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QUALIFICATIONS

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

ADMISSIONS

Singapore Bar

PROFILE

Valerie KOH is a Partner in the Infrastructure, Construction & Engineering Practice.

Her main areas of practice encompass dispute resolution and front-end project advisory work, with a focus on infrastructure, construction and engineering disputes as well as commercial disputes.

Valerie is actively involved in dispute resolution work. She regularly represents developers, contractors and consultants in complex litigation proceedings across all levels of the Singapore courts, international and domestic arbitration proceedings, adjudication proceedings under the Building and Construction Industry Security of Payment Act (Cap. 30B) as well as in mediations conducted in the Singapore Mediation Centre in relation to various high-value construction and engineering projects.

On the non-contentious front, she is also involved in drafting, reviewing and advising on bespoke contracts and standard form construction contracts (including SIA, PSSCOC, FIDIC and REDAS) across various trades.

Valerie is fluent in English and Mandarin.

Valerie graduated from the National University of Singapore and is admitted to the Singapore Bar.

Relevant Experience:

Matters of significance that Valerie has been involved in include acting for the following:

- A Thai joint venture company (comprising a wholly owned subsidiary of a public company listed on the Stock Exchange of Thailand) in ongoing ICC arbitration proceedings involving a multibillion-baht dispute arising out of the construction of a waste-to-energy power plant valued at approximately THB\$1.8 billion. The claims and counterclaims involve a highly contentious factual matrix and complex issues relating to termination, delay and disruption, technical defects as well as legal remedies under Thai law (the governing law of contract), requiring expert evidence from a total of 12 experts.
- Various stakeholders in the construction sector in adjudication proceedings under the Building and Construction Industry Security of Payment Act (Cap. 30B), including a reputable luxury resort hotel operator in disputes arising out of a S\$68 million contract for the design, construction and management of a performing arts theatre, a leading Japanese civil works contractor in disputes arising out of a S\$34 million contract for the construction of an international mixed-use development, and other established contractors in disputes arising out of construction and supply contracts across various trades.
- Various entities in corporate and commercial disputes, including defending a prominent property developer against a misrepresentation claim exceeding S\$13 million that was entirely dismissed (*Jin Ling Enterprise Pte Ltd v E C Prime Pte Ltd* [2019] SGHC 209), and defending a prominent temple in disputes involving novel issues concerning the legal personality of unregistered unincorporated associations (*Chee Hock Keng v Chu Sheng Temple* [2016] 3 SLR 1396 (CA)).
- A leading property developer in a landmark Court of Appeal decision concerning a claimant's entitlement to serve a payment claim under the Building and Construction Industry Security of Payment Act (Cap. 30B) after the Architect issues a valid Final Certificate under the SIA Conditions of Contract and is rendered *functus officio* (*Far East Square Pte Ltd v Yau Lee Construction (Singapore) Pte Ltd* [2019] 2 SLR 189 (CA)).
- A prominent electrical sub-contractor in SIAC arbitration proceedings commenced by the main contractor involving disputes exceeding S\$16 million arising out of the development of the Jewel Building at Changi Airport.
- Reputable contractors on various high-value infrastructure, construction and engineering projects across the public and private sectors, both in Singapore and overseas, including residential developments valued in excess of S\$214 million, commercial developments, mixed developments, industrial buildings, hotels, airports, power plants and an offshore wind farm.



Related Practice

- Infrastructure, Construction & Engineering