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LL.B. (Hons), National University of Singapore, 1997
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ABOUT WENDELL

Wendell is a highly respected leading senior civil, commercial and criminal lawyer. His civil and commercial practice includes contracts and commercial disputes, shareholder and director disputes, asset recovery, medical negligence, product liability, cyber security related and cross-border arbitration work. His criminal practice focuses on commercial and business crime, anti-money laundering, fraud, securities, cyber fraud, corruption, corporate governance related offences, investigation work and private prosecution work

Wendell regularly engages in regulatory and compliance advisory work including anti-fraud and anti-bribery investigations work for multinational and listed companies. He is on the panel of lawyers representing various embassies in Singapore, including those of the United States of America and Qatar.

Wendell is an experienced arbitration counsel who has acted as lead counsel in numerous disputes and international arbitrations under the rules of the Singapore International Arbitration Centre ("**SIAC**"), International Chamber of Commerce ("**ICC**") and United Nations Commission on International Trade Law ("**UNCITRAL**"). Wendell has also acted as lead counsel in the Singapore International Commercial Court ("**SICC**") in a landmark securities law case related to ISDA Master Agreement Long Form Confirmation under English Law.

Chambers Global ranks Wendell as a leading practitioner in dispute resolution and commends his regional work related to the US Foreign Corrupt Practices Act ("**FCPA**"). *Chambers Global* describes him as renowned for his developed understanding of

the Indonesian legal system. *The Asia Pacific Legal 500* also ranks Wendell high in the area of dispute resolution. *Who's Who Legal* recognises Wendell as one of the top Business Crime Defence, Investigations and Commercial Litigation lawyers in Singapore. Wendell is also listed as a **Global Elite Thought Leader in Thought Leaders Global Elite: Investigations 2022 and 2023**. Wendell was selected as the **Best Lawyer of the Year 2023 for Criminal Defence** in a peer review by Best Lawyers publication.

Wendell is a member on the Criminal Procedure Rules Committee ("**CPRC**"). Wendell was also appointed as a member of the Penal Code Review Committee by the Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of Law.

Wendell is a strong advocate of pro bono work and access to justice. He was one of the pioneer trainers for International Bridges to Justice, a Ministry of Foreign Affairs' Criminal Justice Training for ASEAN Countries in Singapore and Laos in 2011 and involved Myanmar trainees in 2013.

He is the Regional Representative Asia Pacific of the International Bar Association, Anti-Corruption Committee.

In October 2022, Wendell was appointed as a Board member of the Housing & Development Board ("**HDB**").

Wendell is also on the Board of Governors of National Trade Union Congress ("**NTUC**") Foundation Limited.

In 2020, Wendell was appointed a non-executive independent director on the board for listed property developer, GSH Corporation Limited.

Wendell is also on the Selection Panel for Singapore Law Reports (State Courts/Family Justice Courts/ Youth Courts).

Wendell is the immediate past Chairman, Criminal Practice Committee, Law Society of Singapore. He is also a mentor with the Criminal Legal Aid Fellowship, Law Society of Singapore ("CLAS"). He is an immediate past member on the Criminal Legal Aid Steering Committee ("CLAS") and was on the Board of Law Society Pro-Bono Services Limited.

Wendell joined Drew & Napier in 2000, having spent three years as Deputy Public Prosecutor / State Counsel with the Attorney General's Chambers.

EXPERIENCE

Civil Cases (Highlights only)

Arbitration Disputes

- Represented North American company in cross-border arbitration oil and gas dispute with Indonesian JV partner over participation rights in Indonesia. Value of dispute estimated in **excess of US\$450 million**.
- Represented Singapore national health care provider in arbitration dispute with multinational service provider over breaches of master services and maintenance contract in failures to meet service deliverables. **Value of dispute estimated in excess of S\$120 million**.
- Successfully represented Indian state-owned oil company (Fortune 500 Company) in cross border dispute with Nigerian-owned company for short supply of oil and related technical issues.
- Successfully argued lengthy cross-border arbitration in a joint venture commercial dispute involving issues of contract law and employment law including restraint of trade and non-competition clauses.
- Successfully represented multinational warehousing and logistics client in insurance-related arbitration over damage at warehouse including workplace health safety issues.
- Represented multinational pharmaceutical company in arbitration involving Indonesian

party; distributorship involving Singapore and Indonesian law.

- Successfully represented multinational insurance company in insurance policy-related arbitration on material non-disclosure by insured.
- Represented claimants in cross border dispute regarding service agreements for infrastructure projects in Vietnam.

Singapore International Commercial Court

- Represented a Chinese state-owned Enterprise in a contract dispute involving a commodities swap transaction and **ISDA Master Agreement** with an Australian bank. Including related issue of quantification of damages under ISDA Master Agreement.

Asset Recovery and Securities Law

- Represented **Asia Pulp & Paper ("APP")** in the then largest debt restructuring in the world estimated in excess of **US\$16 billion** and related US securities action (including dealings with the US Securities Exchange Commission), bondholders' litigation and class action litigation and asset recovery actions in jurisdictions including Indonesia, Singapore, New York, California, various other parts of the US, Canada and Bermuda. The APP group has more than 150 companies worldwide including U.S., Canada, China, India, Indonesia and Singapore.
- Represented former President & CEO of **Eagle Hospitality Trust** in landmark securities litigation for losses by investors arising from collapse of the REIT and related MAS and CAD investigations into non-disclosure offences under the Securities Futures Act.
- Represented an **overseas casino** in an asset recovery and tracing claim against a claim an individual for funds received pursuant to cheque payments arising from forged signatures.
- Represented client against asset recovery claim arising from alleged botched wine investments and related investment funds involving assets in Singapore and cross-border assets in Europe.

Cyber Security and Data Leak

- Successfully represented **Razer** in a high-profile landmark IT dispute against vendor-Capgemini to obtain excess of USD8million in damages for cyber security breaches and related data leak involving 147,000 customer accounts and related losses including loss of profits.

Commercial Law including misrepresentation- fraud

- Represented a multinational pharmaceutical company in a distributorship dispute with an Indonesian counterpart with proceedings in Indonesia and Singapore. Estimated value of dispute in excess of **US\$10 million**.
- Successfully represented **Star Engineering Pte Ltd** in obtaining urgent injunction against Pollisum Engineering Pte Ltd and Great Eastern General Insurance Limited against call on an unconditional on-demand performance bond under a building construction contract on grounds of fraudulent call on performance bond.
- Successfully represented franchisees from Australia, Indonesia and Singapore against **Da Vinci Pte Ltd** and the founder's son, Raymond Phua, for fraudulent misrepresentation over the Walking Culture franchise ("**Da Vinci Case**").
- Represented multiple plaintiffs in a disputed cross border property investment fraud involving Canadian defendants and investments made in Canada.
- Successfully represented Estate of Ma Chi against insurers for insurance claim arising from fatal accident involving client's Ferrari at Bugis Junction ("**Ferrari Crash Case**").
- Successfully represented **Maxi-Cash Ltd** against customers for recovery in mistake in over payment of value of pawned items arising from a settlement agreement.
- Successfully represented daughter in a claim made against her by her stepmother for breaching an oral agreement. The suit was to forbid the daughter from publishing online on matters pertaining to her family, which includes a Member of Parliament.
- Represented **Zhong Jun Resources Pte Ltd** in claim brought by creditors in relation to allegations involving multi-billion dollars'

worth of commodities stock related fraud in Qingdao warehouse(s) ("**Qingdao Fraud**").

- Represented client against claim by joint liquidators from **Cayman Islands** of alleged breaches of fiduciary duties for fund-related activities.
- Successfully represented **Sintalow Hardware Pte Ltd** against **OSK Engineering Pte Ltd** at trial and on appeal in contract claim for supply of products for Marina Bay Sands Project.
- Successfully represented client in company claim against former director for **breaches of fiduciary duties** including fraudulent and wrongful claims.
- Represented Plaintiffs in contract and tortious claim for breach of oral agreement in botched joint venture in IT related project where "*Court expressed appreciation for the helpful closing submissions of learned counsel and for the manner in which the case was conducted*"

Trust Law

- Successfully argued a complex trust lawsuit involving family arrangements of oral trusts with trust assets in excess of **S\$60 million**.

Shareholders Dispute - Minority Oppression - Company Law

- Representing prominent key-man family member in hotel and hospitality industry with chain of hotels in Singapore and Asia in family related shareholder dispute and restructuring for hotel assets valued in excess of **S\$1billion**
- Successfully represented client against **celebrity aesthetics doctor- Dr Georgia Lee** in a minority oppression dispute in a business venture related to Dr Georgia's group of companies in the aesthetics business
- Successfully argued a 22-day minority oppression lawsuit involving the former Chief Executive Officer of **Alphomega Research Group Ltd**, which was listed in Singapore on Philips Securities OTC. Successfully obtained an injunction against wrongful removal of the former CEO.
- Represented multiple minority investors in a securities law suit for misrepresentation during IPO road shows against the former

Chief Financial Officer of **Alphomega Research Group Ltd.**

- Represented the family directors in family-owned company, **Malaysian Diary Industries ("MDI")**, in court actions involving the patriarch's breaches of fiduciary duties, shareholder dispute and related actions.
- Representing majority shareholders in a High Court dispute with the minority shareholder in a ship repair business.

Negligence

- Successfully represented a local celebrity make-up artiste in a medical negligence suit against an aesthetic doctor, **Dr Amal Dass**, for botched nose job.
- Successfully represented the family of the deceased golfer who was struck by lightning at **Tanah Merah Country Club ("TMCC")** in a landmark negligence suit against the local golf club.
- Successfully argued a landmark product liability suit at trial and before the Court of Appeal for actress, **Andrea De Cruz**, against importers and distributors of **Slim 10** slimming pills.
- Successfully argued a medical negligence suit against a urologist for an expatriate American cocoa trader in the '**Shrunken Testicles**' case.

Governance-related and Conspiracy Claims

- Representing **Singapore Rifle Association** against **Singapore Shooting Association** in governance and negligence related claims.
- Successfully represented Singapore Rifle Association in a conspiracy claim against **Singapore Shooting Association President Michael Vaz, Secretary Yap Beng Hui and Treasurer Patrick Chen** for conspiring to injure the Singapore Rifle Association by unlawful means

Estate Claims

- Successfully represented the family of a former Land Transport Authority ("**LTA**") inspector in the "**Nicoll Highway collapse**" case against LTA and the main Japanese contractor for tortious and estate claims which were eventually settled.

- Represented Indonesian family members in an estate dispute over assets estimated in excess of **US\$100 million** with proceedings in Indonesia and Singapore.
- Represented wife of a deceased husband in an estate dispute over assets in Singapore and India under the Inheritance Act and possible challenge of will.

Employment Law

- Successfully represented **Mr Bert Wong, former CEO of Fuji Xerox Singapore**, against the company for wrongful dismissal with compensation awarded in excess of S\$1.4million.
- Successfully represented local listed company in employment dispute against former employee for breach of covenants including confidential information. Successfully obtained an injunction against the former employee restraining the use of company's confidential information.
- Represented senior management in the oil and gas industry in employment related dismissals.

Defamation Law

- Successfully defended a defamation suit by local construction company **Hytech** against subsidiary proprietor in the High Court and Court of Appeal.
- Represented a prominent business magazine in a potential cross-border defamation dispute.
- Successfully represented **Singapore Rifle Association** against **Singapore Shooting Association President Michael Vaz** in defamation suit involving remarks on closure of National Shooting Centre.

Property Disputes

- Successfully represented homeowners in negligence suit against developers **LINK (THM) Prestige Homes Pte Ltd** for damages caused to homes with award of damages for defects and related costs in excess of S\$1.4million in favour of the home owners.
- Represented a multinational Hong Kong listed company on a disputed local property development.

- Successfully represented high net worth investors over botched purchase of property in Singapore including misrepresentation by real estate agent.

Matrimonial Law

- Successfully argued a contentious divorce case, with proceedings and ancillaries over 5 years involving matrimonial assets in **excess of S\$20 million** in the High Court and Court of Appeal.
- Successfully represented Appellant in overturning findings of fact and law on appeal in the High Court for final ancillaries hearing involving matrimonial assets in **excess of S\$20 million**.
- Represented client in a contentious appeal over division of matrimonial assets estimated in excess of **S\$13 million** where adverse inference was successfully overturned in the Court of Appeal.

Criminal Cases (Highlights only)

Business Crime

Securities- Corporate Governance- Disclosure obligations- Directors' Duties

- Represented **former President and CEO of Eagle Hospitality Trust** in CAD and MAS related investigations including non-disclosure offences under the Securities and Futures Act.
- Representing one of the key traders involved with **John Soh** and **Quah Su-Ling** in the unprecedented **Penny Stock Crash** involving **Blumont Group**, Asiasons Capital and LionGold Corp – known collectively as BAL.
- Secured acquittal for former Director of Singapore-listed company, **KXD Digital Entertainment Ltd**, in non-disclosure related offences under the Securities and Futures Act that resulted in prosecution's withdrawal of charges in a discharge amounting to an acquittal.
- Represented the former CEO of Singapore listed company **AEM-Evertech** in a landmark whistleblower case involving corruption charges in what was termed by the media as a "landmark ruling", where the client was sentenced to the maximum fine and spared an imprisonment term by the Singapore courts.

- Secured a **rare acquittal** for a senior lawyer, who is also a former independent director of Singapore-listed company, **Airocean**, in a landmark decision by the former Chief Justice regarding corporate disclosure obligations under listing rules and securities law.

- Represented a former Executive Director and CFO of Singapore-listed company, **JEL**, in securities-related charges involving falsification of accounts, interested party transactions and alleged misleading public statements.

- Represented Singapore-listed timber company, **Chuan Soon Huat's** family directors in a landmark case on corporate disclosure and director's duties which also involved director's disqualifications.

- Represented former Singapore-listed company, **Datacraft**, in securities-related investigations by the Commercial Affairs Department.

- Represented one of the daughters of the **late Tan Sri Khoo Teck Puat** in a landmark corporate governance case regarding fiduciary duties and non-disclosure offences under the Securities and Futures Act and Companies Act.

- Represented **Asia Pulp & Paper ("APP")** in criminal investigations commenced by the Commercial Affairs Department regarding allegations of cross-border commercial fraud in hundreds of millions of dollars in jurisdictions including Singapore, Bermuda, Europe, USA, Hong Kong.

Foreign Corrupt Practices Act ("FCPA")

- Represented a multinational pharmaceutical company in cross-border FCPA investigations which involved the Department of Justice of the US, and related US reporting obligations. Lead counsel for FCPA-related investigations in Indonesia.
- Lead counsel for US global functional safety and diagnostic company in the oil and gas industry in FCPA-related investigations in Malaysia, Vietnam and other Asian countries.

Corruption Cases & Anti-Money Laundering

- Represented **Vang Shuiming** in high profile prosecution in Singapore's largest

multibillion dollar money-laundering crackdown in “**S\$3 Billion Money Laundering Case**” under the Corruption, Drug Trafficking and Other Serious Crimes (Confiscation of Benefits) Act 1992.

- Successfully defended the former CEO of **Crimson Logic Pte Ltd** in what was termed by the media as a ‘*rare acquittal in a commercial crime case*’ involving alleged commercial corruption which spanned some 60 hearing days in court over 10 months.
- Successfully represented client Managing Director in **hospitality industry** to secure an **acquittal** after 10-day cross examination of key prosecution witness in alleged corruption case involving hotel related services.
- Represented interested party in landmark corruption prosecution against the former **SCDF Commissioner Peter Lim**.
- Represented former CEO of a listed company **Linair Ltd** in corruption-related prosecution.
- Represented former **CEO of ST Marine Ltd** in high profile corruption probe against various senior management team spanning over 10 years of commercial dealings.
- Successfully acted for a former director of a local company to overturn a sentence of imprisonment in a corruption case on appeal before **Judge of Appeal Tay Yong Kwang**, who imposed a substantial fine instead. This was even though the receiver had pleaded guilty and already been sentenced to an imprisonment term.

Commercial Crime and Fraud Cases

- Represented a dentist in a high profile landmark prosecution for fraudulent claims made under the **Medisave Scheme** administered by the **Central Provident Fund** in relation to patient’s dental treatments.
- Represented three directors in a high-profile fraud case involving **Profitable Plots Pte Ltd** involving in excess of 80 charges which led to an acquittal for one of the directors.
- Successfully argued landmark Criminal Reference by the prosecution to the Court of Appeal in **Profitable Plots Case** where the Court of Appeal upheld the right of access to documents.

- Successfully defended a former employee of a large local construction company against charges of criminal breach of trust who was acquitted after 15 days of trial.
- Successfully represented a senior employee of a US-listed IT company in internal investigations and secured a discharge amounting to an acquittal for cheating charges tendered by the prosecution and Corrupt Practices Investigation Bureau (CPIB).
- Represented a US multinational company in the **National Kidney Foundation (“NKF”)** investigations by the Commercial Affairs Department and CPIB.
- Represented a former lawyer in a banking fraud case involving over S\$3 million, and issues of oral trusts and misrepresentation.
- Acted for the family of the late “**King of Serangoon Road**” in relation to banking fraud charges.

Copyright Infringement- Private Prosecution

- Representing **Tencent** in private prosecution against individuals and companies in copyright infringement under the Copyright Act 2021.

Prevention of Harassment Act (POHA)

- Represented clients in seeking Protection Orders and related complaints and matters under POHA.
- Successfully acted for a respondent at trial to resist an application for a Protection Order under section 12 of the POHA.

Disposal Inquiry: Freezing of Assets

- Successfully represented foreign casino to unfreeze assets/funds that were subject of disputed funds seized by Singapore authorities.
- Representing a foreign client to resist freezing of assets in Singapore arising from **Mutual Assistance** sought by the US Department of Justice and Thailand authorities under the **Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Act**.
- Representing politically exposed foreign client to resist freezing of assets sought by foreign government.

Investigations Work

- Represented various multinational corporation(s) in anti-fraud and anti-corruption/bribery-related investigation work involving Singapore and overseas operations.
- Represented locally listed companies in anti-fraud, anti-corruption, regulatory and compliance-related investigation work.'
- Represented financial institution(s) in securities offences-related investigations.

Immigration Cases

- Acted in the criminal appeal of **Lim Hong Kheng v PP** involving offences under the Employment of Foreign Workers Act. Wendell received recognition and commendation by the High Court (then Justice Sundaresh Menon) for his efforts in pursuing his client's appeal despite obvious time pressure.

Murder Cases (Pro Bono)

- Assigned lead counsel by the High Court for **Seet Cher Hng in ITE College Central** murder and successfully negotiated a plea bargain for life imprisonment.
- Assigned lead counsel by the High Court in the Court of Appeal case for **Chan Lie Sian**. Successful in overturning murder conviction under section 300 (a) to a section 300 (c) conviction and successfully argued for life imprisonment term for defendant instead of the death penalty.
- Assigned lead counsel by the High Court in the Court of Appeal case for former police officer **Iskandar Bin Rahmat** in a highly publicised murder case dubbed "**Kovan Double Murder**" by the media.
- Assigned lead counsel by the High Court for **Lee Chez Kee** in murder trial of a former professor at the National University of Singapore. Rare split decision in the Criminal Court of Appeal involving important points of criminal law in Singapore.
- Assigned lead counsel by the High Court for Indonesian maid in murder trial **PP v Barokah**. The capital charge was reduced to culpable homicide not amounting to murder after plea bargaining. Case was remitted by the Court of Appeal to the trial judge for hearing on sentence. Successfully argued for

life imprisonment which was upheld by the Court of Appeal.

- Assigned lead counsel by High Court for Nigerian national **Amanchuku Chukwuma** where the murder charge was reduced to culpable homicide not amounting to murder after plea bargaining. Mitigation resulted in a 12-year imprisonment sentence imposed by the High Court.
- Assigned lead counsel by the High Court for Chinese national **Wang Wenfeng** in a high-profile murder case involving a local taxi driver. Successfully argued against the imposition of the death penalty sought by the prosecution.
- Assigned lead counsel by the High Court in the Court of Appeal case for **Chan Lie Sian**. The accused was a brothel operator who had a fight in the brothel with deceased over money issues.

Drugs Cases

- Assigned lead counsel by High Court for Singaporean **Oh Yew Lee** in capital drug case and successfully **overturned a capital death penalty conviction on appeal** for a re-trial and subsequently securing reduction of charge to non-capital drug trafficking charge.
- Represented **Jenn Ong** in a highly publicised drugs related prosecution which resulted in reduction of drugs charges.
- Represented a **Canadian** foreign expatriate in a drug possession case involving novel point of a **cannabis vaporizer pen** (imported from Canada) where there was a significant departure from sentencing norms with a four-month imprisonment term imposed.
- Successfully represented a young drug trafficker in a widely publicized case **PP v Mhd Ridzwan**, where the young offender was granted probation at first instance. This is the first reported case of a young drug trafficker who did not serve an imprisonment term. The case was also widely reported in the international media, including CNN.
- Assigned pro bono counsel by the High Court for a Malaysian national in the appeal of **Devendran Supramaniam v PP** for a capital charge of drug trafficking, involving the trafficking of heroin.

- Represented a client who was involved in a high-profile cocaine drug bust and other expatriate individuals for drugs-related offences. The use of cocaine in Singapore remains relatively uncommon.

Court Martial

- Successfully represented former **MediaCorp Artiste Marcus Ng** in a Military Court of Appeal case and trial involving military law under the Singapore Armed Forces Act.

Prosecutorial work

- Represented the Infocomm Development Authority of Singapore ("IDA") in prosecutorial work involving regulatory offences under the Telecommunications Act.

ACCOLADES

Chambers Asia-Pacific

Corporate Investigations / Anti-Corruption 2024 – Band 2 for 3 consecutive years



"Wendell is a prominent white-collar criminal defence lawyer and he has gotten the client what they want in litigation."

"Wendell goes beyond looking at the matter. As a client we like that he really takes the time to understand the issue, not just the legal aspect to the problem. He really does tailor the advice instead of giving you just the bog-standard answer."

"Wendell Wong is recognised for his experience in commercial litigation and corporate investigations. He is well placed to advise on potential litigation arising out of investigations and anti-corruption matters."

Chambers Global 2015

Indonesia: Dispute Resolution (International Firms) (Experts Based Abroad) – Indonesia – Band 2

Dispute Resolution: Arbitration – Singapore (Foreign Experts) - Indonesia



"Wendell Wong is highlighted for his cross-border arbitration work and is well known for handling commercial disputes relating to the energy and natural resources sectors."

"Wendell Wong regularly tackles cross-border matters, particularly in arbitrations relating to Indonesia. His broad practice spans both civil and criminal law."

"Wendell Wong is renowned for his developed understanding of the Indonesian legal system."

The Legal 500 Asia Pacific

White-collar crime 2024 – *Leading Individual*; Previously *Recommended lawyer* for 3 consecutive years



Dispute Resolution 2024 – *Recommended lawyer* for 2 consecutive years



"Wendell Wong and Andrew Chua are able to place the client's interest foremost in their conduct of a matter."

Sources say Wendell is *"a natural leader, meticulous listener, excellent negotiator, with top-notch client centric work ethics and excellent business sense."*

'Noted for headline commercial and white-collar crime cases'

A *'strong and well-respected advocate'*, who is praised for his *'practical approach'* and *'partnership'* with the client

Best Lawyers International

Criminal Defence, Singapore – *Lawyer of the Year* (2023 edition)



Criminal Defence, Singapore – *Endorsed individual* for 4 years running (2024 edition)

Employee Benefits Law, Singapore – *Endorsed individual* (2024 edition)

Who's Who Legal

Thought Leaders Global Elite: Investigations 2023 – *Global Elite Thought Leader* for 2 consecutive years

Global Leader: Business Crime Defence (Corporates 2023) – *Recommended lawyer* for 11 consecutive years

Global Leader: Business Crime Defence (Individuals 2023) – *Recommended lawyer* for 11 consecutive years

Thought Leaders: GIR – Business Crime Defence (Corporates 2022) – *Thought Leader*

Global Leader: Investigations 2021 – *Global Elite Thought Leader*

Global Leader: Professional Negligence 2021 – *Recommended lawyer for 2 consecutive years*

National Leader: Southeast Asia, Business Crime Defence 2024 – *Recommended for 3 consecutive years*

National Leader: Southeast Asia, Investigations 2024 – *Recommended for 3 consecutive years*

National Leader: Southeast Asia, Commercial Litigation 2024 – *Recommended lawyer*

"Wendell is a strategic legal adviser"

"He pays attention to the finer details of the case"

"He balances commercial interests but also in-depth legal analysis"

"Wendell renders consistently good, highly useful advice"

"He delivers market-leading work on white-collar investigations"

"Wendell is a well-experienced and knowledgeable lawyer who provides practical advice"

"He's a bonafide criminal investigations specialist"

"Wendell is a leading individual for white-collar defence work and is hands on in complex investigations"

"His experiences from the public and private sectors helps him understand both perspectives, and he's able to solve complex problems as a result"

Wendell Wong is highly esteemed for his profound expertise in regulatory compliance and fraud investigations.

Wendell Wong is revered for his top-tier work on complex fraud, securities and corruption cases.

Wendell Wong draws high praise as "a sound lawyer" who "has been at the top of the game for a while".

Wendell Wong is well regarded for his "focus on financial crime" and garners respect for his work in international investigations

"Recognised for his 'practical and smart' approach to investigations, and is commended by sources for his 'ability to anticipate regulators' concerns and find effective solutions"

Wendell Wong is well known for his work in the criminal investigations space, covering anti-bribery and anti-fraud matters for major corporations.

Global Investigations Review 100 (GIR 100) 5th edition (2019)

Recognised as a leading individual for investigations. The GIR 100 identifies top 100 firms worldwide that handle complex cross-border government-led and internal investigations.



Benchmark Litigation Asia-Pacific 2024 edition

White Collar Crime - *Litigation Star* for 6 consecutive years

"Proactive, responsive and aggressive in protecting/furthering client's interests."

"One of the top disputes and litigation lawyers in Singapore. Provides strong and clear advice. Committed and passionate about the case. Spends time on the case. Excellent analysis of the case and rendered advice that led to the best possible outcome."

Asialaw Leading Lawyers

Dispute Resolution 2024 – *Distinguished Practitioner* for 3 consecutive years

"Excellent client management. Good legal knowledge. Well prepared for the court hearing. Able to anticipate and good counter management. Good listener."

"Listens to client. With his competent team fights for his client."

International Law Office

White Collar Crime – *Recommended lawyer*

Minister for Home Affairs' National Day Award (Home Team Volunteers)

APPOINTMENTS/MEMBERSHIPS

- Board member, Housing & Development Board (“**HDB**”)
- Board of Governors, National Trade Union Congress (“**NTUC**”) Foundation Limited
- Honorary Secretary, Mainly I Love Kids (“**MILK**”)
- Non-Executive Independent Director, GSH Corporation Limited
- Member, Criminal Procedure Rules Committee, Singapore chaired by the Honourable The Chief Justice of Singapore
- Member of Penal Code Review Committee 2018, Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of Law
- Selection Panel for Singapore Law Reports (State Courts/Family Justice Courts/ Youth Courts)
- Advocate & Solicitor, Supreme Court of Singapore
- Solicitor, England & Wales; Member of the Law Society of England & Wales
- Immediate Past Chairperson, Criminal Practice Committee, Law Society of Singapore
- Immediate Past Board Member, Enhanced Criminal Legal Aid Scheme Steering Committee, Singapore Academy of Law
- Past Board Member, Law Society Pro Bono Services Limited
- Past Co-chairman, Legal Affairs Committee, American Chamber of Commerce, Singapore
- Panel member of US Embassy, Singapore’s list of attorneys
- Panel member of list of lawyers for Embassy of the Kingdom of Netherlands, Singapore
- Panel member of list of lawyers for Embassy of Sweden, Singapore
- List of lawyers for Embassy for the Republic of Indonesia, Singapore
- Panel Member, Lead Counsel, Supreme Court’s Legal Assistance Scheme for Capital Offences
- Panel of Counsel for Disciplinary Matters, Law Society of Singapore
- Representatives of Group Member (Asia) of International Bar Association Membership Committee 2023
- Regional Representative Asia Pacific, International Bar Association, Anti-Corruption Committee
- Coordinator, IBA ACC-International Chamber of Commerce: Joint Task Force on Issues of Corruption in International Arbitration, 2021
- Regional Co-ordinator (Asia), International Bar Association, Anti-Corruption Structured Criminal Settlements Sub-committee
- Member, IBA ACC UNGASS Asset Recovery Sub-Committee 2020
- Member, IBA ACC Project Roll Out- OECD Working Group on Bribery 2020
- Member, Criminal Legal Aid Scheme, Law Society of Singapore
- Mentor, Criminal Legal Aid Fellowship, Law Society of Singapore
- Panel Member, Investigation and Disciplinary Panel, Institute of Singapore Chartered Accountants
- Member, ASEAN Law Association
- Member, Law Society of Singapore
- Member, Singapore Academy of Law
- Past Member, Selection Panel, School of Law, SIM University
- Past Member, Singapore Institute of Directors
- Past member, Business China, Singapore
- Past Advisor, Singapore Nightlife Business Association

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- Interpretation of Force Majeure Clauses, Risks Allocation and Permitted Consequences – Drew & Napier LLC, Legal Update, 30 August 2024
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- Singapore High Court Recognises Crypto Assets as Property Capable of Being Held on Trust – Drew & Napier LLC, Legal Update, 27 July 2023
- Protect the privilege – Drew & Napier LLC, Legal Update, 17 March 2023
- Avoiding Pitfalls in Professional Negligence – Drew & Napier LLC, Legal Update, 23 November 2021
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- IBA Anti-Corruption Committee, Structured Settlements Report – Co-contributor, March 2019
- “The Regime for Deferred Prosecution Agreement” – Drew & Napier LLC, Legislation Update Series, 10 April 2018
- “The Criminal Justice Reform Bill: A transformative reform” – Op-Ed, The Straits Times, 19 March 2018
- “A look back for the future: transformational changes in our criminal justice system” – Law Gazette, 50th Anniversary Edition, 2017
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