

**BEN CHESTER CHEONG**  
**LLM (Cambridge), LLB (First Class Honours) (Exeter)**  
**Advocate and Solicitor (Singapore), Solicitor (England & Wales)**

**EDUCATION**

- **Qualified Lawyers Transfer Scheme**, Solicitors Regulation Authority (2018)  
Completed and passed MCT and OSCE – qualifying exams to practice law in UK
- **Singapore Bar Exams (also known as Part B) (2016)**  
Ranked 3rd out of 664 candidates with 3 distinctions (placed on SILE Commendation List) – qualifying exams to practice law in Singapore
- **Master of Law (LL.M.), University of Cambridge, UK (2015)**  
First class in International Commercial Litigation module
- **Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.), First Class Honours, University of Exeter, UK (2014)**

**PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS**

- **Accredited Mediator**, Singapore International Mediation Institute (SIMI) (2021 to present)  
Qualified through Sage Mediation, a SIMI RTP
- **Solicitor** of the Senior Courts of England and Wales (April 2019 to present)
- **Advocate and Solicitor** of the Supreme Court of Singapore (August 2017 to present)

**ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE**

- **Lecturer of Law**, School of Law, Singapore University of Social Sciences (SUSS) (2018 to present)

**TEACHING EXPERIENCES**

- **Facilitator**, Advanced Corporate Practice, Part B of the Singapore Bar Examinations, Singapore Institute of Legal Education (2022 to present)
- **Course Leader**, Law of Business Organisations, SUSS (2019 to present)
- **Course Tutor**, Contract and Civil Litigation, SUSS (2020 to present)
- **Course Tutor**, Legal Methods and Singapore Legal System, SUSS (2020 to present)
- **Course Tutor**, Mediation Advocacy, SUSS (2022 to present)

**COURSE DEVELOPMENT EXPERIENCE**

- **Course Developer**, Equity and Trusts (2018 to 2019)

Received excellent feedback from External Assessor, Professor Tang Hang Wu from Singapore Management University.

### **PASTORAL EXPERIENCE**

- **Academic Advisor**, oversee academic matters and pastoral care of approximately 50 students at the SUSS School of Law (2020 to 2021).

### **ORGANISATIONAL EXPERIENCES**

- **Lead**, Ministry of Law-SUSS Engagement Sessions (2019 to 2021)  
Liaise with Ministry of Law to plan and organise engagement sessions for SUSS law students, with invited speakers including Minister Mr Edwin Tong SC, Ambassador Mr Bilahari Kausikan, Minister Mr K Shanmugam SC, and Legal Aid Bureau Director Ms Lim Hui Min.
- **Taskforce Member**, Reimagine SUSS Post-Covid-19 Committee (2020 to 2021)  
Report directly to President, SUSS under the direction of Taskforce Chair, Associate Professor Lee Wee Leong.

### **SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS**

- **Speaker**, Singapore Attorney-General's Chambers (AGC)-Legal Service Academy (6 January 2023): "Legal Implications of Dealings in NFTs". 103 public sector legal officers signed up for the talk. Achieved a rating of 4.39 out of 5.

### **COACHING EXPERIENCES**

- **Business Law Advisor (informal)** to SUSS Team, Singapore Corporate Counsel Association Legal Eagle Challenge 2022
- **Business Law Advisor (informal)** to SUSS Team, Singapore Corporate Counsel Association Legal Eagle Challenge 2020
- **Faculty Advisor**, Legal Scribes (SUSS Law Student Publication) (2020 to 2021)

### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES**

- **Of Counsel**, Financial Services (Regulatory), RHTLaw Asia LLP (2020 to present)
- **Associate**, Finance & Projects, Baker McKenzie.Wong & Leow (2017 to 2018)
- **Legal Executive**, Finance & Projects, Baker McKenzie.Wong & Leow (2017)
- **Practice Trainee**, Finance & Projects, Baker McKenzie.Wong & Leow (2017)
- **Relevant Legal Trainee**, Corporate Finance, Shook Lin & Bok LLP (2015 to 2016)

## **TEACHING AWARDS**

- SUSS Award for Teaching Excellence – Winner (2022)
- SUSS Award for Teaching Excellence – Honourable Mention (2021)

## **SELECTED PUBLICATION RECOGNITIONS**

- The Law Society of Singapore’s Law Gazette Top 10 Most Read Articles of 2022: Ranked #5 “Application of Blockchain-enabled Technology: Regulating Non-fungible Tokens (NFTs) in Singapore”.
- The Law Society of Singapore’s Law Gazette Top 10 Most Read Articles of 2022: Ranked #10 “Is There a Basis to Punish Parents for Their Children’s Misbehaviour”.
- Cited by the Singapore Ministry of Home Affairs, Home Team Behavioural Sciences Centre in their report published on 19 October 2022 titled: “Perception of Residents in Regional Cities on Singapore’s Crime Situation, Law and Safety”.

## **PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS**

1. “The Proper Basis for the Reflective Loss Principle in Singapore” (2023) 6 Journal of Business Law 452-469 (with Lin Kunhe) (*Forthcoming*). [Sweet & Maxwell]
2. “A rethink of corporate limited liability to promote the corporate purpose of sustainable value creation” (2023) 34(6) International Company and Commercial Law Review 351-359. [Sweet & Maxwell]
3. “The Historical Origins of EU Law Primacy, Its Interaction with UK Parliamentary Sovereignty and Brexit Consequences on Other EU Member States” (2022) 7(3) European Papers – A Journal on Law and Integration 1447-1470. [European Papers]
4. “Personal Service Companies and the Tax Avoidance Surcharge in Singapore” (2023) 44(2) The Company Lawyer 59-65 (with Vincent Ooi). [Sweet & Maxwell]
5. “Teaching and engaging adult law learners in a Singapore business law class – a reflection of legal teaching strategies” (2023) 10(1) Asian Journal of Legal Education 74-86. [SAGE Publishing]
6. “Judiciary and Law Enforcement in Singapore Inc.”, Singapore Policy Journal (19 June 2022). [Harvard Kennedy School]
7. “Oppression claims in family businesses and the appropriate remedy” (2022) 33(7) International Company and Commercial Law Review 399-408 (with Nicole Er). [Sweet & Maxwell]
8. “Rectification of Contracts Arising from Common Mistake: Sun Electric Pte Ltd v Menrva Solutions Pte Ltd [2021] 5 SLR 648” (2022) 34 Singapore Academy of Law Journal 654-671 (with Lydia Lee). [Academy Publishing]
9. “Avatars in the metaverse: potential legal issues and remedies” (2022) 3(2) International Cybersecurity Law Review 467-494. [Springer Nature]

10. "Inquorate meetings—Recent developments in Singapore" (2022) 43(6) *The Company Lawyer* 190-196. [Sweet & Maxwell]
11. "The Quintet of Cases on Breaches of Fiduciary Duties, Causation and Abuse of Process Clarifications from the Court of Appeal in *Beyonics Asia Pacific Ltd v Goh Chan Peng* [2021] SGCA(I) 2" (2022) 34 *Singapore Academy of Law Journal* 213-228 (with Muhammad Bin KMA Jahabar). [Academy Publishing]
12. "Granting legal personhood to artificial intelligence systems and traditional veil-piercing concepts to impose liability" (2021) 1(9) *SN Social Sciences* 231, pp 1-20. [Springer Nature]

### **REFEREED TRADE JOURNALS**

13. "Unjust Enrichment Claims in Illegal Cryptocurrency Transfers", *Singapore Law Gazette* (July 2023) (with Matin Razak).
14. "The impact of the UK Supreme Court decision in *Barton and others v Morris and another in place of Gwyn Jones (deceased)* [2023] UKSC 3 on implied terms, unjust enrichment and quantum meruit in Singapore", *Singapore Law Gazette* (May 2023) (with Joshua Chan).
15. "It is not so cloudy after all: Legal remedies when cloud storage rains on you", *Singapore Law Gazette* (September 2022) (with Khairul Anwar).
16. "The Governance of SPACs and DCS Companies", *SID Bulletin* 2022 Q3.
17. "Is There a Basis to Punish Parents for Their Children's Misbehaviour?", *Singapore Law Gazette* (May 2022) (with Lim Wei Teng).
18. "Application of Blockchain-enabled Technology: Regulating Non-fungible Tokens (NFTs) in Singapore", *Singapore Law Gazette* (January 2022).
19. "Legal Risks Beneath Blockchain-enabled Smart Contracts", *Singapore Law Gazette* (January 2021) (with Harry Kishen).
20. "Oppression – personal wrongs or corporate wrongs: A commentary on *Ascend Field Pte Ltd and others v Tee Wee Sien and another appeal* [2020] SGCA 14", *Singapore Law Blog* (6 July 2020) (with Poh Chee Eng).
21. "Director's appointment clauses: *The Wellness Group Pte Ltd v Paris Investment Pte Ltd and others* [2018] SGCA 47", *Singapore Law Blog* (13 January 2019).
22. "The decision in *Re J (Care proceedings: Possible perpetrators)* [2013] UKSC 9 is appalling and means that vulnerable children can no longer be sufficiently protected. Did the Supreme Court have no option but to conclude that the threshold criteria had not been made out?" (2015) 4(1) *Westminster Law Review*.
23. "SMRT: Duty of Care of a Public Body" (2014) 6 *The Student Journal of Law*.
24. "What is the Role and Purpose of Parliamentary Select Committees?" (2012) *United Kingdom-Singapore Law Students' Society Law Review* 24-26.

## **OTHER ARTICLES**

25. "Don't fear AI. Tax its use and redistribute gains to people", The Straits Times (9 May 2023).
26. "Celebrate Success in all its different forms", The Business Times (8 April 2023).
27. "Australian court case on directors' duties could have implications for Singapore too", The Business Times (9 March 2023).
28. "Most wealth taxes are irrational ideas", The Straits Times (3 March 2023).
29. "When the boss asks you to do something illegal", The Business Times (27 January 2023).
30. "Landmark court decisions help recover stolen NFTs, but enforcement bumps remain", The Straits Times (6 December 2022).
31. "Enhancing shareholders' voting process through blockchain", The Business Times (19 October 2022).
32. "What are your legal options when your service provider exposes your data?", The Straits Times (18 October 2022).
33. "Rescinded job offers: What employees can do", The Straits Times (13 September 2022).
34. "Regulating avatars in the metaverse", The Business Times (26 August 2022).
35. "E-commerce Dealings in an Organisation: Challenges and Practical Solutions", Singapore Academy of Law Asian Legal Insights (June 2022) (with Ch'ng Li-Ling).
36. "E-commerce Dealings in an Organisation: Cross-border Challenges", Singapore Academy of Law Asian Legal Insights (June 2022) (with Ch'ng Li-Ling).
37. "A Look into China's Common Prosperity Model", SUSS Social Sciences Blog (26 May 2022).
38. "Reinventing the conveyancing process with blockchain", The Business Times (17 May 2022).
39. "How the SGX is Wooing Asia's Tech Listings", SUSS Social Sciences Blog (1 April 2022).
40. "Benefits and pitfalls of blockchain marriages", The Straits Times (25 March 2022).
41. "Clarifications from the Singapore Court of Appeal – Directors' Duties, Causation and Abuse of Process", Oxford Business Law Blog (25 February 2022).
42. "Facilitating Singapore's Success: The Legal System", SUSS Social Sciences Blog (24 February 2022).
43. "Time to rethink directorial duties", The Business Times (1 December 2021).
44. "Teaching Law in a Lockdown", The Post-Pandemic University (5 December 2020).
45. "Context is the most Important Factor: One-man Companies and Corporate Attribution in Singapore", Oxford Business Law Blog (12 June 2020).
46. "More needs to be done to protect consumers against errant car dealers", TODAY (11 December 2019).

## **BOOK REVIEW**

47. “Book Review – Trade Finance: Technology, Innovation and Documentary Credits” (2022) 34 Singapore Academy of Law Journal 724-726.

## **SERVICES**

- **Committee Member**, Corporate Practice Committee, Law Society of Singapore (**2023 to present**).
- **Committee Member**, Advocacy & Policy Committee, Singapore Institute of Directors (**2023 to present**).
- **Committee Member**, Accreditation Committee, Singapore Institute of Directors (**2023 to present**).
- **Secretary**, Asia Pacific Institute of Experts (**2023 to present**).
- **Peer Reviewer**, Artificial Intelligence Review (**July 2023**).
- **Peer Reviewer**, The Journal of Financial Crime (**2023 to present**).
- **Peer Reviewer**, Journal of Money Laundering Control (**2023 to present**).
- **Member**, Investors Rights **Sub-Committee**, Securities Investors Association (Singapore) (**2022 to present**).
- **Committee Member**, Community Legal Clinics, Pro Bono SG (**2021 to present**).
- **Treasurer**, Asia Pacific Institute of Experts (**2021 to 2023**).
- **Committee Member**, Corporate Committee, Singapore Institute of Directors (**2022**).
- **Speaker** for SUSS Open House Enrichment Talk in **September 2022, February 2022, September 2021, and February 2021**: “Cyber Hostility – How Far Is Too Far?”
- **Peer Reviewer**, Frontiers in Artificial Intelligence (**August 2022**).
- **Moderator** for a SUSS Research Forum on “Research IP Management” by A/Prof Eric Gran (**13 February 2023**).
- **Emcee** for the “Launch of the Asia Pacific Institute of Experts’ Code of Conduct and Networking Session” (**11 August 2022**).
- **Moderator** for “Tokenisation and Trading in the Metaverse”, Lexology Webinar (**25 May 2022**).
- **Speaker** for “Investing in NFTs, Metaverses and Digital Assets”, Trends in Tech Investments: RHTLaw Asia (**23 March 2022**).
- **Peer Reviewer**, Policy and Society (**September 2021**).

### **ACADEMIC AWARDS/PRIZES**

- Placed on the SILE Commendation List for coming in joint 3rd (with one other) out of 664 candidates in the Part B of the Singapore Bar Course and Examinations 2016 with 3 distinctions in Advanced Corporate Practice, Family Law Practice and Ethics & Professional Responsibility (2017)
- First class in the International Commercial Litigation module on the LL.M. (2015)
- Stones Solicitors LLP Prize for the best LL.B. dissertation (2014)
- 2nd highest in cohort (overall weighted average mark) out of 241 students on the LL.B. (2014)
- Dean's Commendation 2013/14 (awarded to less than 1 in 40 students) (2014)
- Dean's Commendation 2012/13 (awarded to less than 1 in 40 students) (2013)
- Highest mark in the Commercial Law module (2013)

### **CONFERENCE PRESENTATION**

- “Generative AI and its Impact on the Future of Lawyering” ASEAN Plus Group Annual Meeting Welcome Dinner (20 February 2023).
- “Teaching law online to adult learners in a pandemic – a Singapore experience” 16th eLearning Forum Asia (eLFA 2021), 30 November to 1 December 2021 (Soegijapranata Catholic University (SCU), Indonesia).

### **SELECTED INTERVIEWS**

- Newspaper Interview by Lianhe Zaobao, Singapore, “一小时25元 更多子女请人陪伴年迈父母” Lianhe Zaobao (7 May 2023).
- Interview by TodayOnline, “Analysis: S’poreans and businesses affected by service disruptions due to tech issues have little recourse” (6 April 2023).
- Interview by the China Social Sciences Today (CSST) published by the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS), “搭建元宇宙的法律体系” (1 March 2023).
- Interview by the Singapore Academy of Law, “Ben Chester Cheong Shares 3 Immediate Uses for ChatGPT” Singapore Academy of Law (22 February 2023).
- Newspaper interview by The Straits Times, Singapore, “MP Tin Pei Ling joins Grab: Conflict of interest or much ado about nothing?” The Straits Times (6 February 2023).
- Newspaper interview by The Straits Times, Singapore, “Dislodged ventilation duct at Nex cinema: 5 unanswered questions” The Straits Times (3 September 2020).
- Radio interview with Lance Alexander and Melanie Oliveiro, Singapore Today, “More needs to be done to protect consumers against errant car dealers” CNA938 (12 December 2019).

## **RESPONSES TO CONSULTATION PAPERS**

- Provided comments on SGX Consultation Paper: “Climate and Diversity: The Way Forward” during the consultation period from 26 August 2021 to 27 September 2021.
- Provided comments on ACRA Public Consultation on “Proposed Intangibles Disclosure Framework” during the consultation period from 14 December 2022 to 28 February 2023 (*comments provided through the Singapore Institute of Directors*).

## **MEMBERSHIPS**

- Member, The Law Society of Singapore (**2017 to 2018; 2020 to present**)
- Member, The Society of Legal Scholars (**2020 to present**)
- Member, Law Society of England & Wales (**2019 to present**)
- Member, Singapore Academy of Law (**2017 to present**)
- Life Member, The Oxford & Cambridge Society of Singapore (**2016 to present**)

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