
PROFILE



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Qualifications

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

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ABOUT CHESTER

Chester is an Associate Director in Drew & Napier's Construction & Engineering practice group.

He has experience in domestic and international arbitrations and has also appeared before both the High Court and State Court. He carries out his own advocacy as counsel across the entire spectrum of dispute resolution mechanisms including litigation, arbitration, mediation and adjudication.

His work has seen him involved in multiple multi-million dollar projects. These range from private sector and private-public-partnership (PPP) projects, such as Marina One and the Punggol Digital District, to public sector projects such as the Thompson East Coast Line, an Integrated Rail and the Bus Depot, and Woodlands Hospital (formerly Woodlands Health Campus). He is also presently working on a matter involving a combined cycle power plant in Taiwan, where the contract value is about USD 1.2 billion.

He has represented parties across the construction chain from employers, main contractors, to subcontractors. These include Goldbell Engineering Pte Ltd (employer), Tiong Seng Construction Pte Ltd (main contractor), and Continental Steel Pte Ltd (subcontractor), amongst others.

EXPERIENCE

Construction and Engineering

- Acting for a consortium partner in an international arbitration arising from an EPC Contract for combined-cycle power plants with a contract value of approximately USD 1.2 billion. The claims and counterclaims in the arbitration are in excess of USD 600 million. The issues span claims for additional work, negligent engineering design, and construction delays.
- Acted for a reinforced concrete sub-contractor in an arbitration in relation to the Marina One Project in Singapore, with claims and counterclaims concerning issues of delays and defects in excess of S\$100 million.
- Acted for a leading environmental and health and safety consultant, in issues arising out of a large soil remediation project involving claims associated with the engineering design of soil remediation technology and whether it was fit for purpose.
- Acting for Tiong Seng Construction (Private) Limited in a High Court action against Kurihara Kogyo Co., Ltd in relation to disputes arising from a subcontract for the electrical works on an industrial factory with a secondary workers' dormitory. The dispute specifically relates to issues in relation to the bus duct systems installed on the project, where the replacement of the bus duct systems is estimated at about S\$19 million.
- Acted for an employer in an arbitration arising out of a project for a factory with a contract price of S\$19 million, with claims and counterclaims concerning issues of delays and defects across a wide range of disciplines (electrical, fire protection, ACMV, water seepages).
- Acted for both claimants and respondents in adjudication proceedings, on a range of contracts and subcontracts. These include subcontracts for reinforced concrete, structural steel, ACMV works, and precast concrete moulds.

Civil and Commercial Disputes

- Acted for a company listed on the Thai Stock Exchange in a dispute against a leading air transport communications and IT giant in an international arbitration on airport projects in Thailand in relation to a claim that is more than USD 422 million. The dispute concerned exclusive rights in relation to software solutions for airports.
- Acted for a high-net worth individual who was cheated by a fraudulent secretary. Assisted the client in making the police report, and successfully commenced bankruptcy proceedings against the same.
- Acted for a high-net worth tenant in a tenancy dispute on a penthouse condominium unit in 81 Telok Kurau, where the tenant was sued by the landlord for rental arrears despite significant damage to property and loss of amenity arising from water seepages and flooding on the same.

Performance Bonds

- Successfully as lead counsel in State Court and High Court proceedings for an employer against their main contractor in relation to the reconstruction of a good class bungalow, where the main contractor attempted to restrain a legitimate bond call by the employer.

APPOINTMENTS/MEMBERSHIPS

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