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ABOUT YUET MIN

Yuet Min graduated with First Class Honours from the National University of Singapore in 2006. She represented the University in the prestigious 2006 Philip C Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition. Before 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 in the India Business Law Journal as "very skilled" and "extremely dedicated to the needs of the client".

Yuet Min has an active arbitration practice.

Many of her matters involve SIAC and ICC arbitrations as well as arbitration-related Court proceedings to enforce or set aside arbitral awards. She has also been appointed sole arbitrator in a number of *ad hoc* international arbitrations, including a bilingual international arbitration under the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules.

She is an arbitrator on the SIAC Reserve Panel and a Committee Member of the YSIAC (formerly known as Young SIAC) where she contributes actively as a member of the YSIAC Publications Sub-Committee.

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 handled complex and high-value matters ranging from offshore drilling contracts and construction matters, to disputes relating to commercial rights to major sports events, 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.

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 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.

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 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.

Litigation and other matters

- 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 a foreign individual in a medical negligence claim against a major private hospital in Singapore, successfully obtaining a favourable settlement for client.
- Acted for legally-aided clients in criminal matters, often obtaining composition of offences amounting to acquittal.

ACCOLADES

The Asia Pacific Legal 500

International Arbitration 2019 – Recommended lawyer for 2 consecutive years



'Foo Yuet Min is making an impression'

Who's Who Legal: Arbitration – Future Leaders Edition 2018

Recognised as one of Singapore's foremost arbitration practitioners under the age of 45 for 2 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 India Business Law Journal (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".

Singapore Business Review

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

APPOINTMENTS/MEMBERSHIPS

- Committee Member, YSIAC
- Member, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb)
- 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)

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 Honorary Treasurer, Society of International Law, Singapore (2007 to 2015)

DIRECTORSHIPS

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