

PROFILE



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Qualifications

LL.B (Hons), National University of Singapore (2008)
University Degree in French Legal Studies, University of Poitiers (2007)

Language

English, Chinese

SHUMIN LIN

ABOUT SHUMIN

Shumin has an active disputes practice and is experienced in complex contractual disputes, shareholder's disputes, company law issues, and tortious actions. She also has particular experience with freezing injunctions.

Shumin has acted for a wide range of clients from various industries before the Singapore Courts and in international arbitrations. This includes acting for industry leaders in the retail, hospitality, and shipping industries as well as venture capitalists and high net individuals.

Shumin graduated on the overall Dean's List from the National University of Singapore and was placed fourth in the Singapore Bar exams. In the course of her undergraduate studies, she also obtained a University Degree in French Legal Studies from the University of Poitiers.

EXPERIENCE

1. Lead counsel in an international arbitration acting for a stablecoin operator in a fraudulent misrepresentation claim, with more than USD 100 million in dispute.
2. Lead counsel in a claim brought by a leading stablecoin operator for fraud and breach of fiduciary duties, with the amount in dispute exceeding USD 450 million.

- 3. Lead counsel in a high-value, complex commercial arbitration involving issues of blockchain technology, acting for a web3 company and its founders in a dispute exceeding USD 100 million.
- 4. Acted as lead counsel for certain beneficiaries of a billion-dollar estate. Successfully advocated their interests in the trustee's application to exercise its right of recoupment, which was allowed for the first time in Singapore (reported at [2025] 3 SLR 16).
- 5. Lead counsel in a novel appeal on specific production of documents. The Court laid down new law on when an affidavit ought to be treated as conclusive for the purposes of an application under Order 11 rule 3 of the Rules of Court 2021 (reported at [2024] 5 SLR 86).
- 6. Lead counsel in urgent Mareva injunction proceedings for a private hedge fund against unknown fraudsters to prevent further dissipation of cryptocurrency, obtaining Singapore's first ever order permitting substituted service by NFT in a matter involving millions of dollars' worth of cryptocurrencies.
- 7. Lead counsel in a contractual dispute concerning the terms of a Simple Agreement for Future Tokens, acting for an infrastructure provider for decentralised exchanges in a matter exceeding USD 40 million.
- 8. Acted as lead counsel for Media Matters for America, a US media monitoring not-for-profit organisation, in successfully striking out a nearly US\$13 million defamation and malicious falsehood claim brought by Twitter Asia Pacific on the ground of lack of jurisdiction.
- 9. Acted for the Republic of India in an application to set aside an order obtained by Deutsche Telekom AG granting it leave to enforce a foreign investment arbitration award against India. The matter involved complex issues related to transnational issue estoppel (reported at [2024] 1 SLR 56).
- 10. Lead counsel in High Court proceedings successfully resisting an application for relief against forfeiture and securing the discharge of two injunctions preventing a landlord from re-possessing premises (reported at [2016] SGHC 90).

ACCOLADES

The Legal 500 Asia-Pacific

International Arbitration 2025 – Recommended Lawyer for 2 consecutive years

- *'Lin Shumin was able to understand the issue quickly and was thorough in her examination of the materials and was able to decisively propose course of action.'*

Asian Legal Business

Identified as one of 40 bright legal minds in the region under the age of 40 – “40 Under 40 list” (October 2020 issue)

- Shumin is described as “knowledgeable, analytical, reliable and meticulous... Often working on tight deadlines, Shumin can be counted on to respond, even on weekends. We are very pleased with the legal advice and attention that Shumin has provided. She is very quick to grasp the issues and thorough in her analysis and advice.”

Singapore Business Review

Singapore's 20 most influential lawyers aged 40 and under in 2019 – Listed lawyer

asialaw Leading Lawyers 2023 edition

- *"Very knowledgeable in the areas that she practises and provides very clear and detailed analysis of the law."*
- *"Has a quick grasp of issues. Keen attention to detail without losing sight of the broad strategy."*

APPOINTMENTS/MEMBERSHIPS

- Member, Vice-Chairperson, Law Society Women In Practice Committee
- Member, Law Society Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee
- Member, Singapore Together Alliance for Action to tackle online harms, especially those targeted at women and girls, Ministry of Communications and Information,
- Member, Singapore Academy of Law
- Member, Law Society of Singapore

PUBLICATIONS

- Co-author of Chambers Global Practice Guide: Litigation, 2023 edition – Singapore
- Co-author of Singapore Civil Procedure, Sweet & Maxwell, 2019 – Discovery.
- Co-author of legaleSE, A Legal Handbook for Social Enterprises, Law Society of Singapore, 2015 – Restraint of trade.