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ABOUT WESLEY

Wesley's practice focuses on complex civil and commercial disputes, often with cross-border elements.

Wesley has acted for governments, sovereign wealth funds, multinational corporations, financial institutions and high-net-worth individuals.

His work spans commercial litigation and arbitration, investigations, white collar crime and regulatory proceedings.

Recent work includes disputes involving highly technical engineering and construction issues in the energy, manufacturing and environmental sectors.

In 2022, Wesley was seconded to the New York office of Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP, where he handled complex civil litigation and arbitration matters including class action suits and investor-state arbitration.

Wesley graduated on the overall Dean's List from the National University of Singapore.

EXPERIENCE

Some of the matters which Wesley has acted in include:

Civil Litigation

- Obtained judgment of US\$3.5B for the liquidators of a collapsed oil trading firm against the firm's former directors and shareholders, in the largest reported fraudulent trading suit in Singapore's history.
- Obtained judgment for an international gas and energy consultancy and its director-shareholder against a Turkish energy conglomeration, in a dispute involving allegations of suspected criminal activity including terrorism and money laundering. The matter resulted in a seminal decision by the Singapore

Court of Appeal clarifying the law on summary judgment.

- Acted for a senior executive of an advanced manufacturing company in a S\$30M dispute involving allegations of unfair prejudice and breaches of shareholders' agreements.
- Acted for a minority shareholder of a luxury property development and investment company in a shareholder dispute involving allegations of misappropriation of funds and unfair prejudice.

International Arbitration

- Currently acting for a sovereign wealth fund in a US\$200M SIAC arbitration claim against Singaporean and Indian entities arising out of an ISDA Master Agreement. Successfully obtained an emergency worldwide freezing injunction from an SIAC emergency arbitrator.
- Advised a Latin American manufacturer in seeking emergency injunctive relief and a claim for wrongful termination against Chinese and American counterparties.
- Successfully resisted a US\$30M SIAC arbitration claim from the minority shareholders of a multinational electronics manufacturer, involving allegations of unfair prejudice and related proceedings in India.

Investor-State Arbitration

- Advised a State in resisting claims under a Bilateral Investment Treaty, involving allegations of denials of justice arising out of the State's judicial and executive organs.
- Advised a gas and energy consultancy on its claims under a Bilateral Investment Treaty arising out of share seizures and confiscations of assets.

Energy and Infrastructure

- Advised a real estate conglomerate in a joint venture dispute arising out of the construction and operation of a Data Centre.

Shipping and oil and gas

- Successfully obtained judgment for an environmental-services arm of a Singapore-listed entity in a S\$20M dispute over claims under contracts relating to oil trading, charter hire and waste disposal plant operations. The matter involved technical engineering issues including determining the causes of and responsibility for plant failure.

Investigations

- Acted for an SGX Mainboard-listed issuer in regulatory investigations and subsequent disciplinary proceedings before the SGX Listings Disciplinary Committee, involving alleged contraventions of the SGX Mainboard Rules in the course of a rights issue exercise.

Criminal matters

- Acted for the founder of a SGX Mainboard-listed technology company in respect of charges brought under the Penal Code and the Securities and Futures Act, including charges for falsification of documents, forgery and cheating.
- Acted for a manufacturing company in respect of charges brought under the Workplace Safety and Health Act relating to a fatal workplace accident.

Tort

- Acted for the estate of a victim in a fatal collision involving an international food delivery company.

Landlord and Tenant

- Struck out a S\$20M claim by a tenant in breach of contract and misrepresentation on behalf of a Singapore integrated resort, and successfully discharged two injunctions that prevented the landlord from repossessing the premises.

Construction

- Acted for a SGX Mainboard-listed construction company and successfully

recovered around S\$1M for prolongation and variation costs in a Security of Payments Act adjudication.

Defamation

- Advised a multinational conglomerate on jurisdictional and substantive issues in pursuing defamation claims against its former Chairman in Singapore.

Cryptocurrency

- Acted for a partner of an investment fund in pursuing US\$2M of cryptocurrency assets against persons in Thailand and China.

MEMBERSHIPS

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