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QUALIFICATIONS

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

ADMISSIONS

Singapore Bar

PROFILE

Monica CHONG Wan Yee is a Partner in the Commercial & Corporate Disputes Practice.

She has an active court and international arbitration practice, with a focus on complex, high-value and cross-border disputes across a range of sectors, including energy, financial services, business consultancy, trade and investment matters.

Monica graduated with First Class Honours from the National University of Singapore (NUS), where she received the NUS Global Merit Scholarship (2007 to 2011) and a variety of book prizes, including the Law Society of Singapore Prize and Shook Lin & Bok Prize which were conferred on the top two students of 2008/2009. She was also awarded the Singapore Institute of Legal Education's Prize for the Top Student in Corporate and Commercial Practice at the 2011 Singapore Bar Examinations.

Monica served as a Justices' Law Clerk at the Supreme Court of Singapore prior to joining private practice in 2013. In 2017, she was appointed as young *amicus curiae* to assist the High Court on issues of criminal sentencing for the abuse of domestic workers in *Tay Wee Kiat and Chia Yun Ling v Public Prosecutor* [2018] SGHC 42, where she was commended for "*ably assisting the court with her helpful submissions*".

Monica is an accredited Associate Mediator at the Singapore Mediation Centre and has since 2016 served on the Executive Committee of the Asia-Pacific Forum for International Arbitration (AFIA). She is currently the Co-Chair of the AFIA Committee, serves on the Committee for Women in International Law, Singapore (WIL•S), and is also Deputy Subject Coordinator for the Civil Litigation Practice programme for the Singapore Bar Examinations since 2018.

Relevant Experience:

Matters of significance in which Monica has been involved in include the following:

- Successfully defending the Independent State of Papua New Guinea in ICSID proceedings commenced by a Singapore-incorporated investor alleging expropriation of assets relating to the Ok Tedi Mine in the Western Province of PNG.
- Acting for foreign investors against the Government of the Laos PDR in Singapore Court proceedings, including successfully defending the PCA Tribunal's positive jurisdictional ruling premised on the extension of a PRC BIT to Macau SAR following Macau SAR's 1999 handover to the PRC.
- Acting for a Canadian management, engineering and development consultancy in ICC proceedings arising out of a dispute relating to a joint venture established to develop technology and plants to be supplied to sectors of the metals market.
- Successfully securing, on behalf of the liquidator of a South East Asian steel manufacturer, the rare setting-aside (on natural justice grounds) of a portion of an SIAC award in excess of US\$80 million before the Singapore Court of Appeal.
- Acting for 209 members of the Sijori Resort Club Sentosa in a representative action arising out of alleged infringements of the club members' rights, including successfully obtaining the Court of Appeal's permission for the representative action to proceed in a landmark decision on guidelines for representative actions in Singapore.
- Acting for a Seychelles company in a funding dispute arising from the acquisition of a Belgian preserved food business, including securing as lead counsel summary judgment in excess of US\$1 million.

Related Practice

- Commercial & Corporate Disputes

Awards & Accolades:

Monica was recognised as 1 out of just 5 Singapore lawyers to have made the 40 under 40 list, an annual listing of outstanding legal professionals by Asian Legal Business (ALB) in 2020.