



## CH'NG Li-Ling

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### PRACTICE AREAS

- Corporate & Capital Markets
- Environmental, Social & Governance
- Financial Services (Regulatory)
- FinTech

### INDUSTRY GROUPS

- Financial Institutions & Technology
- Technology, Media & Communications

### QUALIFICATIONS

- Advocate & Solicitor, Singapore
- Solicitor, Supreme Court of New South Wales
- Solicitor, England and Wales

### MEMBERSHIPS

- ONERHT Foundation, Board Member

Ch'ng Li-Ling is a founding member of RHTLaw Asia, heading its Financial Services (Regulatory) and Technology (FSR and Fintech) Practice, and co-leads its Environment, Social and Governance (ESG) Practice.

Li-Ling's practice areas cover securities and financial services regulatory advice, capital markets, mergers and acquisitions, and ESG and climate-related legal and regulatory issues.

Li-Ling spent her early years of practice in civil and commercial litigation. As a corporate practitioner heading the Capital Markets practice, she advised investors and business owners on raising capital, listed companies on compliance and corporate actions including takeovers, acquisitions and further capital-raising.

As the lead for the firm's FSR and Fintech Practice, she advises FinTech firms and investors on licensing/regulatory requirements, cryptocurrency issuances, token offerings, establishment of digital assets exchanges and e-payments platforms, and on Fintech investments.

As Co-Head of the ESG Practice, she advises on legal, regulatory and governance issues relating to climate change and sustainable development in regulatory compliance for financial institutions and in mergers and acquisitions.

Li-Ling was Adjunct Assistant Professor at the Law Faculty of the National University of Singapore (NUS) for AY 2009/10 and AY 2011/12 and the NUS Business School for AY2009-2010. She has been a lecturer with the Sorbonne-Assas International Law School Asia since 2013. In AY2021/2022, she co-developed and co-taught an inaugural course in Computational Law in a Token Economy at the Singapore University of Social Sciences (SUSS) and was favourably evaluated by the students.

A passionate advocate for ESG and GRACE [Governance, Risks, Anti-Money Laundering, Compliance and Ethics] issues, Li-Ling is a regular speaker at seminars on topics like the legal and governance issues arising from the evolving technologies impacting financial services and markets, and the importance of embedding ESG best practices in our daily lives. Li-Ling is

Council Member of RHT G.R.A.C.E. Institute, a non-profit organisation dedicated to training and development, and a co-anchor host of the podcast EthBeats: Lessons in G.R.A.C.E.ful Living.

Li-Ling is co-author of “Law and Practice of Corporate Finance in Singapore” (Lexis-Nexis 2016) and has contributed to numerous publications such as Lexology GTDT Crypto assets and Blockchain 2020-2023, International Comparative Legal Guides Fintech 2020-2022, Legal 500: Fintech Country Comparative Guide.

### **CAREER HIGHLIGHTS**

- Advised investors and business owners in private equity transactions and advised companies on raising equity and debt capital from public markets
- Advised listed companies on post-listing compliance and corporate actions including takeovers, acquisitions and further capital-raising
- Recently, she has also advised Israeli companies seeking to expand their businesses and to raise funds in Singapore and the Southeast Asia region

### **AWARDS & ACCOLADES**

Li-Ling was named one of AsiaLaw Leading Lawyers in 2008, 2009 (Corporate Finance and Capital Markets), 2014 and 2015 (Capital Markets), and was recognised as ‘Leading Lawyers’ in the 2011, 2013-2020 editions of IFLR1000. In the 2021 edition of IFLR1000, Li-Ling has been named “Leading Lawyer – Highly Regarded for Capital Markets”.

### **THOUGHT LEADERSHIP**

- Co-authored The Legal 500: Fintech Country Comparative Guide
- Summary of Jurisdictional Requirements for Asset Management Companies in Asia-Pacific
- Contributed to the ASEAN Plus Group’s Regional Regulatory Guide to Asset Management in Asia-Pacific
- Co-authored the Singapore Chapter of the International Comparative Legal Guide – Fintech 2020
- Contributed to the Singapore chapter of Cryptoassets & Blockchain 2020 – Lexology GTDT
- RHTLaw Taylor Wessing’s Head of Capital Market Practice, Ch’ng Li-Ling, was featured in The Business Times article titled “Raising capital in the digital world”

- RHTLaw Taylor Wessing Managing Partner Tan Chong Huat and Head of Capital Markets Ch'ng Li-Ling authored an article titled "Managing the pros and cons of dual-class listings a balancing act" for The Business Times
- RHTLaw Taylor Wessing Head of Capital Markets Ch'ng Li-Ling was quoted in The Business Times
- RHTLaw Taylor Wessing Head of Capital Markets Ch'ng Li-Ling quoted in The Business Times
- RHTLaw Taylor Wessing Managing Partner Tan Chong Huat and Head of Capital Markets Ch'ng Li-Ling authored an article titled "Why did board not consider JM or creditor scheme before winding up move?" for The Business Times
- Head of Capital Markets Ch'ng Li-Ling gave her comments to The Straits Times on the addition of 29 companies to SGX watch-list after failing to meet the revised minimum trading price rule