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Biography

Chau Yee is a Consultant and Co-Head of the Firm's Construction and Engineering Practice Group. Chau Yee's main areas of practice are commercial and contractual cases with particular emphasis in construction disputes, general civil litigation, shipping and employment law.

He has extensive experience in the area of construction law covering both contentious work and front-end work for engineering, construction and infrastructure projects. He has also been involved in the drafting and review of construction contracts, construction management contracts, trade contracts, supply contracts, work orders, service agreements, consultancy agreements and ancillary deliverables for residential, commercial and industrial projects.

He has advised major developers in construction disputes as well as court applications and arbitration proceedings ancillary to and in connection with property development projects, and was lead counsel in several High Court and Court of Appeal cases, arbitration, mediation as well as adjudication cases. Chau Yee and his team has advised on some of Singapore's 'Firsts' such as Marina Bay Sands Integrated Resort, the first integrated resort in Singapore and Singapore Flyer Pte Ltd, the first and largest giant observation wheel in Singapore.

He has also advised on shipping related arbitration, ship arrest, cargo claims and other shipping related matters with particular emphasis for foreign litigants in arbitrations and suits in Singapore.

Chau Yee also has extensive corporate work experience, and is company secretary of various companies incorporated in Singapore, including subsidiaries of multi-national corporations which are involved in energy, oilfield and infrastructure projects. He has been involved in and advised on joint venture, acquisition and divestment projects.

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Experience

- Advising a major casino operator on the development and construction of the Marina Bay Sands Integrated Resort;
- Advising on the iconic Singapore Flyer; and
- Heading the team advising the Consultants and the Port Authority as claims specialists for the S$2.42 billion Tuas Mega Port in Singapore known as Tuas Terminal Phase 1.

Awards & Accolades

- "Distinguished Practitioner" for Construction – Asialaw Profiles (2026)
- "Ranked Practitioner" for Construction Law - Best Lawyers Singapore (2024-2027)
- "Litigation Star" for Construction - Benchmark Litigation Asia Pacific (2022-2026)
- "Highly Regarded" for Project Development - IFLR1000 Asia Pacific (2024-2026)
- "Notable Practitioner" for Construction – Asialaw Profiles (2024-2025)

Publications

- One of the contributors to the book, "Singapore Precedents of Pleadings" (2006)

Professional Memberships | Directorships

- Fellow, Singapore Institute of Arbitrators
- Member, Singapore Academy of Law
- Member, The Law Society of Singapore

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