PROFILE

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ABOUT EMMANUEL

Emmanuel specialises in commercial litigation and arbitration. He advises and acts in a broad range of disputes, including matters involving securities, shareholders' rights and directors' duties, employment, trusts, arbitration, and private client issues. His practice frequently involves cross-border elements, and he works closely with foreign counsel. He has argued before the Singapore International Commercial Court, the General Division of the Singapore High Court, and the State Courts.

Recognised by *The Legal 500 Asia Pacific* as a Recommended Lawyer (2025) and Leading Associate (2026), he was also awarded the Client Choice Awards – Singapore Lawyer of the Year at the *asialaw Awards 2024* and Litigation Associate of the Year at *The Legal 500 Southeast Asia Awards 2026*.

Emmanuel graduated with First Class Honours from the National University of Singapore (NUS), where he was placed on the Dean's List for all qualifying years and the Overall Dean's List. He was part of the NUS team that won the 2018 Frankfurt Investment Arbitration Moot Court. He taught evidence at NUS in 2022, currently serves on the LSNEDS-FIDReC Scheme Panel of Neutrals (2026), and has contributed to *Singapore Civil Procedure* since the 2024 edition.

Emmanuel is dual-qualified to practise in Singapore and England & Wales.

EXPERIENCE

Some notable matters which Emmanuel has handled include:

International and Domestic Commercial Litigation

- Represented a high-net-worth Malaysian businessman and his business associates in a shareholders' dispute before the Singapore High Court which raised issues of directors' duties and trusts. The clients had discovered that a former director and his wife were misappropriating and mismanaging the companies' assets.
- Represented the plaintiff in *Acute Result Holdings Limited v CGS-CIMB Securities (Singapore) Pte Ltd* [2022] SGHC 45 and its appeal before the Appellate Division of the High Court. The plaintiff made claims of approximately US$26 million in contract, tort, and equity. The complex matter dealt with various issues of agency, trust law, the law and practice of intermediated securities, trading in Contract for Differences, and compliance with financial regulations.
- Represented a major banking institution before the Singapore High Court against claims in fraudulent misrepresentation and unlawful means conspiracy. The plaintiffs were retail investors in investments notes issued by an Indonesian listed company and underwritten by various banks including the client. The claims were valued at S$35.75 million.
- Represented a sovereign wealth fund in a dispute surrounding put options relating to investments in India worth approximately S$127 million. The dispute concerned matters of Indian law arising from an order of the Mumbai National Company Law Tribunal and involved working closely with Indian counsel to secure a favourable outcome for the client.
- Represented a high-net-worth Singaporean investor in a minority shareholder's dispute pertaining to investments in Australian land worth at least approximately AU$200 million. The matter raised issues of tax law and required an in-depth review of complex and lengthy development agreements.
- Represented a high-net-worth Singaporean businessman in a minority shareholder oppression claim involving a subsidiary of a Singapore company listed on the Catalist

board. The client had been excluded from the management of the subsidiary and had his shareholding diluted by the majority shareholders.

- Represented a cabling company in an action before the Singapore High Court against a supplier for defective cables. The supplier in turn commenced a third-party action which brought in the distributor of the cables in Singapore into the proceedings.

Arbitration and Arbitration-related Litigation

- Successfully defended the respondent before the Singapore Court of Appeal in *Reliance Infrastructure Limited v Shanghai Electric Group Co Ltd* [2024] SGCA(I) 10. The appellant had sought to set aside a US$146 million SIAC arbitral award based on allegations, among others, that the underlying arbitration agreement was forged.
- Successfully represented companies of a Chinese offshore oil and gas group before the Singapore International Commercial Court in *CMJ v CML* [2021] SGHC(I) 20, resisting an application to set aside an arbitration award of approximately US$30 million.
- Successfully represented a Japanese general trading company in an SIAC arbitration against shareholders arising out of a dispute surrounding investments in a start-up. The matter also involved proceedings before the Bombay High Court.
- Representing a Philippines flour milling company in an *ad hoc* international arbitration under the Singapore Chamber of Maritime Arbitration Rules arising from a charterparty dispute.
- Successfully represented pharmaceutical companies in an SIAC arbitration conducted under the Expedited Procedure arising out of a dispute regarding outstanding payments for products.
- Representing the appellant before the Singapore Court of Appeal in an appeal of *Hyatt Terminal and Industrial Corp v Filipinas Third Millenium Realty Corp* [2026] SGHC(I) 3. The appellant is seeking to reinstate an ICC Award set aside by the Singapore International Commercial Court.
- Successfully acted for the defendants to obtain a sealing order and a stay of proceedings before the Singapore High Court in favour of arbitration. The plaintiffs had sought to resist the defendants' applications on the basis of, among others, fraud and public policy.

Advisory Matters

- Advising a sovereign state on its accession to the ICSID Convention and the Singapore Convention on Mediation.
- Advised a major chemical producer on Jurong Island in relation to claims arising from supply shortages of feedstock and ethylene oxide.
- Advised one of the "big five" technology firms on potential claims under an equity contribution agreement.
- Advised a multinational cosmetics company on the termination of its distributorship agreement with a duty-free company.
- Advising a multinational pharmaceutical group on various contractual disputes relating to the termination of distributorship agreements and trademark infringements.
- Advised an interior design company on Singapore sanctions in relation to a project in Russia.

Other notable matters

- Acted as lead counsel for the accused in criminal proceedings on a *pro bono* basis. The client was charged for multiple offences including under the Penal Code for rioting armed with a deadly weapon, criminal intimidation, cheating, and voluntarily causing grievous hurt. The Prosecution sought a sentence of 40 to 45 months' imprisonment and 12 strokes of the cane, but we successfully persuaded the Court to impose a sentence of 33 months' imprisonment and 9 strokes of the cane.
- Represented multiple clients in claims under the Protection from Harassment Act 2014 arising from community disputes.
- Advised and acted for both employers and employees in disputes arising from the termination of employment, including representing a local delivery platform and an AI consultancy firm. These matters also

dealt with the protection of the company's confidential intellectual property rights.

ACCOLADES

The Legal 500 Asia Pacific

Dispute Resolution 2025 – Recommended Lawyer

Dispute Resolution 2026 – Leading Associate

Litigation Associate of the Year – The Legal 500 Southeast Asia Awards 2026



"*Emmanuel Aw is prompt, meticulous, and client-focused. He provides clear understanding, explores alternative solutions, and consistently demonstrates care for clients and justice*."

"*Emmanuel Aw stands out for his empathy and approachable nature. He is easy to reach out to, always making himself available to address any concerns or questions*."

Asialaw Awards

Client Choice Awards 2024 – Singapore Lawyer of the Year

APPOINTMENTS/MEMBERSHIPS

- Appointed to the LSNEDS-FIDReC Scheme Panel of Neutrals (2026)
- Member, Law Society of Singapore
- Member, Singapore Academy of Law
- Member, International Bar Association
- Member, Singapore International Chamber of Commerce (SICC) Legal Services Interest Group