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ABOUT SHARON

Sharon graduated with an LLB (Hons) from the Queen Mary University of London in 2016 and has since developed a practice focused on complex, cross-border disputes.

She has represented clients at all levels of the Singapore Courts and in international arbitration proceedings, gaining extensive experience navigating multifaceted legal issues that often involve novel points of law.

Her work spans a broad range of industries including life sciences, technology, international trade, oil & gas, banking, and trade finance, allowing her to bring a commercially attuned and well-rounded perspective to each matter. She is also experienced in securing urgent relief such as interim proprietary injunctions and freezing orders in high-stakes, time-sensitive matters.

Sharon has a particular interest in the evolving area of cryptocurrency-related disputes and is passionate about staying at the forefront of developments in this space.

She is committed to achieving practical solutions in high-stakes situations.

EXPERIENCE

Selected representative matters include:

Litigation

Secured an interim proprietary
injunction over digital assets valued
over SGD 220 million

Acted for a group of Chinese corporate entities and their ultimate beneficial owner in securing a high-value interim proprietary injunction over digital assets valued over SGD 220 million. The assets had been wrongfully diverted from our clients' control and the matter involved urgent cross-border tracing and recovery efforts in the digital asset space. Acting in a high-value commercial litigation involving a USD 112 million professional negligence claim against the former auditors of an insolvent principal local subsidiary of one of Denmark's largest listed oil trading company

The claim concerns alleged audit failures in respect of the financial statements for the period leading up to the subsidiary's insolvency and involves complex issues of auditor liability and the contributory negligence of the company's former directors.

 Advised on third-party funding arrangements for litigation

Advised the security agent of a consortium of secured creditors in connection with the sale and assignment of a litigation claim held by an insolvent company to an unrelated third party. The matter raised novel and nuanced issues under Singapore law concerning the doctrines of maintenance and champerty, including the scope of their exceptions in the context of insolvency and commercial litigation funding.

 Acted for a leading Middle Eastern bank in prosecuting a high-value fraud claim

Represented a Middle Eastern bank in a claim against a former customer and its associates who had induced the bank to extend over USD 100 million in credit through misrepresentations and forged documentation. The matter involved complex issues of fraudulent misrepresentation, conspiracy, and banking due diligence, and formed part of a broader cross-border asset recovery effort.

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Arbitration

 Acting for a Singapore-headquartered biopharmaceutical firm listed on the Korea Exchange in a high-value SIAC arbitration for breach of contract and conspiracy

Representing a Korean biopharmaceutical firm in an SIAC arbitration arising out of an alleged breach of a commercial manufacturing agreement for a Covid-19 vaccine valued at approximately USD 750 million. The dispute also involves claims in unlawful means conspiracy and raises complex issues of cross-border life sciences regulation and pandemic-era supply chain disruption.

 Successfully represented a commodities trading company in an SIAC arbitration commenced by a Singapore-listed financial services institution

Secured a favourable award dismissing the claim, which concerned receivables allegedly assigned under trade financing arrangements, in full. The matter involved complex issues of assignment, title to receivables, and the interplay between trade documentation and financing structures in cross-border commodities transactions.

 Acting for a Hong Kong-based technology company in an ICC arbitration concerning a dispute arising out of a PRC law-governed contract for the sale of unmanned aerial vehicles and their associated equipment and services

The matter involves highly technical issues relating to the state of the UAV technology at the time of contracting, including distinctions between mature and developmental drone systems, and the relevance of specific technical parameters and performance benchmarks in evaluating compliance with contractual obligations.

APPOINTMENTS/MEMBERSHIPS

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