PROFILE

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ABOUT CHRISTOPHER

Chris is a Singapore qualified dispute resolution lawyer with a substantial experience in commercial disputes. He is an experienced lead counsel who has successfully argued cases at all levels of the Singapore Courts (including its highest court, the Court of Appeal), in arbitrations (both international and domestic) and in adjudications.

Over the last two decades, Chris has developed a market reputation as a go-to lawyer for banking, construction and natural resources disputes.

He has an enviable win record for high-net-worth individuals against financial institutions and is involved in some of the largest private banking cases in Singapore. In 2018, Chris represented an ultra-high-net-worth individual in a claim for more than US$250 million in a Singapore High Court trial against a large international bank.

Chris is an accredited Senior Accredited Specialist (Building & Construction) by the Singapore Academy of Law and acts for some of the largest international and domestic players in the construction sector, and works on many of the biggest projects in Singapore. These range from private sector projects such as Resorts World Sentosa, to public sector projects such as the Mass Rapid Transit, the Deep Tunnel Sewerage System, and the North-South Corridor. He is an experienced counsel in high value construction arbitrations and has been involved in more than 100 adjudications and adjudication reviews since 2013, with the largest being S$116 million (which remains one of the largest to date). Chris is an accredited adjudicator with the Singapore Mediation Centre, an editor of the Singapore Construction Adjudication Review and a member of the Singapore Mediation Centre's Training Faculty Committee for adjudicators.

Chris regularly represents resource owners in mining disputes outside Singapore and also acts for traders in supply disputes for a variety of commodities such as coal and sulphur.

EXPERIENCE

Banking & Finance

- Representing an ultra-high-net-worth individual in his claim against Deutsche Bank AG for more than US$250 million as lead counsel in a Singapore High Court trial
- Representing a high-net-worth individual against Deutsche Bank AG as lead counsel in the Singapore Court of Appeal – *Lam Chi Kin David v Deutsche Bank AG* [2011] 1 SLR 800
- Representing a high-net-worth individual against Standard Chartered Bank as lead counsel in the Singapore Court of Appeal - *Ho Soo Fong and another v Standard Chartered Bank* [2007] 2 SLR(R) 181
- Representing a number of US-based Hedge Funds in their claim against Asia Pulp and Paper and their subsidiary for more than US$178 million as lead counsel in the Singapore High Court

Construction

- Representing various parties in adjudication proceedings commenced under the Building and Construction Authority Security of Payment Act. Since 2013, Chris has been involved in more than 100 adjudication applications and adjudication reviews with a total claim of more than half a billion dollars
- Representing a contractor in an arbitration in relation to an airport project in Singapore with claims and counterclaims in excess of S$100 million

- Representing the former owners of a casino in Cambodia to defend a claim in arbitration for more than US$240 million.
- Representing and advising a substantial contractor in claims in relation to an integrated resort in Singapore against both the employer and subcontractors with total claims in excess of S$200 million

Natural Resources

- Representing the owners of a substantial Indonesian coal mine against their off-take partner in a series of four international arbitrations and related court proceedings in the Singapore High Court with total claims in excess of US$100 million
- Representing the owners of a substantial Indonesian copper/gold mine in a substantial dispute with their foreign investors
- Representing a number of international traders in various arbitration claims (under the ICC Rules and SIAC Rules) against their upstream sellers and downstream buyers in relation to various contacts on the sale and purchase of coal and sulphur
- Advising a Singapore joint venture company in the SEA energy sector in relation to various disputes between its UK, PRC and Singapore shareholders

ACCOLADES

Chambers Asia Pacific
Construction 2026 – Band 2 for 5 consecutive years



"Chris is a key figure. His cross-examination skills are very impressive."

"Chris communicates in a timely manner, and has the ability to handle complex legal scenarios effectively."

"Christopher is very knowledgeable, experienced and able to deal with matters in an expeditious manner. He is able to think on his feet when responding to questions."

"Christopher is a very experienced construction lawyer, thoroughly dependable in handling difficult and complex construction disputes and managing client expectations."

"He is an exceptional practitioner who is an all-rounder in terms of legal depth of knowledge, commercial acumen, client responsiveness, innovation and unmatched local knowledge. His dedication to his craft and to assisting us to find sensible, practical and mutually beneficial solutions is close to peerless."

"Christopher Chong is our go-to lawyer for construction disputes in South-East Asia."

"Christopher Chong is a construction law expert and an excellent strategist when it comes to resolving complex multi-party disputes on major infrastructure projects. When projects go south, you want him on your team."

"Pragmatic and quick on his feet"

"A very sound construction lawyer."

A client praised his *"knowledge and practical experience,"* added that *"he is excellent and has a very bright mind."*

The Legal 500 Asia Pacific
Construction 2026 – Recommended Lawyer for 6 consecutive years



Projects & Energy 2026 – Recommended Lawyer for 3 consecutive years

International Arbitration 2025 – Recommended Lawyer for 3 years

"Christopher has a tireless work ethic and is very responsive. He rolls up his sleeves and gets across the project documents detailed facts, which is something we don't often see at his level. Together with his extensive knowledge of construction law and understanding of the technical issues, he is our first choice for counsel in construction (building, infrastructure and energy) disputes in the region."

"Christopher Chong and Chen Zhihui are always a phone call away to provide professional and sound advice."

"Chris Chong has an exceptional knowledge of construction law and is fantastic to work with."

"Christopher Chong is one of the best international arbitration practitioners for

construction and energy arbitrations in SE Asia."

"Christopher Chong and his team are our go-to lawyers for wind project disputes in Asia."

"Comprehensive full-service firm with depth of expertise in a range of critical areas that are indispensable for our day-to-day operations. With Christopher Chong at the helm of its construction and disputes practice, Drew & Napier has been our trusted, go-to firm on a regular, consistent basis for some years"

"Christopher Chong is first-rate counsel for construction disputes in SE Asia. He and his team have done an excellent job in guiding us through some very complex projects."

"Christopher Chong is very impressive in renewable projects disputes. He is supported by a solid team of associates."

"Christopher Chong is a singularly exceptional practitioner, who is all-rounded in terms of legal depth of knowledge, commercial acumen, client responsiveness, innovation and unmatched local knowledge. His dedication to his craft and in assisting us to find sensible, practical and mutually beneficial solutions is close to peerless. Chris is backed by a solid team, whether as a whole or individually, that is more than capable of pulling their own weight and delivering value to us in the context of the role they play."

"Christopher Chong is an excellent operator. He is well-versed in complex claims regarding delay, disruption, defects, and variations on major construction projects."

"With Christopher Chong at the helm of its construction practice, Drew & Napier has been our trusted go-to firm on a regular, consistent basis for some years now with full intention on our part to continue this relationship for a long time to come."

"Christopher Chong is at the top of his game. He is the go-to counsel for major projects arbitrations across the region. He is backed up by a very bright and diligent team."

"Christopher Chong has an impressive ability to unravel complex fact scenarios and narrow down the key issues in a short period of time. In my experience, I have not come across a better disputes lawyer when it comes to the facts."

Asialaw Leading Lawyers
Construction 2026 – Distinguished Practitioner for 7 consecutive years

"Positive and realistic approach to problems and solutions."

"Very knowledgeable and helpful, and commercially sound."

Lexology Index
Thought Leaders Guide: Construction 2025 – Thought Leader for 5 consecutive years

Construction 2025 –
Thought Leader for 5 consecutive years

Southeast Asia - Construction 2025 – Recommended Lawyer for 5 consecutive years

Christopher Chong is held in high esteem by market commentators as *"extremely thorough in his work"* for private and public urban development matters.

Christopher earns praise for his "*unparalleled strategic mindset and commercial outlook"*.

Christopher's *"high quality, clear and effective arguments and drafting"* are considered to be *"a delight to behold"*.

Best Lawyers International: Singapore
Construction Law 2026 – Endorsed Individual for 6 consecutive years

Benchmark Litigation Asia-Pacific
Construction 2026 – Litigation Star for 7 consecutive years

"Brilliant counsel in construction disputes."

"Impressive ability to cut through complex fact scenarios and get to the heart of the issues. Provides strategic and commercial advice."

APPOINTMENTS/MEMBERSHIPS

- Assessor, Panel of Assessors for COVID-19 Temporary Relief, Ministry of Law
- Senior Accredited Specialist (Building & Construction), Singapore Academy of Law
- Accredited Adjudicator, Singapore Mediation Centre
- Member, Training Faculty Committee, Singapore Mediation Centre
- Member, Law Society of Singapore

- Member, Society of Construction Law (Singapore)