

Public International Law & COVID-19 Webinar 4: International Trade & Commerce

6 October 2020, Tuesday
12.30pm – 2.15pm

This programme is conducted as a live webinar.

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Practice Area:
**International
Law**

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General

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About the Programme

This webinar will examine how government-imposed COVID-19 measures have had an impact on international trade and commerce in spheres of both public and private international law.

Professor Locknie Hsu (Singapore Management University) will first examine whether COVID-19 measures may lead to a State being in breach of its international trade obligations, and how these may lead to trade disputes and dispute settlement proceedings before the World Trade Organisation.

Mr. Minn Naing Oo (Allen & Gledhill) will then share on how government-imposed COVID-19 measures may impact the ability of private parties to fulfil trade obligations, and approaches to resolve such disputes between governments and private individuals.

Programme Outline

Time	Activity
12.30pm – 12.35pm	Opening Remarks Matthew Koh – Senior Associate, Rajah & Tann Singapore LLP
12.35pm – 1.05pm	The World Trade Organisation System and COVID-19 Professor Locknie Hsu – School of Law, Singapore Management University
1.05pm – 1.35pm	Government imposed COVID-19 measures and their impact on trade and commercial obligations Minn Naing Oo – Managing Director & Partner, Allen & Gledhill (Myanmar)
1.35pm – 2.05pm	Panel Discussion <u>Moderator</u> Matthew Koh – Senior Associate, Rajah & Tann Singapore LLP <u>Panelists</u> Professor Locknie Hsu – School of Law, Singapore Management University Minn Naing Oo – Managing Director & Partner, Allen & Gledhill (Myanmar)
2.05pm – 2.15pm	Closing Address Jeffrey Chan Wah Teck, S.C. – Senior Director (Litigation Department), TSMP Law Corporation; Adjunct Professor (Faculty of Law), National University of Singapore
2.15pm	End

Speakers' Profile



Professor Locknie Hsu – School of Law, Singapore Management University

Locknie Hsu is a full Professor of Law at the School of Law, Singapore Management University. She received her legal training at the National University of Singapore and Harvard University, and is a member of the Singapore Bar. She has received several teaching awards and in 2017, she was conferred the Outstanding Service Award by the ASEAN Law Association (ALA), in which she is Coordinator/Chair of the Trade and Investment Group. She was seconded as a consultant to Singapore's Ministry of Trade & Industry for a period to participate in free trade agreement negotiations, after which she returned to academia.

Locknie specializes in international trade and investment law, including areas such as WTO law, trade and public health issues, free trade agreements, trade facilitation, e-commerce, dispute settlement and developments relating to the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI).

In March 2018, the Final Report in a research project led by Locknie, on "Improving Connectivity Between ASEAN's Legal Systems to Address Commercial Issues" - containing recommendations on issues ranging from ASEAN trade and investment barriers to e-commerce in ASEAN – was published.

Locknie is a member of the International Law Association and a member of the Singapore Executive Council of the ASEAN Law Association.



Minn Naing Oo – Managing Director & Partner, Allen & Gledhill (Myanmar)

Minn is the Managing Director of Allen & Gledhill (Myanmar) and a Partner of Allen & Gledhill.

He was previously the Chief Executive Officer of the Singapore International Arbitration Centre and Director at the Ministry of Trade and Industry Singapore. He is also a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators, and has been appointed to dispute panels for disputes between World Trade Organisation (WTO) member states.

Minn graduated from the National University of Singapore with an LL.B. in 1996. He was called to the Singapore Bar in 1997, and he obtained an LL.M. in 2001 from Columbia University as a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar.



Matthew Koh – Senior Associate, Rajah & Tann Singapore LLP

Matthew is a senior associate in Rajah & Tann Singapore LLP's International Arbitration and Construction Projects practice group. Matthew practices primarily in the sphere of international arbitration, commercial disputes, and construction law. He has experience in arbitration (both institutional and *ad hoc*), general commercial litigation and in construction adjudication.

On the international arbitration front, Matthew has advised clients in relation to investor-state disputes. Matthew is currently acting for clients in relation to interlocutory proceedings in the Singapore courts relating to ongoing investor-state arbitration, as well as to enforce an investor-state arbitration award in Singapore.

Some of the major cases Matthew has worked on include an SIAC arbitration in relation to a power plant project in Singapore with an amount in dispute of more than S\$200 million, proceedings in the Singapore courts to set aside a US\$500 million arbitration award, and *ad hoc* arbitration proceedings seated in Mumbai relating to the modification of offshore platforms and pipelines.



Jeffrey Chan Wah Teck, S.C. – Senior Director (Litigation Department), TSMP Law Corporation; Adjunct Professor (Faculty of Law), National University of Singapore

Mr Jeffrey CHAN Wah Teck, SC, PPA (P), PPS (E) joined the Singapore Legal Service in 1973 after graduating from the then University of Singapore. He retired in 2013 as the Deputy Solicitor-General but was re-employed on contract until 2018. He was re-designated Principal Senior Consultant to the Attorney-General's Chambers in 2016. He held a wide variety of appointments during his career in the Legal Service during which he obtained his LL.M from Harvard Law School and completed the Advance Management Programme at Wharton Business School.

His legal practice covered a wide area of law including constitutional and administrative law, criminal law, government procurement, military law and international law. He chaired and was a member of various boards and committees at various levels, including at the United Nations. Upon completion of this extended contract with the Legal Service, he was appointed an Adjunct Professor of the Faculty of Law of the National University of Singapore and is presently the Senior Director of TSMP Law Corporation. Mr Chan is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators as well as the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators and is also a Principal Mediator of the Singapore Mediation Centre.

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