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Biography

Cherrilynn specialises in civil and commercial litigation and arbitration. She has experience in a wide range of contentious and non-contentious work involving various areas of law such as breach contracts, sale of goods and services, company (shareholder disputes, etc.), negligence (including medical negligence), sanctions, employment, landlord-tenant, negligence, defamation, administrative law and harassment.

Cherrilynn is also prosecuting counsel for the Energy Market Authority. As Defence Counsel, she has represented clients charged with white-collar and blue-collar offences.

In the course of her practice, Cherrilynn has appeared and represented clients at all levels of courts in Singapore, including the Court of Appeal. She has also acted as counsel in international arbitrations in the Singapore International Arbitration Centre and the International Centre for Dispute Resolution.

Prior to joining Harry Elias Partnership, Cherrilynn worked in the litigation practice group at a leading international firm. She obtained a distinction in Civil Litigation Practice in the 2020 Part B Singapore Bar Examinations and is dual-qualified – having been admitted as an Advocate and Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Singapore in 2021, and as a Solicitor of the Senior Courts of England and Wales 2025.

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Experience

- Lau Yaw Ben v Lau Wee Hion and another [2022] SGHC 30
Successfully represented the 2nd Defendant in resisting the Plaintiff's application for a declaration that the 1st Defendant held monies on trust for the Plaintiff.
- WHR and another v WHT and others [2023] SGHCF 32
Represented the 6th Defendant in a contentious probate action where the Plaintiffs sought orders, inter alia, that probate in solemn form be granted in respect of the deceased's unproven will and codicil, and that costs be paid to the Plaintiffs by the Defendants requiring the unproven will and codicil to be proved in solemn form. The General Division of the High Court (Family Division) held that the will and codicil were valid and had been proven in solemn form but that it would be unfair for parties to bear their own costs on the matter.
- Ong Han Nam v Borneo Ventures Pte Ltd [2023] SGHC(A) 30
Successfully represented the Appellant in his appeal to set aside the award of damages made by the High Court (General Division) in Borneo Ventures Pte Ltd v Ong Han Nam [2022] SGHC 162.
- Lun Yaodong Clarence v Law Society of Singapore [2025] SGHC 137
Successfully represented the Law Society of Singapore in resisting the Applicant's application for permission to apply for a quashing order against the decision of the Review Committee.
- Other Reported Judgments:
Borneo Ventures Pte Ltd v Ong Han Nam [2022] SGHC 162
CKH v CKG and another matter [2022] 2 SLR 1

Publications

- Contributing editor for Thomson Reuters Practical Law (Employment)

Professional Memberships | Directorships

- Member, Law Society of England & Wales
- Member, Singapore Academy of Law
- Member, The Law Society of Singapore

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