

PROFILE



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Qualifications

LL.B., King's College London
LL.M., University of London
Ph.D., King's College London (Competition Law)

Language

English, Chinese (spoken) and French (basic)

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ABOUT CORINNE

Corinne co-heads the firm's Competition Law & Regulatory practice.

Corinne's experience extends to all areas of competition law practice, including assisting clients in the filing of merger notifications to the Competition and Consumer Commission of Singapore (**CCCS**), leniency applications and assisting clients with CCCS investigations.

Corinne has also assisted multi-national and local companies in setting up competition law compliance and audit structures, dawn raid and whistle-blowing programmes and conducting audit checks for companies in a wide range of industries in Singapore and other jurisdictions such as China, Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, South Korea and Vietnam.

Corinne's corporate experience includes contractual and regulatory advice for listed and unlisted companies in a broad spectrum of industries, including aviation, technology, manufacturing and financial services industries and Corinne has assisted in the reviewing and drafting of joint venture agreements, shareholder agreements, distribution and sale and purchase agreements.

With regard to the aviation industry in particular, Corinne has assisted in competition law as well as regulatory and licensing advice, and in contractual matters, pertaining to air services agreements, passenger and cargo airlines operations, travel agencies, global distribution systems, airport services, airport retail services and asset transfers.

EXPERIENCE

Some of the projects Corinne has assisted on include:

- Assisting in merger assessments as lead counsel across multiple jurisdictions and filings to the CCCS and other competition authorities (as lead counsel).

Key deals include

- Acquisition of TNT Express N.V. by United Parcel Service, Inc
- Seagate Technology PLC's proposed acquisition of certain assets of the hard disk drive business of Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd.
- Proposed Acquisition by ADB BVBA of Safegate International AB
- Proposed Joint Venture between Deutsche Lufthansa AG and Singapore Airlines Limited
- Assisting in competition law compliance training and mock dawn raids as lead counsel across multiple jurisdictions.
- Assisting in multi-jurisdictional leniency applications, investigations and notifications to competition authorities of cooperation agreements. Key investigations include financial services, ball bearings, capacitors and fresh chicken.
- Assisting industry in response to market studies, and assisting, as part of a consortium, in the review by the CCS of the liner shipping block exemption order.

Key market studies:

- Formula milk for infants and young children
- Retail Petrol prices
- Online travel booking sector
- E-commerce platforms
- Assisting in consumer law investigations

ACCOLADES

The Asia Pacific Legal 500

Antitrust and Competition 2024 – *Leading Individual* for 8 consecutive years

- *"Corinne Chew offers balanced and deep professional knowledge with understanding and empathy for commercial imperatives. She is across all of the details in a matter with style and class."*
- *"Dr. Corinne Chew is extremely competent with her profound knowledge. We really appreciate her prompt attentiveness and her expertise. Corinne always gives us the assuring feeling to be in good hands."*
- *"Corinne Chew is an absolute stand-out for us. Her availability and engagement is second to none. A pleasure to work with and always across all the relevant issues and likely responses from the CCCS and market."*
- *"Corinne Chew is the brains behind the practice. Unassuming but always able to read the situation well and produce great outcomes. Genuinely cares and fights the clients' case."*
- *'Corinne Chew is the one that holds up the competition practice and leads the team in terms of legal strategies and practical wisdom.'*
- *'fantastic' and 'deserve strong recognition for their client focus'*
- *"excellent legal knowledge and in-depth understanding of the regulator"*

Chambers Asia Pacific

Competition/Antitrust 2024 – Leading Individual for 4 consecutive years; Up and Coming individual for 3 consecutive years

- *"Corinne is quick to understand clients' needs and is able to provide a pragmatic risk management solution."*
- *"She is very detail-oriented and technically skilled."*
- *"Corinne is commercially savvy and has an excellent grasp of competition law. She is therefore able to come up with very sensible arguments and remedies to address competition issues."*
- *She wins praise for her "strong commitment to clients" and her willingness to "work tirelessly to bring about the best outcome."*
- *"She knows her stuff and treats her clients' issues as if they are her own."*
- *"in-depth knowledge on the subject matter; very well equipped and is truly an expert"*
- *"Clients pinpoint her responsiveness, client service and competition law knowledge as [Corinne's] key strengths."*

Who's Who Legal

Global Guide: Competition 2023 – Recommended Lawyer for 3 consecutive years

National Guide: Southeast Asia – Competition 2023 – Recommended Lawyer for 3 consecutive years

Competition – Future Leaders (2018 – 2020)

Recognised as one of Singapore's foremost competition practitioners under the age of 45

Best Lawyers International: Singapore

Competition/Antitrust Law 2025 – Endorsed individual for 6 consecutive years

Recognised as Competition/Antitrust Lawyer of the Year Singapore 2024

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Competition/Antitrust 2023/24 – Notable Practitioner for 4 consecutive years

- *"Corinne is always willing to help and provides thoughtful advice in a timely manner."*
- *"Profound legal knowledge with excellent communication skills."*

Singapore Business Review

Singapore's 20 most influential lawyers aged 40 and under for 2018 - Listed Lawyer

APPOINTMENTS/MEMBERSHIPS

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

PUBLICATIONS

- Co-Author of the Singapore Chapter of the *ICN Anti-cartel Enforcement Worldwide*.
- Contributor to the book, *ASEAN Competition Law*.
- Co-Author of the article, *China – The Baidu Decision*, in the *Competition Policy International Journal*.
- Co-Author of the article, *Changes to Corporate Governance Regime for Financial Institutions* in the *Singapore Law Gazette*.
- Co-Author of the article, *Competition Law and Foreign Investment in Singapore* for the *China Institute of International Antitrust and Investment – First Annual Antitrust Symposium 2013*.