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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 is the Deputy Managing Partner of WongPartnership and Head of the Firm's 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.

Sean Yu's 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 frequently sits as an arbitrator 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 Centre at the Russian Institute of Modern Arbitration. He is a Chartered Arbitrator of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and a former Chairman of the Board of its Singapore Branch. He is also a Fellow of the Insolvency Practitioners Association of Singapore

Sean Yu 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.
- A large Wall Street financial institution in relation to claims relating to the distribution of credit-linked structured notes.
- 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.
- An international private equity firm in a shareholders dispute arising from a US\$260 million leveraged buy-out of a technology company.
- A Singapore-listed company in a minority oppression action concerning a S\$80 million electrical products company.
- An international private bank in a cross-border enforcement of banking facilities of over US\$200 million.

Related Practices

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

Publications & Legal Updates:

- Getting The Deal Through - Investment Treaty Arbitration 2019, 2021 - Singapore Chapter
- Contributing editor to Singapore Civil Procedure
- Chambers Global Practice Guide - Banking & Finance Singapore 2019
- Global Arbitration Review: The Guide to Advocacy 2018 - 3rd Edition
- The Asia-Pacific Arbitration Review – Singapore Chapter

- Contributor to the 2011 edition of *Halsbury's Law of Singapore* on Finance and Banking

Awards & Accolades:

Sean Yu is recognised for his diverse practice.

Sean Yu has been named for Banking – Regulatory in *Who's Who Legal Banking* since 2017. He is also named for International Arbitration in *Who's Who Legal Arbitration 2022* and consistently recognised by *Best Lawyers* for his expertise across various areas, most recently in arbitration and mediation, insolvency and reorganisation law as well as litigation in 2022.

Listed as an outstanding lawyer in 2022 *Thomson Reuters' Standout Lawyers*, an independent global research survey, Sean Yu has also been recognised as a dispute resolution star in *Benchmark Litigation Asia Pacific 2021* and endorsed as a leading Restructuring & Insolvency lawyer in *Expert Guides – Guide to the World's Leading Banking, Finance and Transactional Lawyers*.