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QUALIFICATIONS

University of Leicester, UK (LL.B., Hons.)
National University of Singapore (LL.M.)
Middle Temple (Barrister-at-Law)

ADMISSIONS

Singapore Bar
English Bar
Malaysian Bar

PROFILE

KUA Lay Theng is a Partner in the Infrastructure, Construction & Engineering Practice.

Her area of practice focuses on advising parties in the construction industry for the entire life cycle of projects. This encompasses front-end/transactional work such as drafting, negotiating and advising on all standard forms of building contracts and other related agreements in the building industry; project advisory work during the execution of the project and contentious work arising from the project especially in arbitration (both international and domestic), mediation and litigation.

Prior to joining WongPartnership, Lay Theng was a Partner at a leading law firm in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia where she handled construction-related disputes.

She was a former Deputy Registrar of the Singapore International Arbitration Centre (“SIAC”) where she supervised the administration of international and domestic arbitration cases filed at the SIAC including the scrutiny of arbitral awards. She also dealt with the appointment of arbitrators by the SIAC in ad-hoc arbitrations and arbitrations under the SIAC Rules.

Lay Theng is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators.

She is also an Adjunct Lecturer at the Building and Construction Authority Academy.

Lay Theng graduated from the University of Leicester and holds a Master of Laws degree from the National University of Singapore. She is admitted to the Singapore Bar, Malaysian Bar and the English Bar (Middle Temple).

Relevant experience:

Matters of significance in which Lay Theng has been involved in include acting for the following:

- Various infrastructure, construction and engineering projects both in Singapore as well as overseas such as oil plants, a coal fired power plant, a polyester plant, ports, reclamation of land and islands, resorts and hotels, condominium, mixed development projects, a national service camp, a specialist medical centre, hospitals, a raw water pumping station, stadiums and factories.
- Asplenium Land Pte. Ltd., the employer of a condominium project in disputes with its terminated main contractor in arbitration and various court proceedings including a landmark Court of Appeal decision which upheld the enforceability of a clause restricting the employer's ground to restrain a call on a performance bond to fraud only.
- A subcontractor in a dispute with a joint venture partner and obtained a court order to restrain statutory adjudication proceedings commenced by the JV partner for a claim in excess of S\$355m.
- A developer on various aspects of its project (both transactional and contentious) to reclaim and develop four islands in the Maldives into resorts to be operated by various luxury hotel chains.
- Engineers and architects in professional negligence proceedings in Court and arbitration.

Related Practices

- Infrastructure, Construction & Engineering

Publications & Legal Updates:

- Chambers Global Practice Guides - Public Procurement and Government Contracts 2020

Awards & Accolades:

Lay Theng is a recommended lawyer in *The Legal 500 - The Client's Guide to the Asia Pacific Legal 2020* for Construction.