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#### **KEY PRACTICE(S)**

Litigation & Arbitration Counsel Commercial Disputes, Arbitration, Fraud & Investigations, Restructuring & Insolvency

#### ADMISSION(S)

Advocate & Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Singapore (2022)

#### **EDUCATION**

University of Bristol (LLB (Hons) 2019) Glenn's main areas of practice include fraud, asset recovery and investigations, complex commercial and cross-border disputes, restructuring and insolvency, international arbitration, and mediation.

Some of the recent reported judgments where Glenn was instructed to act include: Lee Cheng Ling v Argyle Fund Investments Pte Ltd and another [2024] SGHC 252, Ng Chee Tian and another v Ng Chee Pong and others [2024] SGHC 226, Tjiang Giok Moy and another v Ang Jimmy Tjun Min [2024] SGHC 146, Wong Poon Kay v PP [2024] SGHC 91, Zou Xinye v Ang Eileen and another [2024] SGMC 9, Loke Wei Sue v Paul Jeyasingham Edwards [2024] SGHC 45, Hon G v Tan Pei Li [2023] SGHC 193, Singapore School Transport Association & another v Ang Chee Seng [2023] SGDC 220, Kristin Annus v Jekaterina Annus & 2 others [2023] SGHC 110, ByBit Fintech Ltd v Ho Kai Xin and others [2023] SGHC 199, Re HodInaut [2022] SGHC 209, and Wong Leng Si Rachel v Wu Su Han Olivia [2022] SGHC 151.

Glenn graduated from the University of Bristol with a Bachelor of Laws degree and he was awarded a Second-Class Honours (First Division).

#### Experience

Fraud, Asset Recovery & Investigations

• Acting for a cryptocurrency exchange in fraud, asset recovery and investigations efforts, which involve, inter alia, recovery of stolen crypto assets amounting to approximately US\$4.2 million. An employee of the cryptocurrency exchange's payroll service provider wrongfully caused cryptocurrency to be transferred into wallets controlled and held by her. The matter is still ongoing.

See **ByBit Fintech Ltd v Ho Kai Xin and others** [2023] SGHC 199 where the General Division of the High Court of Singapore found for the first time that crypto assets are property capable of being held on trust.

• Acting for the co-beneficiary of a reputable tech-entrepreneur's estate worth more than S\$800 million, in obtaining an interim and prohibitory injunction in the Singapore Court against, among others, the other co-beneficiaries of the estate. The co-beneficiary's case is that she had been cheated of her rightful inheritance in the deceased estate. The matter involves working with Estonian and Northern Irish counsel.

#### See Kristin Annus v Jekaterina Annus & 2 others [2023] SGHC 110.

• Acting for US resident in fraud, asset recovery and investigations efforts. The client had been deceived by fraudsters to "trade" cryptocurrencies on a fake cryptocurrency platform and transferred approximately to US\$8 million to the fraudsters. The matter involves working with counsel from Hong Kong (where civil proceedings were commenced), Vietnam and the United States. The matter is still ongoing.

### See Wang Chichen v FeCommerce fDeals Co Ltd & Ors (HCA 1017/2023)

• Acted for a Japanese investment holding company in an application before the General Division of the High Court for pre-action discovery against a non-party bank, as part of its fraud, asset recovery and investigations efforts. See **HC/OA 1099/2023.** 

#### Commercial Litigation

• Acting for the beneficiaries of an estate in a claim before the General Division of the High Court of Singapore against the executors for, inter alia, the return of wrongfully transferred shares to the estate and accounting on a wilful default basis. Instructed and co-lead counsel in an appeal against the lower court's decision to strike out the claim.

#### See Ng Chee Tian and another v Ng Chee Pong and others [2024] SGHC 226

• Acting for the beneficiary of an estate in defending a claim before the General Division of the High Court of Singapore brought by other beneficiaries of the estate for, inter alia, alleged unpaid loans due and owing to a family investment holding company and alleged breaches of fiduciary duties owed to the other beneficiaries. The matter is still ongoing.

See *Tjiang Giok Moy and another v Ang Jimmy Tjun Min (Citibank NA, non-party)* [2024] SGHC 146.

• Acting for a reputable news presenter in a successful application before the General Division of the High Court of Singapore for an extended civil restraint order against a vexatious litigant pursuant to Section 73C of the Supreme Court of Judicature Act 1969.

#### See Loke Wei Sue v Paul Jeyasingham Edwards [2024] SGHC 45

• Acting for a Singapore company and its directors in defending a claim before the General Division of the High Court of Singapore (and subsequently, in the appeal before the Appellate Division of the High Court of Singapore) brought by a former director for diminution in share value due to alleged breaches of sale and purchase agreements.

### See 3N Investments Group Ltd & another v Lim Boon Chye Victor & 2 others [2023] SGHC 76.

• Instructed and lead counsel for applications (both before the General Division of the High Court and Magistrates Court) for permission to appeal against the lower court's decision for a dispute concerning sale of luxury watches.

See both *Hon G v Tan Pei Li* [2023] SGHC 193 and *Hon G v Tan Pei Li* [2023] SGMC 21.

• Assisted Counsel in a marine cargo insurance claim against a reputable international insurer for the full insured value of cargoes (which had been stolen) under a marine cargo insurance policy.

See Sizer Metals Pte Ltd v Chubb Insurance Singapore Ltd [2022] SGHC 51 and Chubb Insurance Singapore Ltd v Sizer Metals Pte Ltd [2023] SGHC(A) 17

• Assisted Counsel in defending a claim (and subsequently, in resisting the appeal before the Appellate Division of the High Court of Singapore) brought by a former director for alleged referral and consultancy fees against a leading engineering, procurement, construction, and commissioning company in the oil & gas, power, and renewables industry.

See both *Elias Xanthopoulos v Rotating Offshore Solutions Pte Ltd* & 2 others [2021] SGHC 197 and *Elias Xanthopoulos v Rotating Offshore Solutions Pte Ltd & 2 others* [2022] SGHC(A) 17.

#### Restructuring & Insolvency

• Acting for the Hong Kong Trustees-in-Bankruptcy in asset recovery, tracing efforts and claims (estimated to amount to around S\$40 million) against a high net worth individual (prior to bankruptcy) who was adjudged bankrupt by the Hong Kong Court of First Instance. The matter is still ongoing.

• Acted for the Hong Kong Trustees-in-Bankruptcy to apply and obtain recognition of a Hong Kong bankruptcy order in the Singapore Court against a high net worth individual (prior to bankruptcy). See *HC/OA 208/2022*.

• Acted for a Chinese oil trading company qua non-party creditor, in an application by an international food and agriculture company for a moratorium under the IRDA. See *Re Lemarc Agromond Pte Ltd* [2023] SGHC 236

• Acted for a non-party creditor of a cryptocurrency exchange which has gone into interim judicial management. See *Re HodInaut* [2022] SGHC 209.

• Assisted Counsel in acting for a creditor of a Singaporean water treatment company which was under judicial management.

#### Arbitration

• Assisted Counsel in acting for the respondent company in an appeal against a High Court judge's decision (See *CBP v CBS* [2020] SGHC 23) to set aside an arbitral award on grounds of breach of natural justice.

The appeal was dismissed by the Court of Appeal. See *CBS v CBP* [2021] SGCA 04.

• Assisted Counsel in acting for the claimant in a charter party dispute between a Singaporean company and a Bruneian company in the Singapore International Arbitration Centre.

• Assisted Counsel in acting for the claimant in a contractual dispute between a construction company and a mechanical & electrical engineering company in the Singapore International Arbitration Centre.

• Assisted Counsel in defending a claim brought by an SGX-listed company against an individual for alleged misrepresentation in the Singapore International Arbitration Centre.

• Assisted Counsel in a construction dispute between two local construction companies in the Singapore International Arbitration Centre.

#### White Collar Criminal Defence

• Acting for an accused person who was charged for failing to discharge his duties as director honestly and with reasonable diligence, and for engaging in a conspiracy to dishonestly receiving stolen properties.

See both *Wong Poon Kay v PP* [2024] SGHC 91 and *PP v Wong Poon Kay* [2023] SGDC 187

• Acted for accused persons charged for giving misleading statements under Section 28 of the Prevention of Corruption Act.