

Curriculum Vitae



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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

2022 – Present	Facilitator, Advanced Corporate Practice, Part B of the Singapore Bar Exams
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	Publications Sub-Committee Member, Asia Pacific Institute of Experts (APIEx)
2022 – Present	Committee Member and Professional Cluster Lead, 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, Pro Bono SG
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 with 2 SUSS Teaching Excellence Awards (Winner and Honourable Mention) and corporate finance lawyer with approximately 7+ years of legal practice and legal education experiences.
- Currently with RHTLaw Asia LLP as an Of Counsel in the Financial Services (Regulatory) Practice advising on financial services regulatory and compliance matters that govern financial institutions.
- Previously with American 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

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

Selected Publications

1. Vincent Ooi and Ben Chester Cheong, "Personal Service Companies and the Tax Avoidance Surcharge in Singapore" (2023) 44(2) The Company Lawyer 59-65. [Sweet & Maxwell]
2. Ben Chester Cheong, "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 1-13. <<https://doi.org/10.1177/23220058221139063>> [SAGE Publishing]
3. Ben Chester Cheong, "Landmark court decisions help recover stolen NFTs, but enforcement bumps remain", The Straits Times (6 December 2022). <<https://www.straitstimes.com/tech/tech-news/landmark-court-decisions-help-recover-stolen-nfts-but-enforcement-bumps-remain>> [SPH Media]
4. Ben Chester Cheong, "Enhancing shareholders' voting process through blockchain", The Business Times (19 October 2022). <<https://www.businesstimes.com.sg/opinion-features/columns/enhancing-shareholders-voting-process-through-blockchain>> [SPH Media]
5. Ben Chester Cheong, "What are your legal options when your service provider exposes your data?", The Straits Times (18 October 2022). <<https://www.straitstimes.com/tech/tech-news/what-are-your-legal-options-when-your-service-provider-exposes-your-data>> [SPH Media]
6. Ben Chester Cheong and Khairul Anwar, "It is not so cloudy after all: Legal remedies when cloud storage rains on you", Singapore Law Gazette (September 2022). <<https://lawgazette.com.sg/feature/legal-remedies-cloud-storage/>> [Law Society of Singapore]
7. Ben Chester Cheong, "Rescinded job offers: What employees can do", The Straits Times (13 September 2022). <<https://www.straitstimes.com/opinion/rescinded-job-offers-what-employees-can-do>> [SPH Media]
8. Ben Chester Cheong, "Regulating avatars in the metaverse", The Business Times (26 August 2022). <<https://www.businesstimes.com.sg/opinion-features/columns/regulating-avatars-metaverse>> [SPH Media]
9. Ben Chester Cheong and Nicole Er, "Oppression claims in family businesses and the appropriate remedy" (2022) 33(7) International Company and Commercial Law Review 399-408. [Sweet & Maxwell]
10. Ben Chester Cheong, "The Governance of SPACs and DCS Companies", SID Bulletin 2022 Q3. <<https://www.sid.org.sg/images/PDFs/Publications/DirectorsBulletin/2022Q3/TheGovernanceofSPACsandDCSCompanies.pdf>> [Singapore Institute of Directors]

11. Ben Chester Cheong, “Judiciary and Law Enforcement in Singapore Inc.”, Singapore Policy Journal (19 June 2022). <<https://spj.hkspublications.org/2022/06/19/judiciary-and-law-enforcement-in-singapore-inc/>> [Harvard Kennedy School]
12. Ch'ng Li-Ling and Ben Chester Cheong, “E-commerce Dealings in an Organisation: Challenges and Practical Solutions”, Singapore Academy of Law Asian Legal Insights (June 2022). [Academy Publishing]
13. Ch'ng Li-Ling and Ben Chester Cheong, “E-commerce Dealings in an Organisation: Cross-border Challenges”, Singapore Academy of Law Asian Legal Insights (June 2022). [Academy Publishing]
14. Ben Chester Cheong and Lydia Lee, “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. <https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=4139345> [Academy Publishing]
15. Ben Chester Cheong, “Avatars in the metaverse: potential legal issues and remedies” (2022) 3(2) International Cybersecurity Law Review 467-494. <<https://link.springer.com/article/10.1365/s43439-022-00056-9>> [Springer Nature]
16. Ben Chester Cheong, “A Look into China’s Common Prosperity Model”, SUSS Social Sciences Blog (26 May 2022). <<https://www.suss.edu.sg/blog/detail/a-look-into-china-s-common-prosperity-model>> [SUSS Blog]
17. Ben Chester Cheong and Lim Wei Teng, “Is There a Basis to Punish Parents for Their Children’s Misbehaviour?”, Singapore Law Gazette (May 2022). <<https://lawgazette.com.sg/feature/is-there-a-basis-to-punish-parents-for-their-childrens-misbehaviour>> [Law Society of Singapore]
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19. Ben Chester Cheong, “Inquorate meetings—Recent developments in Singapore” (2022) 43(6) The Company Lawyer 190-196. [Sweet & Maxwell]
20. Ben Chester Cheong, “How the SGX is Wooing Asia’s Tech Listings”, SUSS Social Sciences Blog (1 April 2022). <<https://www.suss.edu.sg/blog/detail/how-the-sgx-is-woeing-asia-s-tech-listings>> [SUSS Blog]
21. Ben Chester Cheong, “Benefits and pitfalls of blockchain marriages”, The Straits Times (25 March 2022). <<https://www.straitstimes.com/opinion/benefits-and-pitfalls-of-blockchain-marriages>> [SPH Media]
22. Ben Chester Cheong, “Clarifications from the Singapore Court of Appeal – Directors’ Duties, Causation and Abuse of Process”, Oxford Business Law Blog (25 February 2022). <<https://blogs.law.ox.ac.uk/business-law-blog/blog/2022/02/clarifications-singapore-court-appeal-directors-duties-causation-and>> [Oxford Law Faculty]
23. Ben Chester Cheong, “Facilitating Singapore’s Success: The Legal System”, SUSS Social Sciences Blog (24 February 2022). <<https://www.suss.edu.sg/blog/detail/facilitating-singapore-s-success-the-legal-system>> [SUSS Blog]

24. Ben Chester Cheong and Muhammad Jahabar, "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. <https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=4016918> [Academy Publishing]
25. Ben Chester Cheong, "Book Review – Trade Finance: Technology, Innovation and Documentary Credits" (2022) 34 Singapore Academy of Law Journal 724-726. <https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=4012533> [Academy Publishing]
26. 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/>> [Law Society of Singapore]
27. 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>> [SPH Media]
28. 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. <<https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s43545-021-00236-0>> [Springer Nature]
29. Ben Chester Cheong and Harry Kishen, "Legal Risks Beneath Blockchain-enabled Smart Contracts", Singapore Law Gazette (January 2021). <<https://lawgazette.com.sg/feature/legal-risks-beneath-blockchain-enabled-smart-contracts>> [Law Society of Singapore]
30. 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>> [University of Manchester Institute of Education]
31. Ben Chester Cheong and Poh Chee Eng, "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>> [Singapore Management University]
32. 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>> [Oxford Law Faculty]
33. 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>> [Mediacorp]

34. 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>> [Singapore Management University]
35. 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. <https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=3606391> [Westminster Law School]
36. Ben Chester Cheong, "SMRT: Duty of Care of a Public Body" (2014) 6 The Student Journal of Law. <https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=3744721> [National Student Law Journal]
37. Ben Chester Cheong, "What is the Role and Purpose of Parliamentary Select Committees?" (2012) United Kingdom-Singapore Law Students' Society Law Review 24-26. <https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=3744718> [UKSLSS]

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 Oliveira, 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

2022 SUSS Award for Teaching Excellence – Winner

2021 SUSS Award for Teaching Excellence – Honourable Mention

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