



[WEBINAR] Mediation for IP and Technology Disputes

9 November 2020, Monday

2.30pm – 4.45pm

This programme is conducted as a live webinar.

Registration Fees	
Category	Fees (Inclusive of 7% GST and course materials)
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2.0

Practice Area:
**Alternative
Dispute
Resolution**

Training Level:
General

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About the Programme

For practitioners and litigants, disputes surrounding IP are traditionally dealt with by the Courts or before the respective IP Registrars. With the new Intellectual Property (Dispute Resolution) Act coming into force in 2019, IP disputes are now definitively arbitrable.

It is timely to consider mediation's place in the resolution of IP disputes. Is the mediation of IP disputes any different from the mediation of any other type of disputes?

This webinar aims to:

- Discuss the practical realities and examples of how pure IP disputes can be resolved to the benefit of all parties, through time and cost effective mediation.
- Provide an overview on the mediation process, the advent of online mediation and the commencement of the Singapore Convention on Mediation. Explore how these impact a party's or counsel's consideration in selecting a most appropriate dispute resolution mechanism for your IP disputes.
- Provide an overview of WIPO Mediation for IP and technology disputes, including the WIPO Arbitration and Mediation Center's recent experience regarding the use of technology for meetings and hearings and the referral to mediation of IP cases pending before national courts and the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore.

Programme Outline

Time	Programme
2.00pm – 2.30pm	Registrants log on
2.30pm – 3.00pm	How ADR and Mediation Can Assist in Resolving IP Disputes Meryl Koh – Director, Drew & Napier LLC
3.00pm – 3.30pm	Mediation in the New Normal See Chern Yang – Director, Drew & Napier LLC; Vice-Chairperson, Law Society of Singapore Mediation Committee; Vice-Chairperson, Society of Mediation Professionals (Singapore)
3.30pm – 3.40pm	Break
3.40pm – 4.10pm	WIPO ADR for IP and Technology Disputes Chiara Accornero - Legal Officer and Representative, WIPO Arbitration and Mediation Center (Singapore)
4.10pm – 4.45pm	Panel Discussion <u>Moderator</u> Max Ng – Managing Director, Gateway Law Corporation <u>Panellists</u> Meryl Koh – Director, Drew & Napier LLC See Chern Yang – Director, Drew & Napier LLC; Vice-Chairperson, Law Society of Singapore Mediation Committee; Vice-Chairperson, Society of Mediation Professionals (Singapore) Chiara Accornero - Legal Officer and Representative, WIPO Arbitration and Mediation Center (Singapore)
4.45pm	End

Speakers' Profile



Meryl Koh – Director, Drew & Napier LLC

Meryl Koh is a Director in the Intellectual Property (IP) and Dispute Resolution departments in Drew & Napier.

Meryl has been repeatedly named as a Next Generation Lawyer in IP by Legal 500 and is a recommended lawyer for dispute resolution. Meryl was most recently touted by IAM Patent 1000 to be the lawyer “*to have on speed dial*” when a complex IP issue arises and was listed as one of the top 40 under 40 lawyers in Asia by Asian Legal Business in 2019. She was praised for being “*simply first rate*”, and one who “*makes it a point to acquire a complete mastery of the case... no matter how complex.*”

Meryl has acted for high profile clients in many notable disputes, including a complex patent infringement matter for Ila Technologies involving grown diamond technology as well as various trademark disputes for TWG Tea, a luxury tea brand, and advises blue-chip tech companies and SMEs on digital IP.

Notwithstanding the highly contentious nature of her IP and general litigation practice, Meryl firmly believes that the practical benefits of mediation cannot be gainsaid and she has assisted many clients resolve their differences through mediation.

Meryl is an expert panellist for WIPO’s Fast-Track Disputes, and a member of the International Association for the Protection of Intellectual Property (AIPPI) Singapore Group, Inter-Pacific Bar Association, Singapore Law Society and Academy of Law. She is also a fellow of the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators.



See Chern Yang – Director, Drew & Napier LLC; Vice-Chairperson, Law Society of Singapore Mediation Committee; Vice-Chairperson, Society of Mediation Professionals (Singapore)

Chern Yang is a Director at Drew & Napier LLC, the most celebrated dispute resolution practice in Singapore.

Chern Yang is a seasoned mediator and has attended advanced mediation training by the Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution, Pepperdine University School of Law and the Harvard Negotiation Institute, Harvard Law School.

Chern Yang is one of the youngest to be appointed as a Principal Mediator of the Singapore Mediation Centre, and as an International Mediator at the Singapore International Mediation Centre. He regularly teaches mediation and has done so for the Judiciary in Brunei, Thailand and Myanmar and government officials in Fiji.

Chern Yang also has an active litigation practice and handles a wide range of disputes involving commercial matters, professional misconduct or negligence, data protection matters and matrimonial matters.

Chern Yang regularly speaks at disputes and mediation conferences. He has authored a number of mediation and family law chapters, the most recent being *Mediation: A Better Approach to Managing Business Disputes*, Singapore Venture Capital & Private Equity Guide 2019.

The Legal 500 Asia-Pacific 2019 edition has praised Chern Yang as “*a good team player*” and “*strategic thinker*”. He is presently vice-chairperson of the Law Society’s Mediation Committee and Society of Mediation Professionals (Singapore).



Chiara Accornero - Legal Officer and Representative, WIPO Arbitration and Mediation Center (Singapore)

Chiara Accornero, a national of Italy, holds a Master of Laws from the University of Turin and a Certificate in Transnational Law from the University of Geneva. Before joining the WIPO Arbitration and Mediation Center in Geneva in 2016, she worked in a Turin-based law firm in the areas of intellectual property and contract law. Chiara is currently the representative of the WIPO Center at Maxwell Chambers in Singapore.



Max Ng – Managing Director, Gateway Law Corporation

Max Ng is the Managing Director of Gateway Law Corporation, an intellectual property and technology law practice. Max is also a registered Patent Attorney and an accredited Mediator with the Singapore Mediation Centre and with the State Courts, amongst others.

His practice revolves around patents, trademarks and other forms of litigation, dispute resolution and enforcement actions. In addition to representing his clients before the Courts, Max is also a Fellow with the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators and has also appeared as counsel in several arbitrations before the Singapore International Arbitration Centre. Max is listed as a leading lawyer in publications such as *Legal Who's Who*, *AsiaLaw Leading Lawyers*, *Asia Pacific Legal 500*, *Chambers Asia*, *Legal Who's Who Singapore*, and *The International Who's Who of Business Lawyers*.

He also volunteers with the Law Society Pro Bono Services and the Singapore Institute of Legal Education.

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Training Level: General

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