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QUALIFICATIONS

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

ADMISSIONS

Singapore Bar

PROFILE

Kyle LEE is the Joint Head of the WPGrow: Start-Up / Venture Capital Practice, a Partner in the Mergers & Acquisitions Practice, and a Partner in the FinTech Practice.

His main areas of practice encompass venture capital and start-up matters, local and international mergers and acquisitions, fintech, and general corporate and commercial transactions.

Kyle is a member of the core working group for the development of the Venture Capital Investment Model Agreements (VIMA), an initiative spearheaded by the Singapore Academy of Law and the Singapore Venture Capital and Private Equity Association, to allow early stage financing deals to be consummated efficiently.

Apart from his practice, Kyle is also an adjunct instructor with the School of Law at the Singapore Management University.

Kyle graduated on the Dean's List from the National University of Singapore and is admitted to the Singapore Bar. Prior to his university studies, Kyle relocated from Malaysia to Singapore after he was awarded the ASEAN Scholarship.

Relevant experience:

Significant transactions that Kyle has been involved in include advising / acting for the following:

- Both investors and start-ups in venture capital investments across the spectrum of funding rounds including recent matters such as (a) acting for ZWC Partners and Openspace Ventures in the independent funding round of GoJek's on demand video platform GoPlay; (b) acting for Biofourmis in its US\$100 million Series C funding round led by SoftBank; and (c) acting for KKR (via KKR Asian Fund III) in the S\$300 million funding round raised by PropertyGuru.

- Award winning public M&A transactions such as the S\$13.8 billion contested cash offer for Fraser and Neave, Limited by TCC Assets Limited and Thai Beverage Public Company Limited, in what was then the largest M&A transaction in Singapore's corporate history.
- Private M&A transactions such as the \$1.06 billion disposal by Frasers Property Limited of its 63.1% stake in AsiaRetail Fund to Frasers Centrepoint Trust.
- Cross-border M&A transactions such as the S\$1.71 billion sale by CapitaLand Limited of a group of companies which hold 20 retail malls in China to China Vanke Co. Ltd., SCPG Commercial Real Estate and HOPU Investment Management.
- FinTech providers such as banks, big data companies, ICO issuers, private share exchanges and FinTech start-ups on matters such as United Overseas Bank Limited's strategic alliance with Grab Holdings Inc. to deliver financial services to Grab Holdings Inc's ASEAN-wide user base.
- Private equity firms and sovereign wealth funds such as Temasek Holdings in the investment by the Asian Development Bank into Clifford Capital Holdings, a Temasek-backed specialist financing and distribution platform for infrastructure and other real assets globally, headquartered in Singapore.

Related Practices

- FinTech
- Mergers & Acquisitions
- Private Equity
- WPGrow: Start-Up / Venture Capital

Publications & Legal Updates:

- WLG Venture Capital Guide – Singapore Chapter
- Practical Law Private Equity and Venture Capital Global Guide – venture capital investment in Singapore
- VIMA Term Sheet – A road map for a start-up's relationship with investors
- Getting the Deal Through – Private Equity, Transactions Singapore Chapter - 2016 -2018 editions

- ICOs and Blockchain – different this time?

Awards & Accolades:

Kyle is recognised by *Chambers Asia-Pacific – Asia-Pacific's Leading Lawyers for Business 2021* for his expertise in the area of Startups & Emerging Companies in Singapore, with one interviewee noting that "he heads the firm's emerging companies practice, is active on deals and is known to work in this space." Kyle is also recommended as a notable practitioner for Corporate and M&A by *Asialaw Leading Lawyers 2021* edition, with a client commenting that he is "a trusted advisor who provides balanced counsel and seeks to truly understand the nuances of how parties across the table manage negotiations. I've found Kyle to be extremely commercial and is not shy to weigh in on what really matters." He is recognised as a highly regarded lawyer in the area of M&A / Technology and Telecommunications by *IFLR1000 - The Guide to the World's Leading Financial Law Firms*, 2019 to 2021 as well as cited in *The Legal 500: Asia Pacific – The Client's Guide to the Asia Pacific Legal Profession 2017* for the area of Corporate and M&A in Singapore.