

CORPORATE LAW DAY 2020

1 JULY 2020

9AM - 3.45PM

SUPREME COURT AUDITORIUM

ABOUT THE PROGRAMME

As corporate lawyers, equipping ourselves better and exploring new vistas should be our mantra to live and work in the volatile times. It is in this spirit that The Law Society of Singapore and the Singapore Academy of Law have come together to organise the inaugural Corporate Law Day 2020.

At the international level, prospects of trade wars between global titans, a messy Brexit and tensions spilling over in the streets of Hong Kong have roiled the capital markets and undoubtedly raised the spectre of a global recession materialising in the fourth quarter or early next year.

Domestically, whilst the headlines are certainly not all gloomy, Singapore has also seen her fair share of challenges. Just look at the continuing downturn in the Offshore Oil & Gas sector and the travails of a well-known listed company whose restructuring efforts resemble a roller-coaster ride for their multitude of retail stakeholders.

Graced by The Honourable Judge of Appeal Steven Chong and with a keynote address from Senior Minister of State for Law and Health, Mr Edwin Tong, SC, let's hear from our Corporate bar colleagues what is happening in the exciting space of venture capital investing where lawyers rub shoulders with "angels", "unicorns" and "decacorns". Do we need to be reminded that climate change is upon us? Find out how bankers and finance lawyers are taking the fight to combat ecological disasters with green financing. The Employment Act has been significantly revamped this April and are there more changes in store? These and other weighty topics for discussion await you on Corporate Law Day 2020.



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Practice Area: **Corporate/ Commercial**

Training Level: **General**

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PROGRAMME OUTLINE

Time	Session Details
8.30am – 9.00am	Registration
9.00am – 9.15am	Welcome Remarks The Honourable Judge of Appeal Steven Chong – Supreme Court of Singapore
9.15am – 9.45am	Keynote Address Edwin Tong, SC – Senior Minister of State for Law and Health; Member of Parliament for Marine Parade GRC
9.45am – 10.45am	Session 1: New Tools in the Venture Capital Lawyers' Toolkit Moderator Low Kah Keong – Chairperson, Corporate Practice Committee, The Law Society of Singapore; Partner, WongPartnership LLP Panelists Christian Chin – Partner, Allen & Gledhill LLP Jonathan Pentzien – Partner, Gunderson Dettmer Singapore LLP Long Jek Aun – Partner and Singapore Office Head, Simmons & Simmons JWS
10.45am – 11.15am	Tea Break
11.15am – 12.15pm	Session 2: Saving Distressed Companies, Saving the Earth Moderator Jonathan Tan – Director, Asia Practice LLC Panelists Sim Kwan Kiat – Head (Restructuring & Insolvency Practice), Rajah & Tann Singapore LLP Ian Hong – Head of Sustainability Services, KPMG Singapore
12.15pm – 1.15pm	Lunch
1.15pm – 2.00pm	Session 3: Competition and the extra C Lee Cheow Han – Assistant Chief Executive (Legal, Enforcement & Consumer Protection), Competition and Consumer Commission of Singapore
2.00pm – 3.00pm	Session 4: Latest Employment Act changes and personal data issues Moderator Jenny Tsin – Joint Head (Employment Practice), Partner (Commercial & Corporate Disputes Practice, Corporate Governance & Compliance Practice), WongPartnership LLP Panelists Kylie Peh – Partner (Intellectual Property Practice, Technology & Media Practice, Telecommunications Practice and Data Protection Practice), WongPartnership LLP Patrick Tay – Director, Legal and Asst Secretary-General, National Trades Union Congress Ian Lim – Partner, TSMP Law Corporation

3.00pm – 3.30pm	Session 5: Upcoming changes to the Companies Act and other business entity legislation Elena Yeo – Director (Legal Services), Accounting and Corporate Regulatory Authority (ACRA) Elgin Tay – Senior Legal Counsel (Legal Services), Accounting and Corporate Regulatory Authority (ACRA)
3.30pm – 3.45pm	Closing Remarks Low Kah Keong – Chairperson, Corporate Practice Committee, The Law Society of Singapore; Partner, WongPartnership LLP
3.45pm	End

PROFILE OF SPEAKERS



Edwin Tong, SC – Senior Minister of State for Law and Health; Member of Parliament for Marine Parade GRC

Mr Edwin Tong S.C. is the Senior Minister of State for Law and Health.

He was educated at St Joseph's Institution and later read law at the National University of Singapore. Admitted to the Singapore Bar in 1995, Edwin's core practice areas were in corporate and commercial disputes, restructuring and insolvency matters, and international arbitration. He was made partner at Allen & Gledhill in 2000 and later appointed Senior Counsel. Prior to being appointed Senior Minister of State in July 2018, he was Head of the Allen & Gledhill's Restructuring and Corporate Insolvency Department, and also Co-Head of the Litigation & Dispute Resolution Department.

Edwin has been consistently cited and recommended for his expertise in dispute resolution and as a restructuring and insolvency practitioner in various leading legal publications. Chambers Asia-Pacific has described Edwin as "an outstanding lawyer" and "a renowned name in the market" (2017), as well as "one of the pre-eminent practitioners" (2018) in Singapore. The Legal 500 Asia Pacific cites Edwin for his "excellent leadership, hands on approach and strategic outlook" of his practice and, in the 2018 edition of IFLR1000, he was ranked as a "Market Leader", recognising him as a standout performer in the field of restructuring and insolvency.

Edwin was first elected into Parliament in 2011 and, since 2015, has been the Member of Parliament for the Marine Parade Group Representation Constituency (GRC). Between 2011 and July 2018, he was the Deputy Chairman of the Government Parliamentary Committee (GPC) for Law & Home Affairs. In March 2018, he was selected to be part of a 10-member Select Committee tasked to look into ways to combat deliberate online falsehoods.

He was a member of both the Insolvency Law Review Committee as well as the Committee to Strengthen Singapore as an International Centre for Debt Restructuring, which recommended significant changes to the insolvency and restructuring laws which aim to enhance Singapore's effectiveness in facilitating international debt restructuring.



Christian Chin – Partner, Allen & Gledhill LLP

Christian's areas of practice include mergers and acquisitions, venture capital, corporate restructuring, joint ventures, employment law and general commercial contracts.

Christian represents investment and commercial banks, private equity and sovereign funds and strategic corporate clients on domestic and cross-border mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures and private equity transactions. He also acts for venture capital investors and companies in Series A and subsequent funding rounds.

Christian has been a Legal Case Studies Instructor at the NUS Law School and a lecturer and instructor for the Corporate & Commercial Practice module of the Singapore Bar Examinations. He has been cited as a notable individual in Corporate and M&A by *The Legal 500 Asia Pacific* and also noted for his work in M&A by *IFLR1000*.

Christian joined the Firm in 2004, and has been a Partner since 2006.



Patrick Tay – Director, Legal and Asst Secretary-General, National Trades Union Congress

Patrick Tay is the Assistant Secretary-General of NTUC and Member of Parliament of West Coast GRC. He currently chairs the Government Parliamentary Committee for Manpower and co-chairs the Financial Sector Tripartite Committee with the Monetary Authority of Singapore. As Director of NTUC's Legal Services and Strategy, he represents the Labour Movement in tripartite workgroups to review/update employment and industrial relations legislation and has been pivotal in lobbying for the many changes to manpower related laws and policies in Singapore. He is also the Executive Secretary for Banking & Financial Services Union and Singapore Manual & Mercantile Workers' Union. As legal adviser to NTUC-affiliated unions in Singapore, he has advised/represented numerous unions/members in complex and contentious issues, dispute resolution, conciliation and in the Industrial Arbitration Court.



Low Kah Keong – Chairperson, Corporate Practice Committee, The Law Society of Singapore; Partner, WongPartnership LLP

LOW Kah Keong is the Head of the Asset Management & Funds Practice and is a Partner in the Corporate/Mergers & Acquisitions Practice.

In the arena of asset management, Kah Keong has acted for sponsors and fund managers of private equity funds, real estate funds, venture capital funds, hedge funds and regulated collective investment schemes. He has advised on the Singapore Tax Resident Fund Scheme and licensing considerations under the Securities and Futures Act of Singapore and the Financial Advisers Act of Singapore. In his practice, Kah Keong has also advised sovereign wealth funds and insurance companies in their capacity as limited partners.

Kah Keong is recommended as a leading practitioner in Investment Funds work in The Legal 500: Asia Pacific – The Client's Guide to the Asia Pacific Legal Profession, IFLR1000 - The Guide to the World's Leading Financial Law Firms, Expert Guides – Guide to the World's Leading Investment Funds Lawyers; Chambers Asia-Pacific – Asia-Pacific's Leading Lawyers for Business since 2010; Best Lawyers in the area of Mutual Funds; and Who's Who Legal: Private Funds 2019 in the chapters of Regulatory and Formation. In Chambers Asia-Pacific – Asia-Pacific's Leading Lawyers for Business Edition 2018, a client has said he "values him for his practical advice" and "he knows legal and regulatory matters well". He is also recommended as a leading lawyer by Asialaw Leading Lawyers – The Guide to Asia-Pacific's Leading Lawyers in the area of Investment Funds since 2013.

Kah Keong graduated from the National University of Singapore. He is admitted to the Singapore Bar and to the Roll of Solicitors of England & Wales.



Jonathan Pentzien – Partner, Gunderson Dettmer Singapore LLP

Jon is the managing partner of Gunderson Dettmer's Singapore office, which he moved from New York to open in mid-2016. He represents global emerging growth technology companies throughout their lifecycles, and the venture capital and growth equity funds that invest in those companies.

Jon has provided counsel on numerous private and public cross-border corporate transactions in India, Singapore, broader SE Asia, China, Europe and the United States, including private securities offerings, mergers and acquisitions, and U.S.-listed initial public offerings of foreign private issuers and domestic issuers. He also advises his clients on matters of corporate governance, public disclosure, and executive compensation.

Jon graduated from the University of Notre Dame with a B.S. in Civil Engineering (cum laude) and obtained his J.D. from Rutgers Law School (Highest Honors). Before law school, Jon served as an officer in the United States Navy. After law school, he served as a law clerk to the Honorable Chester J. Straub of the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit and the Honorable Joseph E. Irenas of the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey.



Long Jek Aun – Partner and Singapore Office Head, Simmons & Simmons JWS

Long Jek Aun is Singapore Office Head and also head of Simmons & Simmons JWS' investment funds practice in Singapore. He has a wealth of experience in private and retail funds, including private equity, venture capital, real estate, infrastructure and hedge funds as well as mutual funds and ETFs. His experience includes acting for domestic and international clients on the structuring, establishment, registration and marketing of onshore and offshore funds investing in a spectrum of asset classes, and advising on licensing, regulatory and securities laws issues. He also advises corporate and institutional clients, university endowments, tertiary institutions and sovereign wealth funds in connection with their investments in funds, and assists fund managers with the establishment of their operations in Singapore. Jek Aun commenced his legal practice career in Singapore's asset management and investment funds sector in 1998.



Lee Cheow Han – Assistant Chief Executive (Legal, Enforcement & Consumer Protection), Competition and Consumer Commission of Singapore

Cheow Han has more than 20 years of extensive legal experience from stints in the private sector, Insolvency & Public Trustee's Office, Legal Services Department of Ministry of Defence, Criminal Justice Division and Civil Division of the Attorney General's Chambers prior to his appointment at the Competition and Consumer Commission of Singapore in 2014.

Cheow Han holds a Bachelor of Laws degree from National University of Singapore and a Postgraduate Diploma in EU Competition Law from King's College London. He was admitted as an Advocate and Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Singapore in 1994.



Jonathan Tan – Director, Asia Practice LLC

Jonathan's practice is in banking and finance, regulatory, general corporate law and mergers and acquisitions. He has worked on a number of high-value and complex, cross-border asset finance and commercial banking matters, both in his current role and previously in the Singapore constituent firm in joint venture with an international firm specialising in finance and transportation. He has also advised on transactional and regulatory swaps and derivatives matters. His regulatory experience includes advising banks, international financial institutions looking to set up in Singapore, start-ups and fintech companies on licensing and compliance issues. In addition, he has assisted companies with early-stage investments in, and mergers and acquisitions of, assets both in Singapore and abroad.



Sim Kwan Kiat – Head (Restructuring & Insolvency Practice), Rajah & Tann Singapore LLP

Kwan Kiat currently heads the firm's Restructuring & Insolvency practice group. Kwan Kiat is cited and recognised in the field of restructuring and insolvency in Chambers Asia-Pacific, Asia Pacific Legal 500, IFLR 1000, Asialaw Leading Lawyers, Benchmark Litigation and Best Lawyers.

Called to both the Singapore and New York bar, Kwan Kiat's practice comprises both disputes and advisory work. He has advised and acted for local and foreign banks and accounting firms in both domestic and cross-border disputes. He has also advised and acted for banks and accounting firms in banking disputes, liquidations, receiverships and judicial management of both local and foreign companies.



Ian Hong – Head of Sustainability Services, KPMG Singapore

Ian has over 18 years of experience in both professional and commercial practice. He advises prominent companies and engages various stakeholders on governance, management and monitoring of sustainability issues, including sustainability governance sustainability programmes, sustainability reporting and sustainability assurance.

He led the engagement to assure Singapore's first Green Bonds. He also sits as a judge on the assessment committees for a local Environmental Achievement Awards, the Singapore Apex CSR Awards and the Enterprise 50 Awards to assess and provide recommendations on a range of sustainability solutions and best practices.

He actively contributes to sustainability thought leadership and publications such as BT article on "Starting early on meeting new sustainability reporting standards" and participates as a speaker or panelist in sustainability forums and panel sessions organized by regulators, professional bodies and industry associations including the Singapore Institute of Investors (SID), Singapore Exchange (SGX), Global Compact Network of Singapore (GCSN), Singapore Institute of International Affairs (SIIA), Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand (CANNZ) and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (panel on Human Rights).



Elena Yeo – Director (Legal Services), Accounting and Corporate Regulatory Authority (ACRA)

Elena leads the Legal Services Department of the Accounting and Corporate Regulatory Authority (ACRA), which provides legal support and advice to the ACRA Board and other ACRA departments. She has been involved in various legal and policy reviews and the implementation of legislative changes to the Acts under ACRA's purview, in particular the amendments to the Companies Act in 2014 and 2017. Prior to joining ACRA in 2006, she has also served in the Legislation Department of the Attorney-General's Chambers.



Elgin Tay – Senior Legal Counsel (Legal Services), Accounting and Corporate Regulatory Authority (ACRA)

Elgin is a Senior Legal Counsel and Assistant Registrar in the Legal Services Department of the Accounting and Corporate Regulatory Authority ("ACRA"). Prior to joining ACRA in 2015, he served in the Supreme Court of Singapore and the Ministry of Law. In his 4 years with ACRA, he worked on legal and policy developments relating to company law, advised ACRA departments on legal matters, staffed the Corporate Law Advisory Panel, and prepared Registrar's Interpretations for publication. His most recent completed project is the Companies (Amendment) Act 2017, which reformed the Companies Act's annual filing and financial reporting requirements and introduced new requirements on registers of controllers and nominee directors.



Jenny Tsin – Joint Head (Employment Practice), Partner (Commercial & Corporate Disputes Practice, Corporate Governance & Compliance Practice), WongPartnership LLP

Jenny Tsin is the Joint Head of the Employment Practice and a Partner in both the Commercial & Corporate Disputes Practice and the Corporate Governance & Compliance Practice at WongPartnership LLP.

Jenny is experienced in all aspects of employment laws, with particular focus on preventing and resolving disputes between employers and employees. In this context, Jenny regularly drafts and negotiates exit agreements and manages disputes when they arise. Jenny also advises clients in respect of their employment related regulatory obligations such as those under the Employment Act, the Employment of Foreign Manpower Act, the Central Provident Fund Act and the Industrial Relations Act.

Jenny is recognised as a leading lawyer for Employment in Singapore by Chambers Asia-Pacific and The Legal 500, as well as a leading practitioner in the area of Labour & Employment in Best Lawyers, Asialaw Leading Lawyer, Asialaw Profiles and Who's Who Legal. Jenny is the only Singapore practitioner identified as a Global Elite Thought Leader in Labour & Employment by Who's Who Legal in the 2018 and 2019 editions.

Chambers Asia-Pacific highlights her skill "in contentious employment matters, including negotiating exit agreements, wrongful terminations and investigating employee misconduct", lauding Jenny for her "very good technical knowledge" and that she "is very mindful of the possible adverse publicity that these matters can generate and advises accordingly." Who's Who Legal also praises her for giving "very timely responses", offering "high-quality advice" and that she "demonstrates deep subject matter knowledge."

Jenny is a Vice-Chair of the International Pacific Bar Association's Employment & Immigration Committee. She speaks frequently at employment law seminars, such as those organised by the International Pacific Bar Association. She is a consultant editorial board member for LexisNexis Practical Guidance on Employment Laws in Singapore.



Kylie Peh – Partner (Intellectual Property Practice, Technology & Media Practice, Telecommunications Practice and Data Protection Practice), WongPartnership LLP

Kylie PEH is a Partner in the Intellectual Property, Technology & Media, Telecommunications and Data Protection Practices at WongPartnership LLP.

Her main practice areas encompass both contentious and non-contentious IP, IP portfolio management, technology, media and telecommunications work, privacy and data protection as well as FinTech.

In the area of IP, Kylie has been involved in transactional, enforcement and advisory work including franchising and IP due diligence, IP asset acquisitions, divestments and other arrangements in the context of corporate mergers and acquisitions, as well as advising brand and rights holders on the creation, protection, enforcement and exploitation of their IP rights and assets.

In relation to Technology & Media, Kylie has represented both IT service providers and institutional customers, advising them on outsourcing, service level, software maintenance, licensing and other IT collaboration arrangements. She has also advised content producers in the creative sector, including production houses and recording companies, on media and entertainment licensing issues.

Kylie's practice in Telecommunications and Data Protection includes advising clients on telecommunications regulatory compliance, and assisting them with consolidation and licensing applications. She also advises organisations across the public and private sectors on data protection and privacy matters.

In the area of FinTech, Kylie has advised Fintech service providers, solutions providers, financial institutions and institutional customers on a wide range of digital innovation projects and IT collaboration arrangements, including projects relating to artificial intelligence solutions, e-commerce, insurtech, electronic and mobile payment solutions, financial solutions, data integrity and control solutions, and other Fintech solutions based on blockchain technology.

She is a recommended lawyer in *The Legal 500: Asia Pacific* since 2016 for the areas of IP and TMT.



Ian Lim – Partner, TSMP Law Corporation

Ian heads TSMP's Employment & Labour team. His practice has a specific emphasis on all aspects of Singapore employment law, particularly on both contentious and non-contentious issues of non-competition, confidentiality & data protection, wrongful dismissal, harassment, retirement & re-employment, M&A employee transfers and industrial relations. Ian is the lead author for the Singapore chapters of annual international publications "The Employment Law Review" and "Getting the Deal Through – Labour & Employment", as well as the Employment Contracts chapter of "Law Relating to Specific Contracts in Singapore".

Ian serves as a Tribunal Magistrate of the State Courts Small Claims Tribunals as well as a Fellow of the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators (FSI Arb). He is also the immediate past-Chair of the Law Society Civil Practice Committee. He is active in pro-bono and charitable work, with a focus on migrant worker welfare.

PROGRAMME INFORMATION

Date: **1 July 2020, Wednesday**
Time: **9.00am – 3.45pm**
Venue: **Supreme Court Auditorium
1 Supreme Court Lane
Singapore 178879**

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