acting for a real estate developer in a S\$42.73 million claim brought by unit owners in connection with a Medical Centre.
- Acting for a minority shareholder in a shareholders' dispute involving companies around the world valued at around S\$200 million.
- Acting for a publicly listed electronic components distributor in a claim against a publicly listed electronics manufacturer for unpaid amounts under a purchase order for integrated circuits.
- Acting for a collectible cards business in a claim for unpaid amounts under an invoice for card breaking services.
- Acted for the director of a management consultancy in connection with allegations of breach of fiduciary duty, forgery and conspiracy.
- Acted for a cryptocurrency aggregator in a claim for breach of fiduciary duty and misappropriation against its former Managing Director.
- Acted for a bar owner in a shareholder's dispute involving allegations of fraudulent misrepresentation, conspiracy, and unjust enrichment.

Arbitration

- Acted for an Australian construction joint venture in a S\$4.2 billion Singapore-seated ICC arbitration against a subcontractor arising out of the alleged repudiation of an EPC contract.

- Acted for a Cayman Islands-incorporated company in defending an application to set aside a S\$1.7 billion award concerning an energy dispute with a Chinese company.
- Acted for a Japanese trading house in a S\$420 million New York-seated ICC arbitration against a Korean electronics company arising out of the alleged repudiation of a supply agreement for LCD panels.
- Advising a Mauritius investor in connection with a potential S\$275 million Paris-seated ICC arbitration against an African State.
- Advised an India-focused private equity firm on the merits of bringing a setting aside application against an award in favour of an American data storage company denying claims of S\$56 million.
- Advised a Singapore solar panel manufacturer on a potential Singapore-seated SIAC arbitration concerning a S\$43 million dispute with a German supplier of solar panel manufacturing equipment.
- Acted for an Indian subsidiary of a Japanese electronics company in a S\$40 million Singapore-seated SIAC arbitration over the operation of a purchase price adjustment mechanism.
- Acted for a Myanmar brewery company in a Singapore-seated SIAC arbitration in connection with alleged events of default under a loan facility agreement with a Denmark brewery company.
- Acted for a Singapore solar panel manufacturer against a Chinese distributor in a Singapore-seated SIAC arbitration in connection with a contract for solar cell paste.
- Acting for a Singapore equipment parts manufacturer in a Singapore-seated SIAC arbitration in connection with alleged breaches of a contract to supply a laser-cutting machine.
- Advised a Taiwanese electronics manufacturing company on a potential Singapore-seated ICC arbitration to enforce its right to an indemnity from a

South Korean electronics company for royalties owed to a third party.

APPOINTMENTS/MEMBERSHIPS

- Member, Singapore Academy of Law
- Member, Law Society of Singapore
- Accredited Mediator, Singapore Mediation Centre
- Member, Singapore Institute of Arbitrators CPD Committee