

GWEE CHAI LIAN (ASHLEY)



SENIOR LEGAL ASSOCIATE

Profile

Ms. Gwee Chai Lian (Ashley) is a senior legal associate of the firm whose practice covers a broad spectrum of corporate and commercial work.

She has extensive experience in advising corporations including public listed and government-linked companies on corporate and commercial transactions, including mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures, corporate structuring and restructuring, equity crowdfunding, franchising, licensing, complex contractual drafting and corporate compliance matters. She also advises on the corporate financing transactions, and has been actively involved in corporate financing exercises such as rights issues and private placements.

Apart from her conventional corporate and commercial legal practice, Ashley has experience in providing advice on Malaysian aviation related matters such as aviation financing transactions and the due conveyance and registration of aircrafts on the local civil aviation register, as well as real estate transactions including real estate sale and purchase, and commercial leasing transactions.

Ashley graduated with a First-Class Bachelor of Laws (Hons) degree from the University of Liverpool, United Kingdom in 2012. She subsequently sat for and obtained the Certificate in Legal Practice from the Malaysian Legal Profession Qualifying Board. For her efforts in the Certificate in Legal Practice, she was awarded the Tun Hamid Omar Foundation Award for National Top CLP Student in the country.

Prior to joining Messrs Yeoh Shim Siow & Lay Kuan, Ashley practised at several large firms including Messrs. Raja Darryl and Loh and Messrs. Lee Hishammuddin Allen & Gledhill.

Qualifications

- LLB (Hons) University of Liverpool (1st Class)
- Certificate in Legal Practice (Tun Hamid Omar Foundation Award)
- Advocate & Solicitor of the High Court of Malaya
- Company Secretary

Practice Areas

- Corporate & Commercial
- Mergers & Acquisitions
- Intellectual Property & TMT
- Aviation



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Experience/Notable Transactions

Mergers & Acquisitions

- Advising on an acquisition of a minority equity stake in a money service business provider in Malaysia for a consideration of RM 15 million, including liaising with Bank Negara Malaysia, drafting subscription agreement, shareholders' agreement, etc.
- Advising Malaysia's second largest pension fund, for its proposed purchase of a substantial equity stake in 2 foreign insurance companies in Malaysia.
- Advising a SGX listed corporate group on a number of mergers and acquisitions in Malaysia, including conducting full blown legal due diligence exercises, drafting the share purchase agreement, shareholders' agreement, etc.
- Advising on an investment exercise involving subscription of shares by one of the largest corporate group in China in a private company specialising in manufacturing and distribution of durian.

Projects/Construction

- Advising a company that is leading and specialised in the field of renewable solar energy on drafting of commercial contracts in relation to its supply and installation of solar plant.
- Advising on a proposed joint venture with a Tanzanian partner to develop, finance and operate a chlor-alkali chemical manufacturing plant in Tanzania via a special purpose UAE holding company, including the drafting of the shareholders' agreement and the EPC contract and subcontracts.
- Advising a group of companies specialising in aquaculture on the preparation and drafting of contracts for construction of farming facilities.

Aviation and General Corporate and Commercial Works

- Advising foreign financiers on Malaysian laws in relation to the sale and purchase, lease, financing and securitisation of aircrafts.
 - Advising on a proposed acquisition of an agricultural lease for a consideration of RM31.5 million.
 - Advising a Malaysian listed company that produces, markets and distributes alcoholic beverages as to compliance requirements in Malaysia.
 - Acting as counsel for an international corporate group (one of the world's largest conglomerates) on various drafting and negotiation of corporate documents.
 - Advising on a retrofitting project carried out for government hospitals and healthcare institutions.
 - Advising a state-owned company on the proposed acquisition of an entire tower building in a major real estate mixed development project in Kuala Lumpur.
 - Advising a state-owned company on the grant of a major concession for the proposed acquisition and redevelopment of land involving sporting and leisure facilities in Johor, Malaysia.
 - Advising on acquisition of a lease granted by Federal Lands Commissioner for a value of RM 15.3 million.
 - Advising a Malaysian listed company in relation to the issuance of new shares to a Taiwanese company for value exceeding USD 15 million.
 - Acting as counsel to a group of companies specialising in food and beverage (F&B) industry in Malaysia, and advising on their licensing of branding and corporate structure.
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