

Curriculum Vitae



Ben Chester Cheong

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Education Qualifications

2018	Qualified Lawyers Transfer Scheme, Solicitors Regulation Authority, completed and passed MCT and OSCE – qualifying exams to practice law in UK
2016	Singapore Bar Exams (also known as Part B), ranked 3rd out of 664 candidates with 3 distinctions (placed on SILE Commendation List) – qualifying exams to practice law in Singapore
2014 - 2015	Master of Law (LL.M.), First class in International Commercial Litigation module, Churchill College, University of Cambridge, UK
2011 - 2014	Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.), First Class Honours, University of Exeter, UK

Academic and Professional Experience

2020 - Present	Of Counsel, Financial Services (Regulatory), RHTLaw Asia LLP
2018 - Present	Lecturer, School of Law, Singapore University of Social Sciences
2017 - 2018	Associate, Finance & Projects, Baker McKenzie.Wong & Leow
2017	Legal Executive, Finance & Projects, Baker McKenzie.Wong & Leow
2017	Practice Trainee, Finance & Projects, Baker McKenzie.Wong & Leow
2015 - 2016	Relevant Legal Trainee, Corporate Finance, Shook Lin & Bok LLP

Professional Qualifications

2019	Admitted as Solicitor, Senior Courts of England & Wales
2017	Admitted as Advocate & Solicitor, Supreme Court of Singapore

Memberships and Professional Activities

2022 - Present	Committee Member, Corporate Committee, Singapore Institute of Directors (SID)
2022 - Present	Member, Investors Rights Sub-Committee, Securities Investors Association (Singapore)

2021 - Present	Accredited Mediator, Singapore International Mediation Institute (SIMI)
2021 - Present	Treasurer, Asia Pacific Institute of Experts (APIEx)
2021 - Present	Member, Singapore Institute of Directors (SID)
2021 - Present	Committee Member, Community Legal Clinics, Law Society Pro Bono Services (LSPBS)
2020 - Present	Member, The Law Society of Singapore
2020 - Present	Member, The Society of Legal Scholars
2019 - Present	Member, Law Society of England & Wales
2017 - Present	Member, Singapore Academy of Law
2016 - Present	Life Member, The Oxford & Cambridge Society of Singapore

Professional and Executive Experience

- Legal academic and corporate finance lawyer with approximately 5+ years of legal experience. Currently with RHTLaw Asia as an Of Counsel. Previously with an international law firm, Baker McKenzie, for almost 2 years with a practice focus in the areas of international securities and financing-related transactions. Represented both public and private issuers and underwriters in equity and debt offerings and exchange listings. This includes US offerings pursuant to Rule 144A, offerings outside the US under Regulation S, initial public offerings and traditional private placements. Advised clients on international debt restructurings and liability management, including tender and exchange offers and consent solicitations. Advised lenders and borrowers on domestic and international banking and finance transactions.
- Formerly with Shook Lin & Bok, a 100-year old law firm in Singapore. Trained in corporate finance and assisted on matters such as mergers & acquisitions, cross border dual listings (including HKSE) as well as debt listings for local corporations. Assisted listed clients and financial institutions on further capital raising, corporate governance, regulatory and corporate compliance issues.

Research Interests

- Artificial Intelligence Law
- Contract, Corporate & Commercial Law
- Public Law

Selected Publications

Ben Chester Cheong, "Inquorate meetings - Recent developments in Singapore", The Company Lawyer (forthcoming in 2022).

Ben Chester Cheong, "Benefits and pitfalls of blockchain marriages", The Straits Times (forthcoming in 2022).

Ben Chester Cheong, "Clarifications from the Singapore Court of Appeal – Directors' Duties, Causation and Abuse of Process", Oxford Business Law Blog (25 February 2022).

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- Ben Chester Cheong, "Book Review – Trade Finance: Technology, Innovation and Documentary Credits", Singapore Academy of Law Journal (published on e-First 19 January 2022).
- Ben Chester Cheong, "Application of Blockchain-enabled Technology: Regulating Non-fungible Tokens (NFTs) in Singapore", Singapore Law Gazette (January 2022)
<<https://lawgazette.com.sg/feature/application-of-blockchain-enabled-technology-nfts/>>
- Ben Chester Cheong, "Time to rethink directorial duties", The Business Times (1 December 2021) <<https://www.businesstimes.com.sg/opinion/time-to-rethink-directorial-duties>>
- Ben Chester Cheong, "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
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- Ben Chester Cheong et al., "Legal Risks Beneath Blockchain-enabled Smart Contracts", Singapore Law Gazette (January 2021)
<<https://lawgazette.com.sg/feature/legal-risks-beneath-blockchain-enabled-smart-contracts/>>.
- Ben Chester Cheong, "Teaching Law in a Lockdown", The Post-Pandemic University (5 December 2020)
<<https://postpandemicuniversity.net/2020/12/05/teaching-law-in-a-lockdown/>>
- Ben Chester Cheong et al., "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)
<<https://singaporelawblog.sg/blog/article/246>>
- Ben Chester Cheong, "Context is the most Important Factor: One-man Companies and Corporate Attribution in Singapore", Oxford Business Law Blog (12 June 2020)
<<https://www.law.ox.ac.uk/business-law-blog/blog/2020/06/context-most-important-factor-one-man-companies-and-corporate>>
- Ben Chester Cheong, "More needs to be done to protect consumers against errant car dealers", TODAY (11 December 2019)
<<https://www.todayonline.com/commentary/more-needs-be-done-protect-consumers-against-errant-motor-traders>>
- Ben Chester Cheong, "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)
<<http://www.singaporelawblog.sg/blog/article/227>>
- Ben Chester Cheong, "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.

Ben Chester Cheong, "SMRT: Duty of Care of a Public Body" (2014) 6 The Student Journal of Law.

Ben Chester Cheong, "What is the Role and Purpose of Parliamentary Select Committees?" (2012) United Kingdom-Singapore Law Students' Society Law Review 24-26.

Conference Presentations

Ben Chester Cheong, "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 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).

Academic Achievements

2017	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
2015	First class in the International Commercial Litigation module on the LL.M.
2014	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)
2013	Dean's Commendation 2012/13 (awarded to less than 1 in 40 students)
2013	Highest mark in the Commercial Law module

Professional Achievements

2021	SUSS Award for Teaching Excellence – Honourable Mention
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