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Overview

Sook Zhen is a lawyer at the Regional Practice group (Japan Desk) of Dentons Rodyk.

Prior to joining Dentons, she worked as a foreign legal associate with one of the largest Japanese law firms in Tokyo for more than two years. Over the years working as lawyer in Singapore and Japan, Sook Zhen enjoys an active civil/commercial practice and has advised and assisted Singaporean and Japanese clients in a wide variety of matters, including disputes and transactions involving banking and finance, employment and regulatory compliance as well as general commercial and corporate matters.

Sook Zhen graduated from the National University of Singapore in 2011 and was called to the bar in July 2012.

Experience

General Corporate

- **Singaporean real estate investment company:** Assisted in the purchase of a residential property in Osaka, Japan
- **Japanese clients:** Assisted in multiple due diligence exercises, both in Japan and Singapore
- **Large Japanese gaming and app companies:** Assisted in licensing agreements, joint venture agreements and service agreements
- **Singapore-listed healthcare services and facilities provider:** Assisted with the purchase of new healthcare facilities in Japan
- **Foreign clients:** Assisted with the incorporation of new business entities in Japan
- **Japanese clients in Singapore:** Assisted with general corporate matters
- **Japanese clients:** Assisted with the documentation of purchases and takeovers of Singapore companies

- **US MNC:** Assisted regularly in regulatory and compliance matters in Japan
- **Crops Corporation:** Acting in its acquisition of the Innovare group, for a confidential sum. The Innovare group, a workforce management group which provides business solutions to manage compliance risk and payroll for contractors, is headquartered in Singapore and has 14 subsidiaries in 17 countries in the Asia Pacific region
- **Japanese holding company:** Assisting client to arrange financing (standby letters of credit) for a data-centre in Malaysia

Dispute Resolution

- **Commercial Bank:** Successfully defended client in a negligence suit brought by a wealthy investor claiming alleged losses of US\$8 million
- **Multi-national company:** Defended the company against an arbitration claim under the ICC Rules
- **Confidential client:** Defended client in a cross-border dispute against breach of trustee duties of a trust which was allegedly constituted
- **Commercial Bank:** Successfully defended a large commercial bank brought by an ex-customer of a bank alleging breach of mandate
- **Confidential client:** Applied for pre-action discovery in a cross-border dispute
- **Japanese investors:** Representing clients in a breach of shareholders agreement in an arbitration under HKIAC rules
- **Japanese manufacturer:** Assisted in the claim for breach of distribution agreement in an arbitration under JCAA rules
- **Japanese investor:** Defended the client in a tracing action by another Japanese investor for shares in the operating company of a fine-dining Japanese restaurant
- **Japanese departmental store:** Successfully defended client in a high profile rental dispute
- **Chinese investors:** Representing clients in a breach of shareholders agreement in a Singapore International Commercial Court matter
- **A listed education services provider:** Acting in an SIAC arbitration against a vendor with claims and counterclaims amounting to S\$15 million
- **A leading oily waste management company:** Acting in an ongoing High Court suit against a listed company's subsidiary, where the counterclaim is more than S\$8 million
- **Confidential client:** Acting in an arbitration under SIAC Rules against a large listed Japanese beverage company

Insights

- Co-author, "Doing Business in Myanmar (Japanese)", *Dentons Rodyk Reporter Issue 06*, December 2019
- Co-author, "The new Work Injury Compensation Act – steps towards enhanced protection for employees and employers (Japanese)", *Dentons Rodyk Reporter Issue 06*, December 2019
- Co-author, "'Soft Opening' of Myanmar's New Trade Mark Register (Japanese) ", *Dentons Rodyk Reporter Issue 05*, November 2019
- Co-author, "'Soft Opening' of Myanmar's New Trade Mark Register ", *Dentons Rodyk Reporter Issue 05*, November 2019

- Co-author, "Ensuring your contracts are enforceable in Myanmar (Japanese)", *Dentons Rodyk Reporter Issue 05*, November 2019
- Contributor, "Atkin's Court Forms, Chapter XXV Arrest and Attachment of Property before Judgement under the Debtors Act", *Lexis Nexis*, 2018
- Contributor, "Atkin's Court Forms, Chapter XLIII Distress Act", *Lexis Nexis*, 2018
- Contributor, "Commercial Module", *Lexis Nexis Practical Guidance*, 2016
- Co-author, "Establishment of SICC and Relevant Legal Issues (Part 1)", *Kokusai Shoji Homu, Vol.43 No.10*, October 2015

Activities and Affiliations

Presentations

- Speaker, The YSIAC Tokyo Advocacy Roadshow, organised by Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC), September 2016

Memberships

- Member, Law Society of Singapore
- Member, Singapore Academy of Law

Prior and Present Employment

- Dentons Rodyk & Davidson LLP - Lawyer, Regional Practice (Japan Desk) (2017 - present)
- Anderson Mori & Tomotsune - Foreign Legal Associate (2014 - 2017)
- Drew and Napier - Associate (2011 - 2014)

Areas of focus

Practices

- Litigation and Dispute Resolution
- Arbitration
- Commercial Litigation

Education

- National University of Singapore, 2011, Bachelor of Laws, LLB

Admissions and qualifications

- Advocate & Solicitor, Singapore, 2012

Languages

- Chinese
- English
- Japanese