

## An Overview of the Law and Practice of the Small Claims Tribunals

Webinar | 5 October 2022 | 5.30pm – 7pm SGT

### Overview & Programme

At the Inaugural Tribunals Conference in April 2022, The Honourable the Chief Justice Sundaresh Menon highlighted in his keynote address that tribunals are “an integral and indispensable part of our justice system”. Apart from the fact that tribunals in the State Courts deal with a “substantial portion of our justice system’s caseload”, they are often “the first and sometimes [the] only point of contact that ordinary members of the public will have with the justice system”.

The Small Claims Tribunals (“SCT”) were established in 1985 to provide a quick and inexpensive forum to resolve specific types of low-value disputes. Over the years, both the monetary and subject matter jurisdictions of the SCT have expanded, allowing a much broader range of disputes to be adjudicated at the SCT. The SCT facilitates access to justice by ensuring that the cost of bringing or defending a claim is kept low and that disputes are adjudicated expeditiously. Additionally, the flexible nature of proceedings and judge-led approach makes the SCT’s processes accessible to claimants. In this way, the SCT plays a crucial role in upholding the rule of law in Singapore.

In this webinar, we bring together experienced adjudicators from the SCT to share how the legislative framework and processes are designed to facilitate the resolution of disputes and provide an expeditious adjudicatory process. They will also highlight the common legal issues faced by the claimants when navigating the SCT’s process, and the nature of disputes that are commonly heard by the SCT, including the trends that have been observed.

Through this webinar, lawyers will be better placed to discharge their professional responsibility of evaluating with their clients and advising them about alternative dispute resolution processes, including the filing of claims which fall within the jurisdiction of the SCT.

05.15PM	Participants to log in to webinar
05.30PM	Presentation on the Law and Practice of the Small Claims Tribunals by <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tribunal Magistrate Andrew Tan and Assistant Registrar Leon Tan</li> </ul>
06.30PM	Panel Discussion and Q&A <u>Moderator</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tribunal Magistrate Bryan Ong</li> </ul> <u>Panellists</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>District Judge Lee Li Choon and District Judge Karolyn Gin</li> </ul>
07.00PM	End of webinar

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## Moderator



### Tribunal Magistrate Bryan Ong

Tribunal Magistrate Bryan Ong has been appointed as a Tribunal Magistrate of the Small Claims Tribunals since 2019 and is concurrently a Deputy Registrar of the State Courts and Assistant Registrar of the Employment Claims Tribunals. Prior to joining the State Courts, he practised in M/s Allen & Gledhill LLP in a team specialising in international arbitration, construction litigation, and commercial litigation. Tribunal Magistrate Bryan Ong also graduated with a Bachelor of Laws with First Class Honours from the University College London.

## Panellist / Speaker



### District Judge Lee Li Choon

Lee Li Choon was appointed as a District Judge in 2012. She has presided over cases in the Family Justice Courts and the Civil Justice Division of the State Courts. Currently she presides as a District Judge, Deputy Registrar, Tribunal Judge and Tribunal Magistrate in the Community Justice and Tribunals Cluster of the State Courts.



### District Judge Karolyn Gin

District Judge Karolyn Gin joined the Legal Service in 1991. She has served as a Justices' Law Clerk and Assistant Registrar in the Supreme Court. In 2007, she started work in the Civil Registry of the then Subordinate Courts. Since 2015 to date, she has been with the Community Justice and Tribunals Cluster of the State Courts, hearing cases in her capacity as Protection from Harassment Court Judge, Tribunal Judge, Tribunal Magistrate and Deputy Registrar.



### Tribunal Magistrate Andrew Tan

Tribunal Magistrate Andrew Tan has presided over claims filed at the Small Claims Tribunals (SCT) since 2015. He was appointed Referee of the SCT in 2015 and subsequently re-appointed as Tribunal Magistrate in November 2019. Tribunal Magistrate Andrew Tan began his career as an Advocate and Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Singapore and is also a barrister-at-law of the Middle Temple in London. Prior to his appointment at SCT in 2015, Tribunal Magistrate Andrew Tan was a corporate in-house legal counsel.



### Assistant Registrar Leon Tan

Assistant Registrar Leon Tan has been appointed as an Assistant Registrar of the Small Claims Tribunals since 2021. Before joining the State Courts, he was an Advocate and Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Singapore and practised in the field of commercial litigation in M/s Dentons Rodyk & Davidson LLP. Assistant Registrar Leon Tan graduated with a Bachelor of Laws with First Class Honours from the University of Southampton.



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