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- Chambers Global

““Mr Lee Chau Ee is a meticulous counsel who is thorough with his work...he is able to manage the expectations of clients who are not familiar with the role of the expert witness which makes communications between an expert witness and the client so much easier’ ...”

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ABRIDGED PROFILE

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Lee Chau Ee was called to the Bar of England and Wales in 1995 and the Singapore Bar in 1996.

Having lived and worked in London, Dubai, Beijing and Singapore, Chau Ee is well versed in Asian and Western law firm language and culture with an impressive range of cultural law firm experience at partner level.

Chau Ee is a past chair of the Society of Construction Law (Singapore) (2022).

Besides a law degree, Chau Ee also has an MSc in Construction Management (Project Management), which he attained via distance learning. As part of his MSc requirements, he submitted a dissertation which evaluated the use of FIDIC’s 1999 Silver Book in major international infrastructure projects.

An international construction, energy and infrastructure specialist, Chau Ee acts for parties up and down the supply chain from conception through completion of a project life cycle.



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BACKGROUND

In his long and storied career, Chau Ee has served as a Europe (and) Middle East Asia (EMEA) London and Dubai partner of US multinational law firm Reed Smith where he held administrative, management and leadership roles including office managing partner, head of practice and member of the global leadership team as well as being one of the founding members of its Dubai office, and established and led its well-regarded Middle East Construction & Engineering practice.

In early 2014, when he initially returned to Singapore, he was a director in Big Four Singapore law firm Drew & Napier LLC's market leading Dispute Resolution practice (where he trained and spent the formative years of his career) as its head of Construction & Engineering group and co-head of Projects Energy & Infrastructure group.

Thereafter, as an international partner of Asian-headquartered top tier international law firm King & Wood Mallesons (KWM), he was a partner of Big Six Australian firm Mallesons in KWM's Singapore office and a partner of Red Circle Chinese firm King & Wood when he was based in KWM's Beijing office.

Upon his eventual return to Singapore in late 2019 (and until most recently), he was a Singapore based partner of top 25 UK firm Addleshaw Goddard where he established and led its nascent Construction & Engineering practice in Asia.

Chau Ee's cradle-to-grave international construction, energy and infrastructure practice, which has led him to work on projects in jurisdictions including Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand, Vietnam, Myanmar, People's Republic of China (including Hong Kong), Republic of China, Oman, United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Bahrain, Egypt, Afghanistan, Ukraine, Kazakhstan, Canada and the UK, has a particular emphasis on:

- project development / project counsel advice including contracts procurement such as advising, negotiating and drafting concession agreements, project agreements (EPC and its variants, and O&M) and ancillary contractual documentation; and
- dispute management such as dispute avoidance and appropriate dispute resolution) including international arbitrations seated in Singapore, Doha, Dubai and London, among other jurisdictions, conducted under institutional rules administered by leading international arbitral institutions, or ad hoc arbitration rules).

LEGAL EXPERTISE

- Contract structuring, negotiations, drafting, and associated advisory work;
- Project feasibility and delivery risk analyses;
- Advice on the evidence, as well as on the merits of claims (and defences to claims);
- Advice on contractual controls and events of non-performance;
- Advice and support on the preparation of claims and associated submissions;
- Advice and support on *intra*-contractual and (external or independent) alternative dispute resolution;



- Statutory adjudication work;
- Dispute (Adjudication and Review) Board work;
- Independent (Referee or) Determination work ;
- (International) Arbitration Counsel work;
- Domestic Litigation Counsel work;
- Independent (International) Arbitrator work; and,
- Emergency (International) Arbitrator work.

INDUSTRY SECTOR EXPERIENCE

- Commercial Contracting;
- PPP, and Concession-based DBOO(T) Projects;
- Traditional, Turnkey (Design and Build), and EPC/EPC(C/IC) Projects;
- Design and Professional Services (and Consultancy) Agreements;
- Energy (Oil & Gas) Exploration, Production (Offshore), Joint Development, and Production Sharing Projects;
- Subsea and Engineering Support Services;
- Energy (Renewable) Concession and Production Sharing Projects;
- Power Supply and Purchase Arrangements (and Off-take Agreements);
- Operation and Maintenance Agreements;
- Plant (Onshore – Process Engineering) Design and Build Projects;
- Civil and Marine Engineering Projects;
- (Seabed) Dredging, Land Reclamation and Environmental Management;
- (Seabed) Submarine Cable Systems;
- Built-Environment (Foreshore Defence and Fortification);
- Built-Environment (Onshore Infrastructure and Utilities);
- Built-Environment (Onshore Ports and Transportation);
- Built-Environment (Onshore Buildings and Structures);
- Built-Environment (Onshore Townships and Industrial Zones); and,
- General Project Performance Controls and Supply Chain Advisory.

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