
PROFILE



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Qualifications

LL.B. (Hons), National University of Singapore (2019)
Advocate & Solicitor of Supreme Court of Singapore (2020)

Language

English and Chinese

BELLE TAN

ABOUT BELLE

Belle handles complex, high-value commercial litigation and arbitration matters. She has represented and advised clients across various sectors, including multinational corporations and high net-worth individuals, in contentious matters involving fraud, shareholder disputes, cross-border enforcement, investigations, and criminal proceedings. Belle also regularly represents clients in arbitration-related court proceedings, including the securing and discharge of injunctions and the enforcement and challenge of arbitral awards.

Belle graduated from the National University of Singapore with an LL.B (Hons) degree in 2019 and was placed on the Dean's List during her time at university. She attained two distinctions in the Singapore Bar Examinations (Civil Litigation Practice and Wills, Probate & Administration Practice modules) and was ranked joint 6th in her cohort.

EXPERIENCE

Some of the notable matters which Belle has handled include:

US\$3.5 billion corporate fraud litigation

- Acted for Hin Leong's liquidators in the largest reported fraudulent trading case in Singapore, in which the liquidators successfully secured a judgment of the full claimed sum of US\$3.5 billion from the

directors of the company after a 51-day trial involving more than 60 witnesses. The dispute involved claims of fabrication of gains, forgery of documents and the manipulation of accounts to conceal massive losses sustained by the company over many years. This marks the collapse of one of the world's largest oil and commodities trading companies and has attracted significant media attention both locally and globally.

US\$70 million dispute against former employees

- Successfully represented the Singapore subsidiary of a multi-million-dollar shipping and mining conglomerate against a claim by its former employees for more than US\$70 million in unpaid profit shares. The claim was dismissed in its entirety on the last day of trial.

Discharge of US\$730 million freezing injunction

- Acted for a multinational biotechnology company and its founder in an application before the Singapore International Commercial Court to discharge a worldwide freezing injunction over assets of up to US\$730 million each in support of a US\$860 million ICC arbitration claim brought by a Danish pharmaceutical giant over an allegedly failed hypertension drug.

International Commercial Arbitrations and Arbitration-related Court Proceedings

- Acting for a major technology company in the enforcement of a HKIAC arbitral award exceeding US\$200 million against a former collaborator. Successfully obtained a Mareva injunction against the respondent and secured the seizure and sale of his million-dollar Sentosa property. Efforts are ongoing to identify and seize other assets that may be enforced against.
- Successfully acted for a multinational alcohol and soft-drink conglomerate in obtaining an interim anti-suit injunction to restrain its joint venture partner from winding up the joint venture in breach of the parties' arbitration agreement.
- Acted for a multinational retailer of health products in defending against a setting aside application brought by its Singapore distributor on grounds of apparent bias and lack of jurisdiction.
- Acted for a leading mining and resources company in a novel application to the President to restrict a State's privileges under the State Immunity Act in support of a billion-dollar arbitration claim.

Shareholder and corporate disputes

- Advised the independent directors of a leading local insurance company on their duties to the company, shareholders and policyholders in a controversial proposed merger and takeover by a foreign insurance company.
- Successfully acted for a global advanced materials manufacturer in defending a claim by its former distributor for wrongful termination and an alleged implied obligation to buy back leftover inventory, while securing a counterclaim for unpaid sums.
- Acted for a shareholder of a multinational conglomerate in a Singapore suit regarding the interpretation of the shareholders' agreement.

APPOINTMENTS/MEMBERSHIPS

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