



YUEN LAW LLC
ADVOCATES & SOLICITORS

FORWARD THINKING, FUTURE PLANNING



About Yuen Law

Yuen Law LLC is a highly accoladed and reputable Singapore law practice established in 2012. Our practitioners are highly experienced in their chosen fields of the law and they are ably supported by a team of approachable and effective executives recruited from a spectrum of disciplines.

Our firm has been recognised as one of the best law firms in Singapore by a variety of industry watchers¹. Yuen Law's practitioners are also well known for providing best-in-class and cost-effective legal advice and services to discerning clients.

The four values of integrity, honesty, compassion and excellence shape our firm culture, practice and guide our interactions with clients.

Our global client base encompasses the United Kingdom and multiple key jurisdictions in Asia-Pacific, Greater China, Europe and North America.



We take pride in assisting our clients in establishing or redomiciling operations in Singapore, as well as to take advantage of Singapore's unique position as the gateway and strategic centre of Southeast Asia and the greater region.

¹ Yuen Law has been ranked in asialaw, IFLR1000, Benchmark Litigation, Legal 500, Chamber & Partners, and Asian Legal Business (ALB).

Our Achievements

Yuen Law is recognised by prestigious legal rankings across multiple practice areas.



Why Choose Us?

Our knowledge and experience are yours

With Yuen Law, you gain the advantage of working with a team of highly skilled and seasoned practitioners who will empower you with insights and knowledge necessary to make informed decisions, to navigate transactions and legal proceedings with confidence.

We establish proactive lines of communication

Trust is the bedrock of all successful partnerships. We build this by ensuring clients feel genuinely understood and supported. Our team stands ever-ready to listen, ensures ongoing dialogue, and provides timely updates throughout your legal proceedings.

We collaborate as part of your team

We go beyond transactional interactions. We immerse ourselves in your goals, to provide legal solutions that align with your needs and budget. Our practitioners collaborate closely with you, functioning as an extension of your own team.



We are trusted by
4,000+
unique clients
worldwide

Corporate Practice



Managing Director Samuel Yuen leads the Startups and Corporate Actions practice team. Resourceful, ambitious, and ready to take on novel challenges, the team's technically pragmatic approach has earned it its 'Wild West' moniker within the firm. It has a strong focus on mergers and acquisitions and private equity transactions, advising on more than 30 such deals annually.

Leading our Regulatory and Securities practice team is Senior Director Kevin Chua. He is a well-respected technical expert in the laws relating to cryptocurrency, financial regulations, fintech, investment funds and payment services matters. Private sector stakeholders regularly seek his expertise on matters related to digital tokens, blockchain services, gold-backed offerings and licensing applications.

Our firm's reputation has drawn a diverse clientele that spans across high-growth industries such as clean energy, artificial intelligence, deep technology, sustainable foods, life sciences, hospitality and healthcare.

Our Corporate Practice Group understands the intricacies and nuances of transactions.

Clients value our extensive deal-making experience and expertise in navigating complex areas of company and financial regulatory law.

We count it our privilege to be considered a trusted partner by startups, venture capital firms, fund managers, financial institutions, payments service providers, credit card firms, token issuers, digital asset exchanges, and government-related entities.

Our firm also serves ultra high-net-worth individuals in their investment, governance and philanthropic needs.

Accolades



Ranked in Chambers and Partners (2021-2024) Startups and Emerging Companies



Ranked in IFLR1000 (2021-2024) Mergers & Acquisitions



Ranked in asialaw Profiles (2021-2024) Corporate and Mergers & Acquisitions, Private Equity

Work Highlights



Acted for a financial institution – whose shareholder is a listed company in China – in various matters, including its application to the Monetary Authority of Singapore for a Major Payments Institution licence.



Represented Pine Venture Partners in leading a USD25 million Series B fundraise for United States based virtual reality developer Spatial Systems Inc under the client's Pine Metaverse Fund.



Acted as legal counsel for Cap Vista during its investment into Transcelestial, a startup that is developing high-speed internet via a space-based laser network, in a USD9.6 million Series A funding round. Cap Vista is the strategic investment arm of the Defence Science and Technology Agency (DSTA), a statutory board under Singapore's Ministry of Defence.

Areas of Expertise

Mergers & Acquisitions

- Merger and Acquisitions
- Due Diligence
- Joint Ventures and Shareholders Agreements

Financial Services Regulation & Compliance

- Digital Payment Services Licensing
- Family Offices
- Fund Management Licensing
- Anti-Money Laundering Policies
- Regulatory Sandbox
- Blockchain and Cryptocurrencies
- Capital Markets Licensing

Start-ups

- Seed and Series Funding
- Starting a Business
- Employee Share Option or Award Schemes

Corporate

- Data Protection
- Contract Review

Employment Law & Work Passes

- Employment Agreement
- Human Resource Advisory
- Tech.Pass
- Entrepass
- Employment Pass

Charities

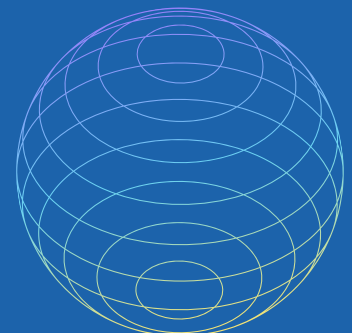
- Setting Up a Charity
- Application for Charity or Institute of Public Character Status



Legal500 (2024)
Firm to Watch
Fintech and Financial
Services Regulatory



The Straits Times
Singapore's Best Law Firms
(2021-2024)
Commercial Law



Disputes Resolution Practice



Our Dispute Resolution Practice Group is sought out by private individuals as well as corporate clients, including high-net-worth business owners.

We enable our clients to, in the words of Theodore Roosevelt, “speak softly and carry a big stick”.

We advise on over 120 civil and commercial disputes annually. Our key clients include companies in technology, consumer goods and services, life sciences, and pharmaceuticals sectors.

We understand the challenges that businesses – small and medium-sized firms, in particular – face with limited resources, and we stand as champions and advocates for our clients' rights and interests, no matter the case's scope or complexity.

The practice group is led by Director Amos Cai, and supported by Director Denise Teo and Associate Director Lim Yun Heng.

Our practitioners undertake a broad breadth of work including shareholders disputes, investment disputes, employment disputes, debt recovery, construction claims, medical negligence claims, and defamation.

By offering guidance early in the process before litigation commences, we also help clients minimise costs and resources by pursuing private settlements.

Our practice's strong reputation is validated by rankings in respected legal publications such as Benchmark Litigation Asia-Pacific and asialaw.

Accolades



Ranked in asialaw Profiles
(2023-2024)
Dispute Resolution



Ranked in Benchmark
Litigation (2023-2024)
Commercial and
Transactions

Work Highlights



Successfully secured an award of over RM3 million in equitable compensation for our client, in a lawsuit concerning a breach of trust deed in relation to shares of a Malaysian Company. An appeal filed by the defendant in the High Court was subsequently dismissed. *Eller, Urs v Cheong Kiat Wah [2021] SGHC 253, [2020] SGHC 106*



Presented a compelling defence for our client, who was one of several parties sued by a party to a joint venture. The claimant sought indemnity and damages, alleging that the defendants breached an exit agreement by failing to service a loan. The dispute involved issues regarding contract formation. The Court found that the claimant failed to prove that our client was a party to the exit agreement. *Choong Cher Siong Ronnie v Florensia Leovanny Liong and others, [2022] SGDC 286*



Successfully defended two out of three defendants named in a claim for relief against minority oppression initiated by their investor. The claimant alleged that he had been excluded from conduct of the company's affairs and that his shares were wrongfully diluted. The Court found that there was no unfair dilution of shares. *Lim Tong Zhen Kevryn v Cheo Jean Sheng and others [2022] SGHC 315*

Areas of Expertise

Disputes Resolution

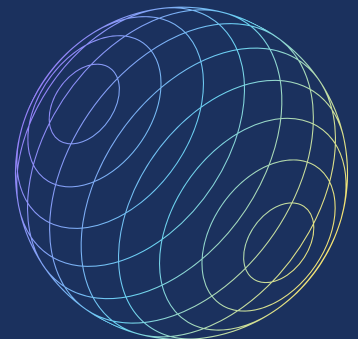
- Commercial & Civil Disputes
- Mediation
- Debt Recovery
- Enforcement Proceeding
- Tenant-Landlord Disputes
- Defamation
- Arbitration

Construction

- Construction Claims
- Security of Payment Act (SOPA) & Debt Recovery

Criminal

- White Collar Crime
- Fraud
- Criminal Breach of Trust
- Bribery and Corruption
- Money Laundering
- Insider Trading
- Drug Offences



Private Wealth & Family Practice



Our family practitioners draw from a deep well of experience to assist individuals from all walks of life.

We deal sensitively with matrimonial matters, including prenuptial and marital agreements, divorce, child custody, and maintenance. We also advise on family disputes and enforcement of court orders. Our proficiency extends to unique legal areas, such as applications under the Vulnerable Persons Act.

Our firm also advises on trusts, estate planning, and family business succession planning. Taking a holistic approach helps clients protect their assets and secure the future of loved ones. With diligent foresight and strategic planning, we help safeguard against future disputes.

Guiding our Family Practice Group is Director Lim Fung Peen, an accomplished practitioner with over 30 years' experience.

The team invests the time to thoroughly understand our clients' challenges. Melding empathy and technical acumen has gained the team glowing testimonials from clients.

In alignment with Singapore Family Justice Court's vision for therapeutic justice, we guide clients towards amicable resolutions through mediation and private negotiation.

In situations where cases do proceed to court, our practitioners fight resolutely by a client's side, to help them achieve the best possible outcome.

Accolades



The Straits Times
Singapore's Best Law
Firms (2021-2023)
Family Law



The Straits Times
Singapore's Best Law
Firms (2021-2023)
Inheritance and
Succession



Ranked in Benchmark
Litigation (2024)
Family & Matrimonial
Disputes

Work Highlights



Represented a wife in divorce proceedings and successfully defended an appeal filed by the husband in the High Court. Our client obtained judgment in her favour in this highly contentious case, securing custody, sole care and control of the children, and the matrimonial property. *VDF v VDG [2019] SGFC 135*



Acted for a deputyship applicant whose brother objected to the application. Successfully secured a settlement where the other deputy was required to repay an outstanding debt owed to the patient's estate.



Represented the applicants in a complex adoption application involving the Ministry of Social and Family Development and third-party complainants who opposed the adoption application. We successfully defended the allegations made against our clients, and obtained a Court Order granting the adoption.

Areas of Expertise

Family & Matrimonial

- Divorce
- Prenuptial Agreement
- Adoption
- Annulment
- Deputyship
- Custody, Care & Control of Children
- Spousal Maintenance
- Personal Protection Orders
- Deed of Separation

Estate Planning

- Grant of Probate & Letters of Administration
- Resealing of Foreign Grant of Probate
- Wills
- Lasting Power of Attorney
- Trust Advisory

Personal Injury & Motor Accident Claims

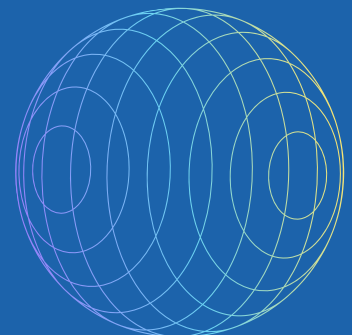
- Personal Injury & Motor Accident
- Insurance
- Medical Negligence
- Workplace Injuries

Criminal

- Criminal Defence & Mitigation Plea
- Criminal Force, Intimidation & Assault
- Crimes of Dishonesty, Theft & Robbery
- Sexual Offences
- Road Traffic Offences

Personal Legal Procedures

- Deed Poll
- Notary Public



Integrated Property Practice



Our Integrated Property Group provides robust legal counsel across the domains of real property, intellectual property, and insolvency.

Led by Associate Director Tris Xavier, our team of practitioners helps clients protect their tangible and intangible assets.

We help clients navigate investment deals, sale and purchase transactions, leasing agreements, and other matters in relation to residential, commercial, or industrial real estate. We can represent developers, land owners, real estate holding companies, landlords, tenants, buyers, trusts, financial institutions, and borrowers.

Amid Singapore's thriving technology and business ecosystem, brands and products require protection as they enter global markets. Yuen Law helps businesses to safeguard their intellectual property, by registration of intellectual property rights, technology commercialisation, and licensing.

We also advise individuals and businesses facing financial distress, helping them navigate complex legal proceedings or enter a scheme of arrangement to restructure debts. On the flip side, our practitioners can also act for creditors in enforcing their claims, to minimise losses.

Accolades



The Straits Times
Singapore's Best Law
Firms (2021-2023)
Conveyancing



The Straits Times
Singapore's Best Law
Firms (2021)
Intellectual Property

Work Highlights



Represented Italian luxury brand, Furla in legal action against transshipment firm Megastar Shipping, the consignee of a container of counterfeit goods detained by Singapore customs en route to Batam.



Successfully acted in the restoration of a technology firm that had been struck off, for the purposes of pursuing a debt owed to it by another company.



Acted for a notable international hospitality brand in conveying its S\$30 million office building to an intragroup company.

Areas of Expertise

Insolvency

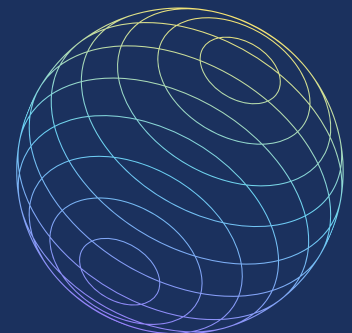
- Winding Up of Companies
- Members' Voluntary Winding Up
- Simplified Insolvency Programme
- Corporate Restructuring
- Judicial Management
- Scheme of Arrangement
- Personal Insolvency & Bankruptcy
- Private Trustee

Brands & Intellectual Property

- Registration of Trade Marks & Designs
- Franchises
- Commercialisation of Technology & Licensing
- Enforcement of Intellectual
- Property Rights

Real Estate & Conveyancing

- Sale & Purchase of Real Estate
- Redemption of Mortgage
- Power of Attorney
- Tenancy
- Post-Divorce Transfer
- Forced Sales
- Sheriff Sales / Auction Sale
- Buying Property Under Trust



Samuel Yuen

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Samuel Yuen is a leading legal practitioner in Singapore known for his strong focus on corporate and commercial matters relating to startups and emerging companies. In 2024, Samuel was featured in Asian Legal Business' Asia Super 50 TMT lawyers.

Driven by the belief that an effective lawyer is a collaborator for success, he works hand in glove with his clients to meet their needs at their various stages of growth.

An old hand at business development owing to a long family line of entrepreneurs and undertakings in various law firms, Samuel understands the struggles and gratification of running a business. That empathy, combined with business acumen, is what builds greater affinity between him and corporate clients.

Before starting Yuen Law, Samuel earned his stripes in top firms, where he specialised in mergers and acquisitions, public listings and intellectual property. He played a key role in major deals such as the proposed GK Goh and Vickers Ballas merger, listing of Brascabos, and reverse takeover of HSR International Realtors.

As in-house counsel and department head of an intellectual property agency, Samuel successfully defended Grimoldi S.A against Guccio Gucci S.p.A in a high-profile case.

Samuel is the author of "Funding for Startups – A Guide to Fundraising", which draws on his extensive experience in advising startups and venture capital firms in their capital raises.

Samuel is the honorary legal counsel for the Institute of Public Relations of Singapore and founded Guide Dogs Singapore Ltd, a registered charity with Institute of Public Character status. He is also a member of the School Advisory Committee of Tanjong Katong Secondary School.

Notable Cases

- Acted for Dr. Patrick Liew in the acquisition of HSR International Realtors from 3Cenergy Limited for a nominal sum of SGD1.
- Represented a family office in securing a USD300 million investment from a private equity firm for a 3,000 hectare property development joint venture in Laos.
- Represented the controlling shareholder of a leading facilities services group in the sale of its stake for up to SGD72.5 million, to a subsidiary of a top global realtor listed on the London Stock Exchange.

“I see my mission in practice as helping businesses thrive. I derive great satisfaction from helping startups and entrepreneurs overcome their legal challenges and flourish.”



“Samuel Yuen is very well regarded in the market as someone who gives a lot of time and attention to clients who need it.”

Client feedback, Chambers and Partners

“Yuen Law represented us in our acquisition of an F&B business. The acquisition process had some unexpected complications and the team handled it professionally by working closely with the sellers to ensure that all legal requirements were satisfied. We would like to thank Samuel Yuen and his team for their dedication and professionalism.”

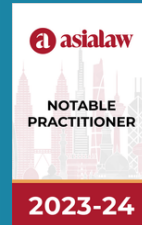
Client feedback, asialaw





Kevin Chua
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Kevin Chua has both depth and breadth of expertise in corporate and commercial law, and a special focus on regulatory laws and compliance.

He is technically proficient in the legal intricacies governing payment services, digital tokens, cryptocurrencies, blockchain services, as well as anti-money laundering and countering financing of terrorism policies. He is also well versed in fund formation and related fund documentation.

Kevin is the author of “Contract Smart – Understanding Contract Law in Singapore”. The book delves into new aspects such as smart contracts on the blockchain, digital signatures, and how contracts are made and broken under complex circumstances such as a pandemic.

His public sector record prior to Yuen Law saw him serve at the Attorney-General's Chambers, the Accounting and Corporate Regulatory Authority and the Monetary Authority of Singapore. His insights into the regulators' approach provide our clients with a distinct, valuable advantage.

He brings to the table practical counsel gleaned from his diverse private sector stints that include a Big Four law firm. He also headed the Regulatory Practice in a boutique law firm, and was also an in-house counsel at an multi-national corporation.

Notable Cases

- Provided legal counsel to one of Singapore's pioneers in robo-advisory and fund management services. Assisted in the application to amend the scope of its Capital Markets Services licence.
- Represented a crypto-mining company with operations in the United States and Australia. We reviewed and negotiated agreements to mine cryptocurrencies, lease of premises and facilities, and loan agreements involving digital tokens as collaterals.

"Kevin was always willing to listen. He helped us understand the complexities of the process and explained (and re-explained) things so we were well informed. Kevin is polite, responsive, and above all professional."

Client feedback, IFLR1000



Amos Cai
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Amos Cai is an esteemed legal practitioner whose main areas of practice are civil, commercial and construction litigation.

He has acted for clients on a broad range of legal matters, including debt recovery, insolvency, criminal cases, death claims from medical negligence, defamation, arbitration, adjudication, claims under the Security of Payment Act, hearings at the Strata Title Board, and disciplinary tribunal inquiries by the Singapore Medical Council and the Singapore Dental Council.

Outside of the courtroom, Amos is known for his friendly demeanour, quick thinking, and commitment to excellence. In Court, he is sharp, tenacious and persuasive, and is known for his ability to lead successful outcomes for clients.

Amos takes the time to ensure that his clients have a thorough understanding of their legal situation and provides clear guidance on the available courses of action, remaining agile as circumstances change.

Amos is a pro bono lawyer with the Criminal Legal Aid Scheme (CLAS), a non-profit initiative by the Law Society of Singapore that aids underprivileged individuals in criminal cases. He also volunteers with an NGO that works with migrant workers.

Notable Cases

- Represented a company against claims for salary in lieu of notice and commission by its former employee. Our clients – a defendant and claimant-in-counterclaim – disputed commission amounts due for a number of contracts. The Judge awarded judgment for less than what the claimant had claimed. *Appelqvist, Pontus Paal v Eon Reality Pte Ltd [2022] SGHC 296*
- Represented an employer in defending claims initiated by her domestic worker, for allegedly inflicting psychiatric harm and conspiring with the agent to detain her in the apartment wrongfully. We applied to strike out the action on grounds that it was frivolous, vexatious or an abuse of the court. *Nina Duwi Koriah v Noor Hayah binte Gulam and another [2019] SGDC 285*

“Amos has in-depth experience with regards to disputes in the construction industry and has consistently given practical and realistic advice with regards to actions and their outcomes.”

Client feedback, asialaw



Lim Fung Peen

Director

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Lim Fung Peen is a veteran in the field of private client matters, and is consistently highly-rated both for delivering results and for his reassuring demeanor. He is recognised for his work in family and matrimonial disputes by Benchmark Litigation.

He is often approached to handle the legal aspects of sensitive family matters such as divorce, adoption, power of attorney, wills, probate or administration applications, and personal protection orders. He has also helped set up family trusts and facilitated succession planning for family-owned businesses.

His book, "Lasting Power of Attorney: A Guide to the LPA", stems from a personal and professional conviction that everyone should plan ahead to protect their personal welfare and assets, should they become mentally incapacitated due to dementia, an illness or accident.

Fung Peen is also an experienced criminal lawyer and has robustly represented clients who have had brushes with the law to achieve a fair outcome. He is also known for pioneering the successful defence of clients charged with fraudulent trading at the Court of Appeal.

His expertise also extends to conveyancing, debt recovery, building and construction matters, bankruptcy, winding up, personal injury claims, landlord and tenancy matters, and employment disputes.

Notable Cases

- Represented the father in divorce proceedings, and successfully defended an appeal by the wife in the District Court, obtained care and control of a young child in favour of the father. *BEB v BEC [2012] SGDC 69*
- Acted for client in a contested Mental Capacity Act application over patient's estate, obtaining joint application where the other deputy had to repay estate the debt owed to the patient.

"I truly appreciate the swift and professional help from Fung Peen and his team. Fung Peen is a multilateral thinker with good listening and probing skills. His advice is invaluable and infinitely superior to others. He is clearly a good legal strategist with a big heart. He went the extra mile and is clearly in a class of his own. Kudos to Yuen Law for this top-notch legal team."

Google review by client



Tris Xavier

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Tris Xavier specialises in legal matters related to real property, intellectual property and insolvency. Tris thrives on building interconnected solutions for clients, believing that the law cannot be approached in silos but must be seen holistically.

As a civil servant prior to joining Yuen Law, he undertook a breadth of work including court work, policy planning and stakeholder management, and was heavily involved with the 2015 reforms of the then Bankruptcy Act, and the 2018 passing of the new omnibus Insolvency, Restructuring and Dissolution Act.

He then joined the Singapore University of Social Sciences as a lecturer, teaching subjects as diverse as Equity and Trusts, Wills, and Constitutional Law, as well as spearheading the inaugural Legal Clerkship Programme.

"It has been easy to understand with their kind and detailed explanations. The responses are always quick as well."

**Client feedback,
Chambers and Partners**

Notable Cases

- Represented the Official Receiver's Office in a novel cross-border insolvency case, where the Court of Appeal had to determine the extent to which Singapore assets could be preserved for payments of locally incurred debts in the winding up of a foreign company. The Court of Appeal found that there was no requirement to ring-fence Singapore assets for payment of local debts where the insolvent company was not registered in Singapore. *Beluga Chartering GmbH (in liquidation) and others v Beluga Projects (Singapore) Pte Ltd (in liquidation) and another (deugro (Singapore) Pte Ltd, non-party)* [2014] 2 SLR 815; [2014] SGCA 14
- Represented the Official Assignee in a case where the High Court had to determine if it had the power to make a bankruptcy order against a debtor that had already been adjudged a bankrupt in a foreign jurisdiction. *Lembaga Tabung Angkatan Tentera (Malaysia) v Ling Lee Soon* [2017] 3 SLR 414; [2016] SGHC 254



Denise Teo

Director

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Denise Teo is an accomplished legal professional with extensive experience in both civil and criminal law.

Her background in corporate law crosses over into her handling of litigation cases, including disputes involving negligence, defamation, conspiracy, and contractual breaches. She also advises clients on matters such as internal probes and investigations by the authorities.

She caters to a diverse clientele, which includes MNCs, listed companies and unincorporated associations from various industries such as insurance, construction, shipping, real estate and food & beverage.

Notable Case

Represented AIA in a claim for more than SGD7 million arising from their policyholders' purchase of a fake policy sold by their insurance agent. The case involved issues of vicarious liability, creation of trusts, conspiracy and negligence. *Ong Han Ling & Anor v American International Assurance Company Ltd & Ors* [2017] SGHC 327



Lim Yun Heng

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Lim Yun Heng is an experienced lead counsel. He excels in high-stakes and complex cases and is particularly passionate about conducting trials, recognizing them as the crucible where cases are made or broken.

Yun Heng's helps clients find commercial solutions in challenging situations. Known for his sharp wit and thorough preparation, he leaves no stone unturned in pursuing favorable outcomes for his clients.

Yun Heng also speaks Mandarin and conversational Korean, enabling effective client communication.

Notable Case

Acted for a defendant in a High Court case involving claims of conspiracy and misrepresentation by a Singapore-listed company against an Indian-listed company. The claimants alleged that the defendants never intended for these counterparties to comply with the agreements. *Raffles Education Corp Ltd and others v Shantanu Prakash and another* [2023] SGHC 89

“We are a small
boat in the ocean,
setting big waves
into motion.”

*Samuel Yuen,
Managing Director*



Our Values

Integrity · Honesty · Compassion · Excellence



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