



Dr Stanley Lai, SC is the Head of Allen & Gledhill's Intellectual Property Practice, and Partner of the Litigation and Disputes Department.

Stanley is the first Singapore-born lawyer to be conferred a PhD in Law from the University of Cambridge, United Kingdom. His PhD thesis was on the subject of software copyright protection. In addition to specialising in IP and IT disputes, Stanley is an experienced commercial litigator. Beyond the sphere of dispute resolution, Stanley also maintains a strong advisory practice for matters relating to IP, IT, licensing, cybersecurity, telecommunications, and data protection.

Stanley was appointed Senior Counsel in January 2010. He is currently the Chairman of the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore, a position he has held since 2013. He was awarded the Public Service Medal (Pingat Bakti Masyarakat) at the Singapore National Day Awards 2020 in recognition of his contribution at IPOS.

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**Educational/Professional Memberships**

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Qualification</u>	<u>Date Obtained</u>
University of Leicester (UK)	LLB (Hons) (Upper Second Class)	1989-92
Lincoln's Inn	Barrister at Law	1992-1993
University of Cambridge (UK)	LLM	1993-94
Supreme Court of Singapore	Advocate & Solicitor	1995
University of Cambridge (UK)	PhD in Law	1995-1998
Singapore Academy of Law/Supreme Court of Singapore	Senior Counsel	January 2010

**Other Appointments**

<u>Organization:</u>	<u>Appointment:</u>	<u>Date of Appointment</u>
Panel of Principal Mediators, Singapore Mediation Centre	Principal Mediator	1 June 2012

Singapore Domain Name Dispute Resolution Policy (SDRP) Panel	Member	1 April 2013
Intellectual Property Office of Singapore	Chairman	1 April 2013 -
Singapore Copyright Tribunal	Member	15 May 2012
Neutral Evaluator Panel	Member	2 May 2012
SIAC Panel of Intellectual Property Arbitrators	Member	24 January 2014
Asian Domain Name Dispute Resolution Centre	Panellist	25 July 2014
Government Procurement Adjudication Tribunal	Deputy Commissioner	1 April 2017
Singapore International Mediation Centre	Specialist Mediator	December 2020

### Current Position

Messrs Allen & Gledhill LLP	Head of Intellectual Property Practice; Partner, Litigation and Dispute Resolution	(2006 to present)
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### Professional Experience

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Law Firm or other Organisation</u>	<u>Particulars</u>
1994 – 1995	Messrs Wong Yoong Tan & Molly Lim/Wong Partnership, Singapore	Pupillage (Corporate Law)
October 1995 – June 1996	University of Leicester, United Kingdom	Part-time tutor, Contract Law
October 1996 – December 1996	University of Leicester, United Kingdom	Part-time tutor, Intellectual Property Law (LLM)

1999-2001	Messrs Lee & Lee, Singapore	Legal Associate/Partner (July 2000) (Intellectual Property, General Litigation)
2001-2006	Allen & Gledhill LLP	Partner, Litigation and Disputes
2006-	Allen & Gledhill LLP	Head of Intellectual Property Practice Partner, Litigation and Disputes

### Teaching Experience

July 2000- 2012	National University of Singapore Faculty of Law	Teaching Principles of Intellectual Property Law B (LL4053) (Adjunct Associate Professor)
August 2007 - 2015	National University of Singapore Faculty of Engineering	Teaching IP Law for Engineers and Scientists (MT 5005) (Adjunct Associate Professor)
2013-2015	National University of Singapore Faculty of Law	Teaching IP and Competition Law LL4075/LL5075/LL6075 (Adjunct Associate Professor)
Jan - June 2016	National University of Singapore Faculty of Law	Foundations of IP Law LL4070V / LL5070V / LC5070V / LL6070V (Adjunct Associate Professor)
July 2016-June 2019	National University of Singapore Faculty of Law	Foundations of IP Law LL4070V / LL5070V / LC5070V / LL6070V (Adjunct Professor)
2019 -	Singapore Management University	Graduate Certificate in LegalTech (Module 6): <i>Digital Assets and Intellectual Property Disputes</i>

### PROFESSIONAL TRAINING IN DISPUTE RESOLUTION/INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Dr Lai is an advocacy trainer and has conducted training sessions for the Singapore Academy of Law Advanced Advocacy Course.

From 2011-2019, Dr Lai also served as Subject Co-ordinator for the Intellectual Property Module in SILE's Part B course. From 2013-2019, Dr Lai served as an examiner and question setter for the Foreign Practitioners' Examination (administered by SILE)

## **EXPERIENCE IN COURT LITIGATION –**

### **SIGNIFICANT REPORTED DECISIONS (LEAD COUNSEL)**

- *Composers and Authors Society of Singapore Ltd v SingNet Pte Ltd [2020] SGHC 220*
- *Lim Suk Ling Priscilla and another v Amber Compounding Pharmacy Pte Ltd and another and another appeal and another matter [2020] 2 SLR 912*
- *I-Admin (Singapore) Pte Ltd v Hong Ying Ting and others [2020] 1 SLR 1130*
- *I-Admin (Singapore) Pte Ltd v Hong Ying Ting and others [2020] 3 SLR 615*
- *Quoine Pte Ltd v B2C2 Ltd [2020] SGCA(I) 2*
- *Ivanishvili, Bidzina and others v Credit Suisse AG and another [2019] SGHC 6 (HC)*
- *ASM Technology Singapore Pte Ltd v Towa Corp [2018] 1 SLR 211*
- *Warner-Lambert Company LLC v Novartis (Singapore) Pte Ltd [2017] 2 SLR 707*
- *Warner-Lambert Co LLC v Novartis (Singapore) Pte Ltd [2016] 4 SLR 252*
- *Jamal Abdunaser Mahmoud Al Mahamid v Global Tobacco Manufacturers (International) Sdn Bhd [2015] SGHC 42*
- *I-Admin (Singapore) Pte Ltd v Hong Ying Ting and others [2015] SGHC 153*
- *Main-Line Corporate Holdings Ltd v DBS Bank Ltd [2012] 4 SLR 147*
- *Martek Biosciences Corp v Cargill International Trading Pte Ltd [2012] 2 SLR 482*
- *Martek Biosciences Corp v Cargill International Trading Pte Ltd [2011] 1 SLR 1287*
- *Martek Biosciences Corp v Cargill International Trading Pte Ltd [2011] 4 SLR 429*
- *Asia Pacific Publishing Pte Ltd v Pioneers & Leaders (Publishers) Pte Ltd [2011] 4 SLR 381*
- *Martek Biosciences Corp v Cargill International Trading Pte Ltd [2010] 3 SLR 927*
- *Pioneers & Leaders (Publishers) Pte Ltd v Asia Pacific Publishing Pte Ltd [2010] 4 SLR 744*
- *Mühlbauer AG v Manufacturing Integration Technology Ltd [2010] 2 SLR 724*
- *Ozone Community Corp v Advance Magazine Publishers Inc [2010] 2 SLR 459*
- *Mobil Petroleum Co, Inc v Hyundai Mobis [2010] 1 SLR 512*
- *Cargill International Trading Pte Ltd v Martek Biosciences Corporation [2009] SGIPOS 16*
- *Cargill International Trading Pte Ltd v Martek Biosciences Corporation [2009] SGIPOS 12*
- *Inphosoft Pte Ltd v Ho Jin Kiat and another (Foo Guowei Derek, non-party) [2009] SGHC 152*
- *Mobil Petroleum Co, Inc v Hyundai Mobis [2008] 4 SLR(R) 427*

- *Future Enterprises Pte Ltd v McDonald's Corp* [2007] 2 SLR(R) 845
- *Re Raffles Town Club Pte Ltd* [2006] 1 SLR(R) 296
- *Chong Barbara v Commissioner of Estate Duties* [2005] 4 SLR(R) 771
- *Raffles Town Club Pte Ltd v Tan Chin Seng and others* [2005] 4 SLR(R) 351
- *Tan Chin Seng and others v Raffles Town Club Pte Ltd* [2005] 2 SLR(R) 302
- *Ng Sing King and others v PSA International Pte Ltd and others* [2005] 2 SLR(R) 56
- *Asia Business Forum Pte Ltd v Long Ai Sin and another* [2004] 2 SLR(R) 173
- *Grossner Jens v Raffles Holdings Ltd* [2004] 1 SLR(R) 202
- *Beckett Pte Ltd v Deutsche Bank AG Singapore Branch* [2003] 1 SLR(R) 321
- *Pinetree Resort Pte Ltd v Comptroller of Income Tax* [2000] 1 SLR(R) 275
- *PT Hutan Domas Raya v Yue Xiu Enterprises (Holdings) Ltd and another* [2001] 1 SLR(R) 104

#### **OTHER SIGNIFICANT REPORTED CASES (APPEARANCE AS SECOND CHAIR)**

- *Beckett Pte Ltd v Deutsche Bank AG and another* [2005] 3 SLR(R) 39
- *Beckett Pte Ltd v Deutsche Bank AG* [2005] 3 SLR(R) 555
- *Chong Barbara v Commissioner of Estate Duties* [2005] 4 SLR(R) 771
- *Raffles Town Club Pte Ltd v Tan Chin Seng and others* [2005] 4 SLR(R) 351
- *Tan Chin Seng and others v Raffles Town Club Pte Ltd* [2005] 2 SLR(R) 302
- *Ng Sing King and others v PSA International Pte Ltd and others* [2005] 2 SLR(R) 56
- *Grossner Jens v Raffles Holdings Ltd* [2004] 1 SLR(R) 202
- *Abdul Razak Valibhoy v Keppel Investment Management Ltd* [2002] SHC 236
- *Tan Chin Seng and Others v Raffles Town Club Pte Ltd* [2002] SGHC 278

#### **GENERAL EXPERIENCE IN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND COMMERCIAL LITIGATION**

Dr Stanley Lai has argued many intellectual property disputes before the Singapore Courts over a career spanning more than 20 years. He has been involved in several seminal (reported) IP decisions in the High Court and Court of Appeal. He has also appeared as counsel and arbitrator in SIAC Arbitrations. Dr Lai's advice on IP litigation strategy has also been sought in other countries such as Hong Kong SAR and Malaysia.

His practice extends to many different facets of intellectual property including patents, trade marks, copyright and registered designs. He also maintains a strong advisory practice for IP management and strategy, serving a broad spectrum of clients from Singapore and overseas. His recent work and research interests have taken him into areas such as IP and artificial intelligence, IP and augmented/virtual reality, and climate change.

Dr Lai also maintains a commercial litigation practice, and has litigated (as counsel) disputes relating to tax, conflict of laws, minority oppression, contract law and trusts.

In addition to the reported cases listed above, Dr Lai has acted in several notable cases in recent years, including:

- Acting for Oversea-Chinese Banking Corporation Limited in Originating Summons No. 698 of 2020, an application to place Xihe Holdings (Pte) Ltd into judicial management under the pre-IRDA regime;
- Acting for a Public Healthcare Institution in the Committee of Inquiry that was convened to investigate Singapore's largest Cyberattack and data breach from 2018-2019.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **Articles & Case Notes**

*The Law of Reckless Manslaughter - Swept by the Tide of Change?* (1994) 58 Journal of Criminal Law 303

*Biotechnology and the Singapore Patents Act 1994* IP Asia, July/August 1995 (No.6) at p 2

*The Singapore Patents Act 1994: Wither Biotechnology and Patent Law?* (1995) Singapore Academy of Law Journal (7 SAcLJ. Part II) 396

*IP and the Pharmaceutical Industry - A Supplement to Managing Intellectual Property at 40-41*

*Unauthorised Use and Section 1 Computer Misuse Act 1990* Journal of Financial Crime, May 1996 at p 359

*The Erosion of Goodwill* (1996) 146 New Law Journal 974 (cited in Carty, *Passing Off at the Crossroads*" [1996] 11 EIPR 629 at 632 n.21)

*Recent Developments in Copyright Protection and Software Reverse engineering in Singapore - A Triumph for the Ultra-protectionists?* [1997] 19 European Intellectual Property Review 525

*Database Protection in the United Kingdom: The New Deal and its Effects on Software Protection* [1998] 1 European Intellectual Property Review 32

*The Impact of the Recent WIPO Copyright Treaty and Other Initiatives on Software Copyright in the United Kingdom* [1998] 1 Intellectual Property Quarterly 35

Case Note on *Redrow Homes Ltd v Bett Bros plc – Additional damages for breach of copyright* [1998] 19 Company Lawyer 221; [1999] Journal of Financial Crime

*Recent Developments in Copyright and Database Protection in a Digital Environment* [1999] 7(1) *International Journal of Law and Information Technology* 73

*Opinion: Digital Copyright and Watermarking* *European Intellectual Property Review* (Issue 4, 1999)

*Substantive Issues of Copyright Protection in a Networked Environment* (1999) 8(2) *Information & Communications Technology Law* 127

*Liability of Network Service Provider under Copyright Law: Impact of the Copyright (Amendment) Act 1999.* *Asia Business Law Review*, Issue No. 27, January 2000 at p 65

"Patenting the Life Sciences" *Law Gazette*, November 2000(3)

"Napstering in Singapore" *Law Gazette*, February 2001(1)

"The Copyright Scourge of P2P Networks: Civil Copyright Liability of the P2P Provider" *Inter Se*, Singapore academy of Law, March-April 2006 (2)

"Cyber -Copyright: Trends and Perspectives" *Law Gazette*, April 2008

"Securitize your IP rights in Asia" (an article published in *Managing Intellectual Property April 2009*, 30-32)

"Publisher reigned in on racing data copyright claim" (*WIPO magazine*, February 2012)

"*The Future of Inventive Step in Patent Law* (2012) 24 *SAC LJ* 599 (Special Issue on Intellectual Property)

"The Protection of Partial Designs" *Journal of Intellectual Property Law & Practice* (2018) 13(4) 279.

## **Notable Contributions to Books and other Publications**

*Tracing of Assets in the Commonwealth – Singapore Chapter* in *International Tracing of Assets* (Michael Ashe QC, Barry Rider eds) Volume 1, Q4/1-21 (1997)

*Copyright Issues of Watermarking*, chapter in the *Handbook of Information Hiding: Steganography and Watermarking* (Artech House Inc, Mass, 2000)

Contribution to *International Perspectives on Intellectual Property* (Volume 8, 2001) – "The Role of Computer Software Copyright in New Media" at p 75

*The Potential Developments in the Areas Relating to the Protection of Intellectual Property Rights in the New Millennium* in 'The Singapore Conference': *Leading the Law and Lawyers into the New Millennium@2020* (Butterworths, 2000) at p 129 et sq

"*Developments in Intellectual Property Law*" in *Developments in Singapore Law 1996 and 2000* (Sweet & Maxwell Asia, 2001) at p 1

*“Anti-circumvention and its challenges to the Law of Copyright”* in ‘The Impact of the Regulatory Framework on E-Commerce in Singapore’ (Symposium Publications, October 2002)

Contribution to the Singapore section of the *“Encyclopedia of International Commercial Litigation”* (Kluwer Law International, 2009)

*“Development in Patent Law over the Past Five Years (2006-2010)”* in Developments in Singapore Law between 2006 and 2010 (Singapore Academy of Law Conference, 2011) at p 374 et seq

“Intellectual Property” chapter of “The Law Relating to Specific Contracts in Singapore on Intellectual Property”, (Sweet & Maxwell Asia, second edition 2016) chapter 7 (Stanley Lai & Amanda Soon)

*“Intellectual Property Licensing”*, Articles on Singapore Law (2005) at <https://www.singaporelawwatch.sg/About-Singapore-Law/Commercial-Law/ch-13-intellectual-property-licensing>

“The Intellectual Property Review” Chapter 23 Singapore (Stanley Lai & Amanda Soon) (Law Business Research) at p 273

"Discovery" Chapter 5 of Civil Litigation Singapore, (Sweet & Maxwell Asia 2016)

Stanley Lai and David Tan, “Intellectual Property Law” (2016) 17 SAL Ann Rev 504 (Singapore Academy of Law Annual Review of Cases – IP Update)

Stanley Lai and David Tan “Intellectual Property Law” (2017) 18 SAL Ann Rev (Singapore Academy of Law Annual Review of Cases – IP Update (e-published on 23 July 2018)

Singapore section of the *“The International Comparative Legal Guide to Product Liability”* (Global Legal Group, 2011-17)

Singapore section of the “The International Comparative Legal Guide to Pharmaceutical Advertising 2017 (Global Legal Group, 2017) at p 242

Singapore section of the “The International Comparative Legal Guide to Product Liability 2018” (Global Legal Group, 2018, 2019)

Singapore Chapter in “Genuine Use of Trademarks” (published by Wolters Kluwer, 2018)

Singapore Chapter of the “Encyclopedia of International Commercial Litigation” (Kluwer Law International, 2019)

“The Intellectual Property Review (8th Ed)” Chapter 19 Singapore (Law Business Research) at p 231

Chapter 5.3 “Fair Dealing in the Digital World: Navigating Uncharted Waters in Singapore” in Annotated Leading Copyright Cases in Major Asian Jurisdictions (Liu Kung-Chung Ed) (City University Hong Kong Press, 2019)



## **Authored Works**

*The Copyright Protection of Computer Software in the United Kingdom* (Hart Publishing, 2000)

The "Intellectual Property" Volume (Volume D) of Singapore Precedents and Forms, published by LexisNexis (2005)

## **Book Reviews**

Book Review on "Database Law" by Christopher Rees, Simon Charlton, in the Cambridge Law Journal 58(2) (July 1999) at p.452-453.

Book Review on George Wei, "The Law of Copyright in Singapore (Second Edition) [2000] SJLS 651

Book Review on Saw Cheng Lim and Warren Chik "Information and Communications Technology Law in Singapore" Law Gazette, September 2020.

## **Languages**

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