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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, workplace safety, employment, manufacturing, consumer products, 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 is 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 S\$2.6 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.
- 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.
- Advised on a S\$43 million dispute between a Singaporean solar panel manufacturer and a German supplier of solar panel manufacturing equipment.
- 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.
- Acted for a cryptocurrency aggregator in a claim for wrongful termination by the former Managing Director.
- Acted for a real estate developer in connection with charges for breach of the Workplace Safety and Health Act 2006.

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 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.
- 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.

Investigations

- Conducted investigations into a leading hedge fund concerning anomalous performances by several trading desks.
- Conducted investigations into a leading fintech company concerning improper accounting practices.

APPOINTMENTS/MEMBERSHIPS

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