

PROFILE

**Director, Corporate & Finance****Drew & Napier, Singapore**

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Qualifications

Foreign Practitioner Examinations by Singapore Institute of Legal Education (2012)

LL.M. (International Business Law), National University of Singapore (2007)

Advocate & Solicitor, High Court of Malaya, Malaysia (2006)

LL.B. (Honours) (National University of Malaysia) (2005)

Language

English

CHIA LEE FONG

ABOUT LEE FONG

Lee Fong specialises in mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures or collaborations between corporations, private equity and venture capital investments, capital markets and general corporate work.

EXPERIENCE

Lee Fong has extensive experience in various investment projects, acquisitions and general corporate transactions, including share subscriptions, share purchases, asset acquisitions and disposals, investment/ joint venture/ collaboration agreements and convertible bonds/ loan agreements.

Lee Fong advised companies listed on the Singapore Exchange in takeover offers, major transactions, rights issues, placements, share buybacks, reverse takeovers, delistings, change of auditors, business diversification, corporate restructurings, amalgamations, capital reductions, other corporate actions and continuing listing compliance. She also advised trustee of REITs in various transactions.

Lee Fong has experience in projects involving Southeast Asian countries and/or China. For example, she advised companies listed on the Singapore Exchange or Singapore companies listed on the Hong Kong Exchange (as Singapore legal counsel) in their investments, acquisitions or disposals, where the relevant underlying assets, factories or projects were in Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand, Vietnam or China.

Prior to joining Drew & Napier, Lee Fong had practiced in another "big four" law firm in Singapore for approximately 16 years and was the chief representative for its Shanghai representative office.

Lee Fong has assisted many Chinese companies in their investments and business expansions to Singapore and/or other Southeast Asian countries, including green-field investments, acquisitions of existing stakes, joint ventures and different stages of series funding. For example, she advised Chinese companies listed on the Shenzhen Exchange in their acquisitions of shares in Singapore companies. She advised Chinese clients in their Singapore subsidiaries' series funding or issuance of preferred shares in Singapore. She also advised Chinese companies in their setting up of headquarters in Singapore.

After joining Drew & Napier, together with law firms within our Drew Network Asia (DNA), she assisted clients on various aspects of their investments and business expansions, from setting up or incorporation, advising on shareholders' agreements and corporate matters, employment law, collaborations with local partners, compliance with Singapore laws to provision of trainings to clients or corporations.

In addition, she also assisted the firm's private wealth team in coordinating with high-net-worth clients in the PRC on private wealth matters such as setting up family office in Singapore.

Lee Fong has also been actively engaged in business development in the PRC market and promoting the firm's various areas of expertise.

Her knowledge of Singapore law, familiarity with the PRC culture and market, and experience in Southeast Asian projects enable her to bridge gaps between parties from different cultures and backgrounds, as well as assist her clients on localisation of their businesses.

Lee Fong is effectively trilingual in English, Chinese and Malay.

APPOINTMENTS/MEMBERSHIPS

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