

Biographical Data



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Educational and Professional Qualifications

LL. B. (Hons), University of Singapore
LL. M., University of London
Advocate & Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Singapore

Present Position

Senior Partner, Lee & Lee

Professional Experience before Present Position(s)

Legal Assistant, Donaldson & Burkinshaw
Partner, Donaldson & Burkinshaw
Partner, Allen & Gledhill

Membership in Professional Bodies

- (1) Member, Law Society of Singapore;
- (2) Member, Singapore Law Academy;
- (3) Member, Singapore Copyright Tribunal;
- (4) Member, Singapore Income Tax Review Board;
- (5) Member, Competition Appeal Board of Singapore;
- (6) Founding Member and Council Member of the ASEAN Intellectual Property Association (ASEAN IPA);
- (7) Past Vice-President of the Asian Patent Attorneys Association (APAA);
- (8) Past President of the Association of Singapore Patent Agents (ASPA);
- (9) Member, International Trademarks Association (INTA);
- (10) Member, Federation Internationale des Conseils en Propriete Industrielle (FICPI);
- (11) Member, American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA);
- (12) Panellist (arbitrator) of the World Intellectual Property Organisation and the Singapore Domain Name Dispute Resolution Panel for domain name disputes.

Areas of Specialisation

- Intellectual Property Law
- Competition Law

Experience in Intellectual Property

- (1) Have advised numerous clients during nearly 30 years of practice on various IP issues;
- (2) Have appeared in the courts in Singapore on behalf of clients in diverse areas including the following cases in recent years:
 - *Genelabs Diagnostics Pte Ltd v Institut Pasteur & Anor* [2001] 1 SLR 121;
 - *Fragrance Foodstuff Pte Ltd v Bee Cheng Hiang* [2003] 1 SLR 305;
 - *McDonald's Corporation v Future Enterprises Pte Ltd* - [2005] 1 SLR 177;
 - *Koninklijke Philips Electronics N.V. v Aifa* (2005);
 - *Richemont International SA v Da Vinci Collections Pte Ltd* [2006] 3 SLR 560;
 - *Amanresorts Limited & anor v Novelty Pte Ltd* [2008] 2 SLR 32; [2009] 3 SLR 216;
 - *Wing Joo Loong Ginseng Hong (Singapore) Co. Pte Ltd v Qinghai Xinyuan Foreign Trade Co. Ltd & anor.* [2008] 3 SLR 296; [2009] 2 SLR 814;
 - *City Chain Stores (S) Pte Ltd v Louis Vuitton Malletier* [2009] SGCA 53;
 - *ABB Holdings Pte Ltd & ors. V Sher Hock Guan Charles* [2009] 4 SLR 111;
 - *Mitac International Corp. v Singapore Telecommunications Ltd* [2009] 4 SLR 961.

Experience with respect to Domain Names

- Since 1999, have advised clients on recovering gTLD and ccTLD domain names registered by cybersquatters in Singapore, Malaysia, the United States and elsewhere.
- Have appeared before the Singapore High Court on behalf of a major postal agency in the first litigated domain name dispute in Singapore. The case is *Singapore Post Pte Ltd v Cyberville Technologies Pte Ltd* (Suit No.617 of 1998, Lai Kew Chai J).
- Have advised clients on gTLD disputes under Network Solutions Inc.'s Domain Name Dispute Resolution Policy as well as ICANN's Uniform Domain Name Dispute Resolution Policy including assisting clients in preparing and submitting complaints under the Policy since its implementation in 1999.
- Was the panellist who decided the October 2002 case of *Google, Inc. v Googles Entertainment* (Case No. SDRP-2002-00034F).

Major Publications

Book

- Author, "Law of Trade Marks & Passing Off in Singapore" (Sweet & Maxwell Asia, 2nd ed.);
- General Editor, "Halsbury's Laws of Singapore (IP)" (LexisNexis).

Articles

- "Recent Benchmarks in the Law of Passing-off Action" (1984);
- "Trafficking in Registered Trade Marks: Illegality Reviewed" (1985);
- "The Anton Piller Order" (1985);
- "Legal Problems in the Transfer of Technology, Trademark and Computer Programs" (1987);
- "Interface between Computer Programs and the new Copyright Laws of Singapore and Malaysia" (1989);
- "Singapore: Copyright Protection of Foreign Works and Subject-matter - a brief survey" (1989);
- "Transferring Technology to Singapore" (1990);
- "Ex-parte Injunction and Anton Piller Order" (1990);
- "Surveying the Law on Food Labelling" (1993);
- "Control of the Search & Seizure Order" (1994);
- "Copyright Protection of Satellite & Cable Broadcasts in Singapore" (1995);
- "Net Effect: Copyright Conundrum in Cyberspace" (1997).
- "Net Effect II: Marked_Concern.com" (1999).
- "Patenting of Software and Business Methods" (2003).

Chapters in books

- "Intellectual Property Protection in Asia – Practical Strategies" – published by IP Asia,
- "Trademark Anti-counterfeiting in Asia and the Pacific Rim" – published by INTA;
- "Trademark Law and the Internet" published by INTA;
- "Review of Singapore IP cases in 2000-2008" – published by the Singapore Academy of Law;
- Orders 87 & 87A in "Singapore Court Practice 2009"

Others

- Made representation to the Parliamentary Select Committee on the Copyright Bill 1986 (reproduced in "Report of the Select Committee on the Copyright Bill 1986, Parl. 9 of 1986")

Training in Dispute Resolution

- Mediation-Attended a World Intellectual Property Organization mediation course on 28-29 May 1996

Experience in Dispute Resolution

- Acted as arbitrator and mediator on a number of occasions.