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PRACTICE AREAS

- Arbitration
- Commercial
- Employment & Labour Relations
- Environment, Social & Governance
- Intellectual Property & Technology
- International Arbitration
- Litigation & Dispute Resolution

INDUSTRY GROUPS

- Consumer Brands
- Technology, Media & Communications

QUALIFICATIONS

- Bachelor of Laws (2nd Upper Class Honours) – National University of Singapore
- Advocate & Solicitor in Singapore

Sharon is a Partner at RHTLaw Asia. Her legal practice comprises a diverse range of complex, high stakes litigation and dispute resolution areas, with a strong focus on commercial contractual disputes with cross-border elements.

Since Sharon was called to the Singapore Bar in 2010, she has acted for and represented a wide spectrum of clients ranging from private high net-worth individuals to public listed companies and multinational companies. Her rich experience has seen her representing clients before all levels of the Singapore courts and in international arbitrations. Fluent in Mandarin, Sharon has also acted in various China-related investment disputes.

In addition to her proficiency in disputes resolution, Sharon is also a trusted advisor for non-contentious matters relating to compliance with governmental and regulatory bodies, tenancy, trusts, trademarks, data protection, employment and shareholders and partnership arrangements.

Her experienced perspective on litigation allows her to provide clients with practical insights and advice.

In her time outside the courtroom, Sharon is a strong advocate for women empowerment and leadership and has a special interest in supporting local businesses and entrepreneurship.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Successfully defending a claim in the High Court and Court of Appeal for breach of fiduciary duties, conspiracy, breach of contract and passing off
- Represented a Chinese listed company in the Singapore High Court in proceedings against the Judicial Managers under Section 227R of the Companies Act
- Represented a Hong Kong company in a dispute involving HK\$31.5 million in the Singapore International Commercial Courts which was eventually brought to the Court of Appeal with a successful outcome for the client

- Represented a homegrown luxury lifestyle brand on negotiating a share buyout arrangement
- Represented a Chinese investment company in a shareholders' dispute involving a claim of S\$10 million
- Represented a public listed Singapore company against a Chinese shareholder in a claim for approximately S\$7.5 million arising from a share subscription agreement
- Represented several public listed Singapore companies in restructuring exercises including schemes of arrangement under section 210(10) and section 211B of the Companies Act
- Advised one of Indonesia's largest coal producers on its contractual rights in a claim of US\$20 million
- Represented a leading Singapore social media influencer in a dispute over the talent management contract and a defamation claim
- Represented a Singapore food and beverage company with worldwide presence in various trademark opposition and invalidation proceedings
- Advised an international Swiss bank in respect of a trust involving assets of approximately US\$58 million and drafting the trust instrument as well as the necessary liability waiver agreements and non-disclosure agreements
- Acted as co-counsel representing a leading magazine for a trademark infringement and passing off claim before the Court of Appeal
- Part of a pioneer team involved in advising and implementing compliance systems for various companies including a listed property developer and a listed global water solutions company to ensure compliance with Singapore's Personal Data Protection Act
- Acted as lead counsel in successfully obtaining a summary judgment for enforcement of a Japanese judgment for the sum of approximately S\$25 million and subsequent enforcement proceedings to recover the judgment sum
- Represented an esteemed Italian furniture supplier on conflict of laws issues and successfully obtaining a stay of proceedings in Singapore on the grounds of forum non conveniens

AWARDS & ACCOLADES

- Recognised as a Rising Star by Asian Legal Business (2023)
- Featured as one of "Singapore's Most Influential Lawyers Aged 40 and Under for 2019" by the Singapore Business Review

TESTIMONIALS

We first worked with Sharon Chong to register our trademark in many key countries around the world. We continued to consult her and engage her firm's services when she moved to RHTLaw Taylor Wessing and was made Partner. Over the years, she has

proven to be a trusted and reliable advisor on a wide range of business legal matters ranging from intellectual property to S&P agreements, dispute and labour contracts. What I appreciate most about Sharon is her sharp mind and ability to respond swiftly – with clarity in communicating the complex legal system.

— **Winnie Chan, CEO, Bynd Artisan**

Sharon represented me for a suit which began in February 2019 and concluded recently in December 2021. Throughout the proceedings, she remained competent and was always approachable. Her responses were prompt and she ensured that the complicated legal procedures and terms were explained in a way I could understand.

Through her hard work and expertise, she managed to achieve the best possible outcome for my case. I would not hesitate in recommending her to my friends and business associates.

Thank you, Sharon, for your dedication and for being exceptional. I greatly appreciate your efforts and cannot thank you enough for your assistance over the last two years.

— **Seah Hock Thiam, Esun International**