

UPDATES FROM IPOS

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Dear readers

We are glad to share with you some developments relating to IP & tech dispute resolution in Singapore again.

Court of Appeal decision

[*Kupetz, Jonathan and others v Terraform Labs Pte Ltd and others and another appeal and other matters* \[2026\] SGCA\(I\) 1](#)

In another instalment of the long running litigation involving Terraform Labs, the Court of Appeal heard this appeal from the Singapore International Commercial Court. The dispute involved fraudulent misrepresentation. A key factual issue in such a claim is when the claimant's reliance on the misrepresentation ended, as this would impact the assessment of damages. It explained the interplay between the determination of the cut-off time and the duty to mitigate.

High Court decisions

[*Kalen, Alexandru v World Exchange Services Pte Ltd* \[2026\] SGHC 31](#)

The group of claimants owned digital tokens and monies "stored" with the defendant, which operated an online trading platform for digital tokens, including cryptocurrencies. The claimants obtained summary judgment against the defendant in earlier liability proceedings.

This High Court decision deals with the assessment of damages. The court considered the issue of what valuation date to use and concluded that the date of valuation should be at the time when a claimant is reasonably expected to mitigate losses.

On the valuation itself, the claimants obtained historical market trading price data from two cryptocurrency data aggregators, CoinMarketCap and CoinGecko (for the digital tokens), which have been referred to by a number of foreign and Singapore authorities; and data from the websites of the European Central Bank and the Central Bank of Russia (for fiat currency monies). The court accepted the basis and assessed damages accordingly.

[*Arfat Pannir Selvam and others v Sharad Selvam Ramachandra* \[2026\] SGHC 56](#)

The context of this family dispute entailed the drafting and execution of a patriarch's will. The High Court had earlier made injunction and delivery up orders against the defendant, the patriarch's grandson, relating to confidential information; and the defendant applied to set these orders aside.



The defendant argued that the second claimant, his mother, gave him access to the confidential information when she handed him her unlocked mobile phone to send photos on her phone to himself via WhatsApp. The court agreed with the claimants that the second claimant had only permitted the defendant to use the phone for the limited purpose of sending photos to himself. There was no *carte blanche* to access and forward the confidential information in chatlogs to himself.

IPOS decisions

[Reddit Inc v Reddio Pte Ltd](#) [2026] SGIPOS 3

This is an opposition by social media platform Reddit against the registration of the application mark

. Reddit relied on three marks: , **REDDIT**, and  **reddit**.

The IP Adjudicator found that the competing marks were overall not similar. Even if not, the likelihood of confusion is nonetheless low. Similar reasoning applied to other grounds of opposition involving the element of confusion. Thus, overall, the opposition failed and the application mark could be registered.

[Puma SE v Sunday Red, LLC](#) [2026] SGIPOS 4

In this opposition, the competing marks are  (the application mark, which is related to famous golfer Tiger Woods) on the one hand and  or  (earlier marks belonging to the opponent, Puma SE, a well-established multinational athletic apparel and footwear corporation) on the other. The Principal Assistant Registrar found that the competing marks differ in terms of composition, shape, features, and movement, and that these differences affect the consumer's overall impression of the marks. Similar reasoning applied to other grounds of opposition involving the element of confusion. In conclusion, the opposition failed and the application mark could proceed to registration.

IP Adjudicators

We are pleased to announce the following appointments and reappointment of our [IP Adjudicators](#) for a 2-year term with effect from 1 April 2026.

Appointments

District Judge Jonathan Ng
Assistant Registrar Vikram Rajaram
Soh Kar Liang

Reappointment

Prof David Llewelyn

We also record our appreciation for our IP Adjudicators, District Judge Vince Gui, Assistant Registrar Sim Junhui, and Tan Tee Jim, SC, who completed their terms with distinction on 31 March 2026.



Recent published article

[\[SACLJ\] From Sander's Dream to Singapore's Reality: The Evolution of Multi-Door Justice](#)

Justice Mohamed Faizal of the Singapore Supreme Court reflects on Singapore's transformation from a litigation-centric system into a multi-platform dispute resolution hub, and how technology, contextuality, and user-centred justice could reshape the way future conflicts are resolved. Although this is not exclusively about IP/tech dispute resolution, it offers a helpful lens to view this area in context.

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