

# Alexander Lee

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## Overview

Alexander is a Partner in our Litigation and Dispute Resolution and Arbitration practice groups. He advises a diverse range of clients from financial institutions and listed companies to tech start-ups and high net worth individuals. Alexander began his career with Senior Counsel in a leading disputes firm in Singapore.

Alexander regularly appears in the Singapore High Court and Court of Appeal, handling a variety of complex commercial matters including directors'/shareholders' disputes, banking litigation, insolvency and restructuring, investment-related disputes and tort. He has successfully acted in key cases such as *Dynasty Line Ltd v Sukamto Sia* [2014] 3 SLR 277.

Alexander is experienced with cross-border, multi-jurisdictional disputes and frequently appears in international commercial arbitrations, including in relation to energy/oil and gas and investment disputes.

He advises clients on a wide spectrum of contentious and non-contentious matters, including corporate governance, financial services, regulatory matters, construction, investigations and enforcement, employment, defamation and aviation financing.

## Experience

- **Indonesian conglomerate:** Acted for an Indonesian conglomerate in a US\$250 million SIAC arbitration involving a dispute with a Malaysian multimedia giant. Acted alongside Queen's Counsel in the dispute, which revolved around an Indonesian media joint venture and concerned restitutionary issues.
- **Subsidiaries of a PRC state-owned entity:** Acted for the Hong Kong subsidiaries of a PRC state-owned entity in High Court suits. The matters related to bondholder notes in excess of US\$60 million issued by a Singapore listed company. Obtained summary judgment and various injunctions against the former Chairman of the company.
- **Southeast Asian oil and gas entities:** Acted in various SIAC arbitrations concerning oil and gas disputes covering upstream and downstream activities. Conducted oral examination of fact and expert witnesses at the evidentiary hearing.

- **Liquidators of a BVI company:** Successfully acted for the BVI and Hong Kong liquidators of Dynasty Line Limited in a HK\$709 million claim against the former directors of the company. The proceedings in the High Court and Court of Appeal concerned directors' duties, conspiracy claims and insolvency matters. The decisions are reported at [2013] 4 SLR 253, [2014] 3 SLR 277 and [2016] 5 SLR 505.
- **Real estate developer:** Acted for Lippo Marina Collection in a S\$181.6 million High Court action commenced by United Overseas Bank. The matter concerned conspiracy claims and MAS regulatory issues relating to the sale of units in a luxury development.
- **Chairman of Sakae Holdings:** Successfully acted for Douglas Foo, the Chairman of Sakae Holdings (a Singapore listed company) in third party proceedings. The S\$40 million High Court and Court of Appeal proceedings concerned minority oppression and directors'/fiduciary duties. The decisions are reported at [2017] SGHC 73, [2017] SGHC 100 and [2018] 2 SLR 333.
- **Owner of a marine company:** Acted for Tan Boy Tee, a shipping tycoon, in High Court proceedings commenced by a Dubai conglomerate, Drydocks World LLC. The action arose from the sale of Tan's shareholdings in a previously listed shipbuilding company. The action was dismissed. The decision is reported at [2010] SGHC 248.
- **Automotive distributor:** Acted for Motor Image Enterprises, the distributors of Subaru cars in Singapore, against SCDA Architects. The High Court proceedings concerned an appeal against a domestic arbitral award. The decisions are reported at [2011] 1 SLR 497 and [2012] 1 SLR 258.
- **Malaysia Dairy Industries:** Acted for Malaysia Dairy Industries, the manufacturers and distributors of Marigold and Vitagen products. The claims for minority oppression arose in relation to the conduct and affairs of the family-owned companies.
- **SembCorp Marine:** Acted for SembCorp Marine in a High Court action concerning contempt proceedings brought against an individual for breaching an Order of Court.
- **Directors of a shipping company:** Acted for the former directors of Parakou Shipping, a shipping company in liquidation, in a S\$23 million High Court claim relating to breaches of duty/trust.
- **Real estate holding companies:** Acted for Sloane Court and Chiam Heng Luan Realty, family-owned property holding companies, in a High Court claim for minority oppression arising from the conduct of the affairs of the companies.
- **US investment company:** Acted for AAHG, a US investment company, in a High Court suit against Albert Hong. The proceedings concerned unjust enrichment and conversion claims in respect of Universal Medical, a Singapore holding company, as well as an anti-suit injunction.
- **Director of a BVI creditor:** Acted for the Thai director of a BVI-incorporated creditor in winding up proceedings involving the sale of assets of a Singapore company.
- **Founder of an e-commerce marketplace:** Acted for the founder and director of Droom, an India-based e-commerce automotive platform, in a directors' and shareholders' dispute in the High Court.
- **Directors of a global education group:** Acted for the directors of FTMS, a professional accounting and education group, in winding up and judicial management proceedings in the High Court.

## Insights

- Co-author, "Third-Party Funding: Is Funding of Commercial Litigation Permissible in Singapore", *Singapore Law Gazette*, June 2019

## Activities and Affiliations

## Memberships

- Associate Member, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators
- Member, Singapore Academy of Law
- Member, Law Society of Singapore

## Prior and Present Employment

- Partner, Dentons Rodyk & Davidson LLP (formerly Rodyk & Davidson LLP), 2018 – present
- RPC Premier Law, 2016 – 2018
- Premier Law LLC, 2012 – 2016
- Drew & Napier LLC, 2008 – 2011

## Areas of focus

### Practices

- Litigation and Dispute Resolution
- Arbitration

## Education

- National University of Singapore, 2008, LLB (Hons)

## Admissions and qualifications

- Advocate & Solicitor, Singapore, 2009