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QUALIFICATIONS

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

ADMISSIONS

Singapore Bar

PROFILE

Wendy LIN is a Partner in the Commercial & Corporate Disputes, and International Arbitration Practices.

Wendy has an active Court and arbitration practice spanning a wide array of commercial and corporate, cross-border trade and investment, fraud, and asset recovery disputes. She is regularly instructed on various high-value, multijurisdictional, and complex disputes before the High Court and Court of Appeal, as well as in arbitrations conducted under various arbitral rules (including the SIAC, ICC, HKIAC, LCIA, UNCITRAL, ICSID and LMAA rules).

Wendy is presently the Co-Chair of the YSIAC Committee and is on the Panel of Arbitrators of arbitral institutions such as KCAB, THAC and the MIAC. She graduated from the National University of Singapore (NUS), which she represented in the prestigious Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition.

Relevant experience:

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

- Acting in three-related ICC arbitrations and related Singapore Court proceedings arising out of the sale and purchase of one of South East Asia's leading renewable energy companies based in Thailand involving claims of over US\$1 billion.
- Acting in various heavily-contested Singapore Court proceedings concerning arbitral awards / claims valued in total at over US\$1 billion, arising from the misappropriation of gaming/casino investments in Laos.

- Acting for J&F Investimentos S.A. ("J&F"), Brazil's largest private economic group, as well as its ultimate shareholders in a complex multi-party purported derivative action arising from the proposed issuance of bonds in the amount of US\$500 million in Singapore by Eldorado Intl. Finance GmbH, one of J&F's subsidiaries. The parties to the dispute are also involved in various related proceedings including proceedings in Brazil and the United States of America, as well as an ongoing ICC arbitration.
- Acting for the Korean co-licensor / owner of an extremely popular massively multiplayer online role-playing game in a complex ICC arbitration against its Chinese licensee / other co-licensor, which involves multiple parties, multiple contracts as well as multiple legal issues under Korean law, Chinese law and Singapore law.
- Acting for the liquidator of one of the largest steel manufacturers in South East Asia in a dispute with Indian purchasers involving claims of over US\$600 million governed by Philippine law, and achieving a rare setting-aside of the arbitral award of over US\$100 million, which gave rise to novel and complex issues as to the implications of this setting-aside (decided for the first time by the Court of Appeal).
- Acting for the Independent State of Papua New Guinea ("PNG") in defeating the claim brought against it by the PNG Sustainable Development Program Limited ("PNGSDP") at the jurisdictional stage, marking the first win for a Singapore law firm in an ICSID arbitration, and in parallel proceedings before the Singapore High Court concerning the management of PNGSDP's US\$1.5 billion assets.

Related Practices

- Commercial & Corporate Disputes
- International Arbitration
- Philippines

Publications & Legal Updates:

- Contributing Editor of the Singapore "White Book" (Singapore Civil Procedure) as well as to the Annotated Acts for the International Arbitration Act (Chapter 143A) and Arbitration Act (Chapter 10).
- Enforcement of Arbitral Awards in Singapore - Pitfalls and Strategies

Awards & Accolades:

Wendy earned the rare distinction in 2020 and 2021 of being selected as a Global Leader by *Who's Who Legal* in three practice areas: Litigation, Arbitration and Asset Recovery. This built on her achievement in 2018 where her peers selected her as a "standout practitioner" and one of the four most highly-regarded litigation partners in Asia Pacific under the age of 45 in the inaugural edition of *Who's Who Legal: Litigation – Future Leaders*.

In 2019, Wendy was awarded 'Rising Star: Litigation' at the *Euromoney Legal Media Group Asia Women in Business Law Awards*. She was also the exclusive winner of the "Arbitration & Alternative Dispute Resolution" category for Singapore at the *Client Choice Awards 2019*, in recognition of her outstanding quality of professional services to clients. Her clients noted that she "has a razor-sharp mind", "presents arguments in a calm, eloquent and persuasive manner", "understands the bigger picture", "can think outside of the box and is always a few steps ahead."

In addition, Wendy has been recommended for her dispute resolution and international arbitration work in various legal publications such as *The Legal 500 Asia Pacific*, *asialaw Profiles*, *Benchmark Litigation Asia-Pacific*, *Who's Who Legal* and *Best Lawyers*, where she has been variously complimented as "an excellent, smooth and persuasive advocate"; "a first-class advocate, one who has the unparalleled ability to cut through numerous complex facts and legal arguments, extract the winning arguments, and to convey them effectively, with absolute charm and ease"; "a highly distinguished litigator who fully understands and is able to manoeuvre comfortably in commercial aspects that are highly technical and complex"; "an extremely knowledgeable and a highly-strategic thinker unfazed by the pressures of high stakes litigation"; "a fantastic all-round lawyer"; and "a very good strategist who always thinks several steps ahead". Quoted sources also credit her with "an excellent grasp of the law"; being "fiercely intelligent"; having "sharp analytical skills"; and that she "understands issues very quickly with an almost unerring ability to read our concerns and needs", is "highly impressive, tough, tenacious and rigorous" and "leaves no stone unturned to fight for her clients".