



Joseph W. Liow

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OVERVIEW

Joseph Liow has over 25 years' experience as a trial and arbitration advocate. He is admitted as an advocate and solicitor of the Supreme Court of Singapore. He is a qualified arbitrator and a fellow of the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators. He is also a qualified adjudicator with the Singapore Mediation Centre.

Joseph is a trial advocate and has to date represented various clients in the building industry including developers, statutory bodies, architects, main contractors, subcontractors (specialist, nominated, and domestic), and facility managers.

He is also an adjudicator qualified by the Singapore Mediation Centre to decide on adjudication applications made under the Building and Construction Industry Security of Payment Act. He has presided in twenty six (26) adjudication applications and one (1) adjudication review.

Joseph has advised foreign banks, corporate entities, labour unions, and high net worth individuals on Singapore employment law matters including advising on the Employment Act, the Retirement and Re-employment Act, the Child Development Co-Savings Act, the Workplace Safety and Health Act, and the Personal Data Protection Act 2012. He has previously worked closely with many international law firms to provide Singapore law advice as local counsel.

He is an active member of various committees of the Law Society of Singapore and has served as the vice chairman of the Criminal Legal Aid Scheme Committee as well as the Advocacy Committee. He is an active lead trainer of the Advocacy Committee.

He served as the honorary secretary of the Society of Construction Law (Singapore) for several terms until 2010.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Platinum Award from the Pro Bono Service Office of the Law Society of Singapore, Oct 2010
- Plaque of Appreciation from the Law Society of Singapore, 2012 for services rendered to the Law Society of Singapore

PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- Fellow, Singapore Institute of Arbitration
- Adjudicator, Singapore Mediation Centre
- Associate Mediator, Singapore Mediation Centre
- Arbitrator, Law Society of Singapore
- Associate Mediator, Singapore Mediation Centre
- Member of Inquiry Panel, Law Society of Singapore
- Legal Assessor, Singapore Medical Council
- Legal Assessor, Singapore Dental Council
- Society of Construction Law (Singapore)
- Chartered Institute of Arbitrators
- Malaysian Society of Adjudicators
- Criminal Legal Aid Scheme, Volunteer Lawyer
- Lions Club of Singapore West, President (2000-2001)
- Lions International District 308A1, in various capacities as Zone Chairperson, Region Chairperson and District Chairperson (Constitution and By-Laws) between 2002 until 2013)
- Volunteer Lawyer, Justice Without Borders

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- 2018; Society of Construction Law (Singapore) annual lecture; presented on “Updates on development of Construction Law in Singapore 2018”.
- 2017 and 2018: Singapore Institute of Legal Education; Post graduate Advocacy Course, Part B Course “Examination in Chief and Cross-Examination”
- Contract Law Series conducted for the Singapore Institute of Surveyors and Valuers (“SISV”) for years 2012 and 2013.
- 2007 presented at the Singapore Institute of Surveyors and Valuers (“SISV”) 2007 on the topic “Overview of the Building and Construction Industry Security of Payment Act (SOPA)”

ADMISSIONS

- Advocate and Solicitor, Singapore

LANGUAGES

- English

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Complex Commercial Litigation and Disputes
- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Appellate Litigation
- Benefits and ESOPs
- Construction and Infrastructure
- Construction and Infrastructure Dispute Resolution
- Employee Stock Ownership Plans
- International Arbitration
- Offshore Construction
- Rail and Roads