

[Webinar] Commercial Drafting Considerations in a Post-COVID World

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4.30pm - 6.10pm
Webinar

Introduction

Covid-19 has turned the commercial world on its head in unprecedented and unforeseen ways, leaving countless broken deals and unfulfilled contracts in its wake. While financially devastating, these experiences can be leveraged to instruct us on how to prepare for such situations in the future.

Join our panel of experienced corporate lawyers and inhouse counsel for an insightful and practical discussion on ways to future-proof contracts to create a more commercially-resilient paradigm.

Participants can look forward to a discussion on the following issues:

- How a typical contract of today fares against Covid-induced non-performance including possible recourse
- Clauses to consider for pandemics and other similar situations in the future
- Likely approach of the Singapore courts to Covid-induced breaches

Programme

4.00 PM	Participants to log in to Webinar
4.30 PM	Soft launch of Commercial Precedents on LawNet by Guest-of-Honour The Honourable Justice Chua Lee Ming
4.40 PM	Introduction by Moderator, Mr Stephen Revell Presentation by Ms Rebecca Tai Andersen
4.50 PM	Panel discussion
5.50 PM	Q&A
6.05 PM	Closing
6.10 PM	End of webinar

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Moderator



Mr Stephen Revell

Partner
Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer

Stephen practised at Freshfields for over 41 years on three different continents and was a partner for 33 years – he is now a consultant with the firm; clients and colleagues continue to benefit from his experience and his knowledge of the firm throughout the world. He is actively involved in Freshfields’ StrongerTogether initiative, its network of relationship firms around the world that allows it to deliver Freshfields’ service to clients in any market. He has extensive experience representing corporate and institutional clients in all types of corporate transactions – from M&A and joint ventures to IPOs, equity offerings and debt offerings of all kinds – many with a cross-border element and involving emerging markets.

He has recently established a consulting firm in Singapore – Making Change Happen – through which he provides management advice to law firms and other professional service providers.

He is co-author of a variety of books and a regular speaker on law firm management, market regulation and anti-money laundering topics. Most recently he edited a second edition of “Business Development” – an IBA/ Globe book that is the ‘bible’ on the subject. Stephen is very active in the IBA and is involved in a wide array of projects, activities and committees including as Secretary-Treasurer of the Law Firm Management Committee

Panellists



Ms Rebecca Tai Andersen

Head of Legal
Hengyi Industrial International Pte Ltd

Rebecca is Head of Legal at Hengyi Industries International Pte Ltd, a Singapore oil and gas commodity trading company. She advises on legal, contractual and compliance issues in oil and gas trading transactions, sanctions, shipping, trade financing and derivatives. She has extensive experience in dispute resolution, particularly in arbitration.

Rebecca started her career practising as a litigation and corporate lawyer with the Global Ernst & Young Law and thereafter became a corporate in-house lawyer in the Energy, Shipping and International Commodity Trading Industry. She has since been the General Counsel in United States-listed company and various public listed companies in Hong Kong, Singapore and Malaysia.

Rebecca is the Honorary Secretary of Singapore Corporate Counsel Association. She is a Fellow and Council Member of the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators (SIArb) and a Fellow with the Malaysian Institute of Arbitrators (MIArb) and Asian Institute of Alternative Dispute Resolution (AIADR). She is on the arbitration panels of Singapore International Arbitration Centre (Reserve Panel of SIAC), Asian International Arbitration Centre (AIAC) as well as AIADR. Rebecca currently serves as the Vice-Chair in the Continuing Professional Development Committee of SIArb and Vice-Chair of the Activities Committee of SIArb. Rebecca co-drafted the Arbitration Rules of Beihai Asia International Arbitration Centre (BAIAC) in 2019.

Rebecca has been re-appointed by the Honourable Justice Vinodh Coomaraswamy and the Honourable Justice Kannan Ramesh to sit in the Promotion of Singapore Law Committee to promote the use of Singapore law internationally.

Panellists



Ms Teoh Sze Min

Partner
Allen & Gledhill LLP

Sze Min has over 12 years of experience advising on mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures, corporate restructuring, employment law and general commercial contracts.

She regularly advises multinational corporates, private equity funds and late-stage start-ups across a broad spectrum of industries and in a variety of corporate transactions, including share and business transfers, joint ventures and funding rounds. She is experienced in leading and executing cross-border transactions, and also acts for venture capital investors in Series A and subsequent funding rounds.



Mr Joshua Tan

Managing Director
JT Legal LLC

Joshua is the Managing Director of JT Legal, a boutique corporate and finance law practice which he founded after heading the Corporate Practice Group of an International Joint Law Venture in Singapore.

With more than 20 years of corporate and finance law experience under his belt, Joshua is a familiar face in the fund raising and investment circles. He is well-regarded for his expertise in corporate matters such as mergers and acquisitions, trade sales, corporate restructuring and rescue, and a variety of fund-raising exercises whether relating to start-ups (from seed funding to Series D), SMEs, MNCs or listed companies.

Joshua has also given advice and assisted in application to the MAS for license(s) relating to the Payment Services Act and the Securities and Futures Act. Apart from corporate and regulatory matters, he is also well sought after as a commercially savvy negotiator in alternate dispute resolution matters involving settlement of commercial disputes.

He is also actively involved in the start-up scene in Singapore, and can often be seen attending events at start-up bootcamps, incubators and accelerators in Singapore.



Ms Elaine Seow

Director
Focus Law Asia LLC

Elaine is the head of the corporate department in Focus Law Asia LLC.

She began her legal career as a litigator in Singapore. She then moved to London where, as a property litigation solicitor, she worked with barristers and Queen's Counsel. She returned to Singapore to practise as a corporate lawyer.

In the course of her 20 years in practice, she has regularly advised MNCs, SMEs, institutions of higher learning on their commercial contracts and employment law matters. She has represented parties in joint venture deals in the information technology, food and beverage and the medical and healthcare sectors. Like a general practitioner, she sees herself as the first point of call for her clients as they consult her on a wide range of general corporate and commercial matters.

In 2016, she was included in the list of Singapore Business Review's "40 under 40 Influential Lawyers" and has been mentioned in the Legal 500 on Employment Law. She has contributed to publications in Thomson Reuters in the area of charity law and has updated Halsbury's Laws of Singapore on Company Law. She is a member of the Singapore Association of Women Lawyers. She regularly supports the Singapore Business Federation in presenting Singapore law to incoming foreign business delegations.

Panellists



Mr Sandeep Menon

Group Legal Counsel
Handshakes

Sandeep is an Intellectual Property and Technology, Media and Telecommunications (IP/TMT) lawyer by training. He has experience in both contentious as well as advisory and transactional IP/TMT work.

He graduated with a Bachelor of Laws from the National University of Singapore in 2010 and spent his time in practice in Dentons Rodyk & Davidson LLP.

He is presently the group legal counsel with corporate intelligence and artificial intelligence platform, Handshakes (DC Frontiers Pte Ltd), overseeing all aspects of legal and compliance for their five offices in the region.

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