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QUALIFICATIONS

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

ADMISSIONS

Singapore Bar
Roll of Solicitors of England & Wales

PROFILE

SIM Bock Eng is the Head of the Specialist & Private Client Disputes Practice and a Partner in the Private Wealth Practice.

Her main practice areas are in private wealth and in civil litigation, which include family, matrimonial law, succession trusts and probate law, banking and finance, property and employment.

Bock Eng has over 20 years of experience in trust, estate and family laws – both front-end as well as litigation. She regularly advises ultra-high-net-worth individuals and families on succession and estate planning and business continuity. Bock Eng has represented local and international banks, financial institutions and private investors in a wide variety of on-shore and off-shore matters including acting for the trustees of the Lehman-linked minibond in the Global Financial Crisis, acting for Deutsche Bank in defending one of the biggest private client claims in the history of Singapore in the High Court of the Republic of Singapore and acting for an international bank implicated in the Olympus saga when Olympus Corporation used funds from various mergers and acquisitions to fund its losses for more than 20 years. She is recognised as one of the leading probate, trusts and private wealth management lawyers in Singapore and has been involved in several landmark decisions.

Bock Eng graduated from the National University of Singapore and was admitted as an advocate and solicitor of the Supreme Court of Singapore in 1991 and to the Roll of Solicitors of England & Wales in 2004. She has a Joint Master of Business Administration and Laws.

Bock Eng is the current Chairman of the Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners (Singapore) and the course co-ordinator for Probate in Preparatory Course Leading to Part B of the Singapore Bar Examinations.

Relevant Experience:

Matters of significance in which Bock Eng has been involved in include acting/advising for the following:

- An ultra-high-net-worth foreign patriarch on succession and estate planning, setting up of family office as well as residency issues for his family.
- An ultra-high-net-worth individual who was the founder of a multinational listed pharmaceutical company on asset protection, involving multiple asset classes in various jurisdictions. The client faced enforcement proceedings with a quantum of several hundred million US dollars. The challenge was thus in navigating the laws as to asset protection against creditors, for succession and in the event of insolvency.
- The intended interim administrators of the estate of a high-profile high-net-worth foreign businessman who died under mysterious circumstances in the investigation of the deceased's estate and preservation thereof. This application was unprecedented as there was complex multi-jurisdictional litigation relating to the deceased's estate which holds significant assets in multiple jurisdictions.
- A high-net-worth family to review the businesses and asset-holding of the family in the PRC, and working towards their protection as family assets.
- HSBC Institutional Trust Services (Singapore) Limited (the "Trustee") in its capacity as trustee for the holders of the structured notes (the "Minibond Notes") issued by Minibond Limited ("Minibond") pursuant to the Minibond S\$10 billion Secured Note Programme, to provide advice to the Trustee on issues arising from the event of default occurring on the Minibond Notes following the commencement of Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceedings in the United States by Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc. and Lehman Brothers Special Financing.
- Societe Generale in successfully defending against an action commenced in the High Court of Singapore by Jurong Shipyard Pte. Ltd. for a sum of approximately US\$200 million.

Related Practices

- Private Wealth
- Specialist & Private Client Disputes

Publications & Legal Updates:

- Chambers Global Practice Guides - Private Wealth 2020 – Singapore Chapter
- Chambers Global Practice Guides - Private Wealth 2019 – Singapore Chapter
- International Comparative Legal Guide to: Private Client 2019 – Singapore Chapter
- STEP Journal, March 2019, Family Office Boom
- Singapore Law Gazette, January 2016, Wills and Beyond
- The Private Wealth & Private Client Review 1st to 3rd Editions (2012 to 2014) – Singapore Chapter
- Getting The Deal Through - Real Estate 2012 and 2013 – Singapore Chapter

Awards & Accolades:

Bock Eng is the winner of *2020 Best Lawyers "Lawyer of the Year"* award for Trusts and Estates in Singapore. She is recommended in the areas of Dispute Resolution and Private Wealth in *The Legal 500: Asia Pacific – The Client's Guide to the Asia Pacific Legal Profession*. She is also identified as a leading lawyer by *Asialaw Leading Lawyers* in the area of Trusts & Estates and *Who's Who Legal* in the areas of Private Client as well as Labour Employment & Benefits.

Quotes from Legal Publications

- Highly rated for understanding 'the sensitivities of the subject matter' as well as for being 'very approachable and personable'.
The Legal 500: Asia Pacific – The Client's Guide to the Asia Pacific Legal Profession
- “Her advice takes into consideration the legal angle as well as the commercial aspect of the issues involved.”
Client Choice: Recognised for Litigation
- “The best part of her is her assistance in facilitating out-of-court settlements with litigants successfully, rather than the cases going to trial which are usually protracted and costly.”
Client Choice: Recognised for Litigation
- “She articulates her points of view lucidly and is persuasive in convincing the Judges to follow her arguments through the case.”
Client Choice: Recognised for Litigation

- “I am very pleased with the quality of service that Ms Sim provides and sincerely appreciate the time and effort Ms Sim has put in for us.”
Client Choice: Recognised for Litigation