
PROFILE



Associate Director, Dispute Resolution and Information Technology

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Qualifications

LL.B. (Hons), National University of Singapore (2018)

Admitted to the Singapore Bar (2019)

Admitted as a Solicitor in England & Wales (2023)

Language

English

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ABOUT TIMOTHY

Timothy is an associate director with the Dispute Resolution & Information Technology team of Drew & Napier (DrewTech). His practice is mainly in commercial litigation and arbitration, information technology and employment law. He regularly assists clients in disputes and disputes avoidance concerning commercial contracts (including provision of software services and sale and purchase of commodities), data protection, and employment issues. The clients he advises and has advised includes both multi-national corporations and SMEs, financial institutions, and private clients both in Singapore and other jurisdictions.

As part of his work with the DrewTech team, Timothy has assisted with advising clients on issues where risk and technology interface, including on cloud computing contracts, terms and conditions to accompany the implementation of mobile applications, breaches of end-user/employee/counterparty confidentiality obligations, implementation of e-signatures at an enterprise level and malware incidents.

Timothy is dual qualified in Singapore and the United Kingdom. He has experience working in London as a solicitor with Locke Lord LLP (now known as Troutman Pepper Locke LLP) in their insolvency and dispute resolution team.

EXPERIENCE

Dispute Resolution and Disputes Advisory

- Successfully acted for a distributor of Caterpillar equipment against a buyer who refused to take delivery of ordered equipment (**Tractors Singapore Ltd v Pacific Ocean Engineering & Trading Pte Ltd** [2021] 2 SLR 47). Successfully acted for the distributor on appeal by the buyer (**Pacific Ocean Engineering & Trading Pte Ltd v Tractors Singapore Limited** [2021] 4 SLR 44).
- Successfully defended a majority shareholder in an up-and-coming commodities trading firm against an action for minority oppression (**Ronnie See Eng Siong v Sassax Pte Ltd and Anor** [2020] SGHC 96).
- Successfully defended a financial services provider of payment processing services in the credit/debit card industry in a dispute involving whether the financial services provider provided payment processing services to the said counterparty (**B High House International Pte Ltd v MCDP Phoenix Services Pte Ltd and Anor** [2023] SGHC 12). Successfully discharged a freezing injunction obtained against the client in the action before trial.
- Defended an Indonesian pulp mill (part of the Sinar Mas group) in a claim brought against it by its Indian piping supplier in the construction of a pulp mill (**Sunrise Industries (India) Ltd v PT OKI Pulp & Paper Mills & anor** [2023] SGHC 3, **PT OKI Pulp & Paper Mills v Sunrise Industries (India) Ltd and another appeal** [2023] SGHC(A) 38).
- Successfully acted for a Chinese state-owned entity in a UK seated ICC arbitration in a claim of about US\$12 million against a Canadian listed company for unpaid fees under a seismic data acquisition contract. Co-ordinating enforcement proceedings in Canada.

Information Technology

- Advised a multinational company in the data centre REIT industry on their rights and obligations under agreements concerning the provision of colocation services for data centre space to protect their interests during the COVID-19 crisis.
- Advised a major financial institution on the risk and regulatory issues arising out of the deployment of a new mobile application and assisting them to review their terms of use.
- Advised a major financial institution on a ransomware attack. Assisted in coordinating responses to regulators in various jurisdictions.
- Advised the Singapore subsidiary of a Japanese listco on a ransomware attack as well as personal data and cybersecurity issues.

Employment

- Advised a major insurance provider in Singapore in a claim against a former employee for breach of confidentiality upon the termination of the employee's employment. Successfully procured the deletion of data on the employee's personal devices without having to resort to Court action.

ACCOLADES

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- *Clients and industry partners commend Seah's "strong ability to navigate complex regulatory landscapes with clarity" and that she is "well attuned to commercial, business and market considerations."*

APPOINTMENTS/MEMBERSHIPS

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