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QUALIFICATIONS

University of Bristol (LL.B., Hons.)
Middle Temple (Barrister-at-Law)

ADMISSIONS

Singapore Bar
English Bar

PROFILE

CHOU Sean Yu heads the Litigation & Dispute Resolution Group. He is also the Head of the Banking & Financial Disputes Practice and a Partner in the International Arbitration, Financial Services Regulatory and Malaysia Practices.

His main practice areas are banking & trade finance disputes, insolvency & restructuring, corporate fraud, investigations & asset recovery, financial services regulatory, commercial & corporate disputes, shareholder litigation, tort & contractual claims and domestic & international arbitration.

Sean Yu is a Fellow of the Insolvency Practitioners Association of Singapore and is on the Panel of Arbitrators of the Singapore International Arbitration Centre ("SIAC"), the Asian International Arbitration Centre, the Korean Commercial Arbitration Board, the Maldives International Arbitration Centre, the Japan Commercial Arbitration Association, the Hainan International Arbitration Court and the Russian Arbitration Center at the Russian Institute of Modern Arbitration. He is also a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and past Chairman of the Board of its Singapore Branch.

Sean Yu is a member of the Law Reform Committee of the Singapore Academy of Law and has been part of numerous law reform initiatives. He is an Honorary Racing Steward of the Singapore Turf Club.

Sean Yu graduated with First Class Honours from the University of Bristol and is admitted to the English Bar (Middle Temple) and to the Singapore Bar. He was a Justices' Law Clerk with the Singapore Supreme Court before entering into private practice.

Relevant Experience:

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

- Defending an SIAC arbitration claim by an international oil & gas company with claims totalling US\$500 million concerning production contracts of coalbed gas methane projects in the PRC.

- Acting for a large Wall Street financial institution in relation to claims relating to the distribution of credit-linked structured notes.
- Acting for a satellite TV group in an arbitration dispute which culminated in awards for over US\$230 million and resulted in a high profile enforcement challenge.
- Acting for an international private equity firm in a shareholders dispute arising from a US\$260 million leveraged buy-out of a technology company.
- Acting for a Singapore-listed company in a minority oppression action concerning a S\$80 million electrical products company.
- Acting for an international private bank in a cross-border enforcement of banking facilities of over USD200 million.

Related Practices

- Banking & Financial Disputes
- Financial Services Regulatory
- International Arbitration
- Malaysia

Publications & Legal Updates:

- Getting The Deal Through - Investment Treaty Arbitration 2021 - Singapore Chapter
- Sean Yu is a contributing editor to Singapore Civil Procedure and was a contributor to the 2011 edition of *Halsbury's Law of Singapore* on Finance and Banking.
- Chambers Global Practice Guide - Banking & Finance Singapore 2019
- Getting The Deal Through - Investment Treaty Arbitration 2019 - Singapore Chapter
- Global Arbitration Review: The Guide To Advocacy 2018 - 3rd Edition
- The Asia-Pacific Arbitration Review 2019 - Singapore Chapter

Awards & Accolades:

Sean Yu is recognised for his diverse practice and has been praised as a "thorough and well prepared" practitioner in *The Legal 500: Asia Pacific – The Client's Guide to the Asia Pacific Legal Profession 2015*.

Sean Yu has been named for Banking – Regulatory in *Who's Who Legal Banking* since 2017 and is ranked as a leading lawyer for Banking & Finance in *Asialaw Leading Lawyers 2017*. He is also recognised as a leading lawyer for International Arbitration in *Best Lawyers 2017*, for Dispute Resolution & Litigation in *Asialaw Leading Lawyers – The Guide to Asia-Pacific's Leading Lawyers 2018* and is acknowledged as a dispute resolution star in *Benchmark Litigation Asia Pacific 2018*.

Sean Yu is also endorsed as a leading Restructuring & Insolvency lawyer in *Best Lawyers 2017* and *Expert Guides – Guide to the World's Leading Banking, Finance and Transactional Lawyers*. Sean Yu emerged the winner of International Law Office Client Choice Awards, 2015 for the Insolvency & Restructuring category in Singapore and is noted for "his excellent legal knowledge and competence, combined with his good commercial thinking, allow him to appreciate the commercial aspects of complex business issues and provide holistic advice to clients that goes beyond just legal considerations".