

# PROFILE



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**Qualifications**

LL.B. (Hons), National University of Singapore (2010)  
Advocate & Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Singapore (2011)

**Language**

English and Chinese

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## ABOUT MAY JEAN

May Jean handles a wide range of litigation and arbitration matters, including arbitration-related Court proceedings, urgent applications for injunctive relief and emergency arbitration proceedings.

She has acted for and advised clients on a variety of complex, high-value domestic and cross-border disputes, including matters relating to commercial contracts, construction and infrastructure projects, licensing agreements, shareholder disputes, professional negligence, defamation, employment, trusts, wills and probate, and bankruptcy.

May Jean has acted for multinational corporations, financial institutions, and individuals at all levels of the Singapore Courts, and in arbitrations under the SIAC Rules, the ICC Rules, and the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules.

## EXPERIENCE

Some of the matters in which May Jean has acted include:

**1. Landmark enforcement of interim arbitral award**

Successfully represented the contractors, CRW Joint Operation, in the landmark Singapore Court of Appeal decision in PT Perusahaan Gas Negara (Persero) TBK v CRW Joint Operation [2015] 4 SLR 364, which granted the enforcement of an interim arbitral award obtained pursuant to a decision of the Dispute Adjudication Board ("DAB") under the widely-used FIDIC form of contract. The decision confirmed the

enforceability of interim arbitral awards in Singapore, and also clarified the DAB procedure under the FIDIC form of contract. The decision obtained the runner-up position for the “Most important published decision of the past year” at the GAR Awards 2016.

## **2. US\$564 million ultra-mega power plant dispute**

Currently representing a Chinese government-linked power generation and manufacturing company in disputes arising from the construction of a coal-fired super critical thermal ultra-mega power plant project located in India. The disputes pertain to various agreements worth more than US\$1.3 billion that the client entered into with a Mumbai-listed Indian corporation and its UK-incorporated subsidiary. Parties have raised claims and counterclaims amounting to more than US\$564.48 million. The matter involves international arbitration proceedings under the UNCITRAL Rules and the SIAC Rules, and includes technical issues pertaining to the construction and operation of a thermal ultra-mega power plant and issues pertaining to English law, Indian law and Singapore law.

## **3. Disputes arising from a trademark license agreement valued at US\$3 billion**

Represented Sharp Corporation in an SIAC arbitration against a Chinese state-owned entity, Hisense, in respect of disputes arising from a trademark license agreement valued at approximately US\$3 billion and governed by New York law. The disputes between parties pertained to the manufacture, assembly and sale of televisions in various countries, and involved emergency arbitration proceedings, applications for interim relief and related Court litigation in multiple jurisdictions.

## **4. US\$47.2 million audit negligence claim**

Defended a prominent accounting and audit firm in an SIAC arbitration of a professional negligence claim arising from its audits of a commodities trading firm. The dispute involved extensive allegations of fraudulent trading, with claims in excess of US\$47.2 million.

## **5. Successful stay of a US\$130 million Singapore High Court action**

Successfully represented a Singapore publicly listed company before the Singapore Court of Appeal in obtaining a stay of a Singapore High Court claim in excess of US\$130 million, in favour of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. The dispute included issues relating to misrepresentation, unlawful conspiracy, and issues pertaining to the laws of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. ([2017] 1 SLR 907; [2017] SGCA 24).

## **APPOINTMENTS/MEMBERSHIPS**

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