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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.