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BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

Francine TAN
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Nationality: Singaporean

EDUCATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

LL.B, (Hons.), National University of Singapore, Singapore, 1990.

Solicitor, England and Wales, 1997;

Advocate and Solicitor, Supreme Court of Singapore, Singapore, 1991.

LANGUAGES

English, Chinese

PRESENT POSITION

Private Practice.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE BEFORE PRESENT POSITION

Partner, Marks & Clerk Singapore, LLP, Singapore, August 2001 – November 2009;

Partner, Marks & Clerk Singapore, LLP, Singapore, 2001 – 2009;

Partner and Head of IP Division, Kelvin Chia Partnership, Singapore, 1997 – 2001;

Partner, Trademarks and Patents Department, Donaldson & Burkinshaw, Singapore, 1993 – 1996;

August 22, 2024

Editor, (Singapore Law Reports, Malayan Law Digest and Legal Texts), Butterworths Asia, Singapore, 1992 – 1993;
Legal Assistant, Lee & Lee, Singapore, 1991 – 1992.

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Intellectual Property: Trademarks; Designs; Copyright; Patents; Dispute Resolution; Licensing.

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL BODIES

Member:

Board of Directors, International Trademarks Association (INTA) (2021 – 2023);
Committee Member, International Trademarks Association (INTA);
Committee Member, European Communities Trade Mark Association (ECTA);
Asian Patent Attorneys Association (APAA);
Law Society of Singapore;
Singapore Academy of Law;
Law Society of England and Wales

Panel Membership:

WIPO Arbitration and Mediation Centre;
National Arbitration Forum (NAF);
Asian Domain Name Dispute Resolution Centre (ADNDRC);
Czech Arbitration Court
Shenzhen Court of International Arbitration.

EXPERIENCE IN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

More than 30 years in IP practice – trademark, patent, design, copyright and licensing matters; trademark opposition, invalidation and revocation proceedings; infringement and anti-counterfeiting issues; policy issues.

MAJOR PUBLICATIONS

“Domain Name Dispute Resolution in Singapore”, *Trademark World*, March 2002;
Past contributor to various IP journals including *IP Asia*, *Trademark World* and *Copyright World*.

EXPERIENCE IN COURT LITIGATION

Litigation Department, Legal Assistant, Lee & Lee, 1991 – 92.

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PROFESSIONAL TRAINING IN MEDIATION

Attended:

WIPO Workshop for Mediators in Intellectual Property Disputes, June 2003;
WIPO Workshop on Domain Name Dispute Resolution, Geneva, November 2001; 2009; 2011;

Training Course on the Singapore Domain Name Dispute Resolution Policy, Singapore, November 2001 (organized by the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators and supported by WIPO, the Singapore Academy of Law, Singapore Mediation Centre, Singapore International Arbitration Centre and Singapore Network Information Centre).
