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QUALIFICATIONS

Singapore Management University (LL.B., Hons.)

ADMISSIONS

Singapore Bar

PROFILE

Lesley FU is a Partner in the Infrastructure, Construction & Engineering Practice. She is an Accredited Specialist in Building and Construction Law appointed by the Singapore Academy of Law.

Her areas of practice encompass both dispute resolution and non-contentious drafting & advisory work, with a focus on infrastructure, construction & engineering matters.

On the dispute resolution front, Lesley has acted in a diverse range of matters before the Singapore Courts (including the High Court and Court of Appeal), the Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC) and the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC). Apart from arbitration and litigation, she has acted in numerous adjudications under the Building and Construction Security of Payment Act 2004, and has represented clients in mediations at the Singapore Mediation Centre (SMC) as well as neutral evaluations. Lesley has also been appointed as sole arbitrator in an SIAC construction arbitration.

On the non-contentious side, she has been actively involved on retainer in project advisory work for large-scale developments such as a lifestyle community hub, an integrated medical suite and premium / Grade A office and retail spaces (domestic and overseas). She has also advised on iconic projects including the rejuvenation of a major tourist destination in Singapore and the development of a Maldives luxury hotel. She is familiar and experienced in contract drafting and advising on bespoke and standard form construction contracts (including SIA, PSSCOC, REDAS and FIDIC), consultancy agreements, bonds and guarantees.

Lesley was privileged to have been placed in a three-month secondment to a leading barristers' chambers in the United Kingdom specialising in construction, engineering, infrastructure and energy disputes.

Lesley graduated from Singapore Management University in 2011. She was admitted to the Singapore Bar in 2012.

Relevant Experience:

Matters of significance in which Lesley has been involved in include:

- Acting for a Thai joint venture company (comprising a subsidiary of a public company listed on the Stock Exchange of Thailand) against its turnkey contractor in an ICC international arbitration involving disputes arising from the design and construction of a Waste-to-Energy plant (valued at approximately THB\$1.8billion).
- Acting for and advising a ministry of the Singapore government on a public hospital project (valued in excess of S\$640 million) in disputes (exceeding S\$150 million) against its Korean main contractor referred to adjudication under the Building and Construction Security of Payment Act 2004 and neutral evaluation.
- Acting for leading contractors in SIAC arbitrations, including an established domestic contractor against the developer of a CBD-located office and retail tower; and a major Japanese main contractor against its subcontractor in disputes arising from the Changi Airport Terminal 4 project.
- Advising a range of contractors and developers on projects from contract inception to completion stage, including a reputable main contractor of both a lifestyle community hub and a mixed development with Grade A office and retail space; as well as a Myanmar-incorporated subsidiary of Shangri-La on a premium office tower in Yangon, Myanmar.
- Acting for the appellant before the Court of Appeal in a novel dispute concerning the distribution of partnership shares in Singapore's iconic and now defunct Mitre Hotel: *Chiam Heng Hsien (on his own behalf and as partner of Mitre Hotel Proprietors) v Chiam Heng Chow (executor of the estate of Chiam Toh Say, deceased) and others* [2015] 4 SLR 180.

Related Practices

- Infrastructure, Construction & Engineering

Publications & Legal Updates:

- Lesley has contributed as an author to the Lexis Practical Guidance online tool developed to aid legal practitioners and professionals.

Awards & Accolades:

Lesley is recognised in the 2023 edition of *Best Lawyers* for Construction Law.