



## Wei Liang Jason Lim

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## OVERVIEW

Jason Lim is a senior associate at the firm's Singapore office, and is a member of the Litigation and Dispute Resolution practice group. His primary areas of practice are civil, commercial, and criminal litigation. He is also a member of the firm's Restructuring and Insolvency practice.

Jason has significant experience in criminal litigation, having been involved in a High Court trial lasting over 200 days and concerning one of the biggest cases of market manipulation in Singapore. He was involved in one of the leading cases concerning criminal seizure of assets, and is well-versed in fraud, corruption, and other white-collar crimes. He has handled professional negligence/misconduct cases as well.

Jason also has experience in a wide variety of complex commercial disputes at the Singapore High Court and Court of Appeal level, including contractual disputes, tortious claims, and company-related litigation. He has been involved in large-scale insolvency, judicial management, and liquidation proceedings.

## PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Jason graduated from the National University of Singapore in 2015. He was called to the Singapore bar in 2016 and began his legal career as an associate at Straits Law Practice LLC.

## EDUCATION

- LL.B., National University of Singapore, 2015 (*Hons*)

## ADMISSIONS

- Advocate and Solicitor, Singapore

## LANGUAGES

- Chinese (Mandarin)

- English

## **THOUGHT LEADERSHIP POWERED BY HUB**

- 25 July 2019, The Singapore Convention on Mediation: A Primer

## **AREAS OF FOCUS**

- Commercial Disputes
- Financial Institutions and Services Litigation
- Restructuring and Insolvency

## **REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE**

### **Commercial Disputes**

- Acted for a defendant energy company in respect of a contractual claim of approximately INR150 million (SG\$3 million) arising out of a power plant project in India.
- Acted for plaintiffs claiming for damage to their house caused by demolition work carried out in the neighbouring house. We argued before the Singapore Court of Appeal on novel grounds of vicarious liability and non-delegable duties of care.
- Acted for a group of companies which operated a chain of aesthetic clinics. The matter involved several related litigations arising out of shareholder disputes and allegations of breaches of director's duties and conspiracy by unlawful means.
- Acted for a plaintiff bank in respect of a litigation concerning banking facilities for approximately US\$20 million.
- Advising a listed company on a merger transaction which, if not completed, could result in the buyer being liable to the seller for a significant termination fee.

### **Restructuring & Insolvency**

- Acted for four secured lenders in relation to insolvency / judicial management proceedings. The insolvent company owed obligations in excess of SG\$60 million to the secured lenders.
- Advised court-appointed liquidators in a complex winding-up where various stakeholders had made allegations of wrongdoing against each other and the insolvent company's assets spanned multiple jurisdictions.
- Advised judicial managers in a complex insolvency matter involving one of Singapore's largest cases of corporate fraud and breaches of accounting regulations.

### **Professional Negligence/Misconduct**

- Acted for a lawyer in respect of disciplinary proceedings before the Singapore Court of Three Judges.
- Acted for a law firm in defending professional negligence claims relating to advice given on litigation proceedings.
- Acting for a law firm in defending professional negligence claims relating to advice given and work done on a corporate transaction.

### **Criminal Cases**

- Assisted in the defence of a rape case where the accused was a 14 year old with an IQ of 61 at the time of the offence. The case went before a five-judge Court of Appeal and raised wider considerations as to how society should treat low IQ offenders.
- Acted for an accused person and his wife whose property was seized under the Criminal Procedure Code. We successfully applied to the High Court for the release of the property.
- Acted for accused person charged with six counts of match-fixing in a case which involved a prosecution witness who retracted his incriminating statements on the stand. We successfully secured an acquittal for the accused, which was upheld on appeal.
- Advising a salvage company in relation to CPIB investigations.
- Acting for accused person who was alleged to be the mastermind of the SGX penny stock crash in 2013. The accused was convicted but is appealing the case.
- Acting for a high net worth individual whose assets were frozen by the authorities pending investigations into alleged stock market manipulation and money-laundering offences.
- Acting for an accused person who is facing charges for alleged evasion of import duties and taxes.