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Dear readers

Welcome again to a handy skim of the developments relating to IP & tech dispute resolution in Singapore.

High Court decisions

[*GTL Agencies \(S\) Pte Ltd v Neo Boon Huat and others*](#) [2026] SGHC(A) 6

In this High Court appeal, the appellant pursued various claims including breach of fiduciary duties and breach of contract.

Additionally, there is brief treatment of the appellant’s allegation of breach of confidence at [30] to [35]. This claim did not go far as it was not pleaded what information was claimed to be confidential and why. The Appellate Division of the High Court looked at the different items of information and found that the information was not confidential in any case.

IPOS decisions

[*Lenbrook Industries Limited v Vivo Mobile Communication Co., Ltd.*](#) [2026] SGIPOS 2

The Principal Assistant Registrar found that the application mark “vivo BlueOS” and the Opponent’s mark “BluOS” were overall more dissimilar than similar. Even if not, there was no likelihood of confusion, taking into account permissible extraneous factors. Similar reasoning applied to other grounds of opposition involving the element of confusion; and overall, the opposition failed.

Mediation case under IPOS Revised Enhanced Mediation Promotion Scheme

[*Foo Fang Rou & Heritage Brands Pte. Ltd.*](#) [2026] SGIPOS MED 1

This was the second attempt to resolve a family-linked dispute surrounding the Yet Con chicken rice heritage brand (see earlier case at [*Foo Chin & Foo Fang Rou*](#) [2025] SGIPOS MED 1). While settlement was not achieved, in two days, parties moved from multi-front disputes to a transactional roadmap. The mediation demonstrated what collaborative problem-solving can achieve when parties engage meaningfully.



Year-in-Review 2025: Spotlight on Sample IP/Tech Decisions from the Singapore Courts

IPOS curated a [sampling](#) of some of the decisions that the Singapore courts have handed down in 2025, which provide useful insights relating to intellectual property, intangible assets or technology.

Featured articles

- Caleb Goh and See Tho Sok Yee, *Soft Tools for Hard Rights*, published as [2025] Asian JM 47 in the [Asian Journal on Mediation](#). This article introduces the landscape of IP disputes, articulates its features that make mediation a good choice, identifies critical success factors, and concludes by suggesting a blueprint to cultivate a successful IP mediation ecosystem.
- Constance Leong, *The Legal Environment of Franchising in Singapore*, published in Asia Franchise & Business Opportunities Magazine Jan to Mar 2026 edition at pp 14 to 16. This article is republished at www.gohpc.com. This article discusses Singapore court decisions involving franchises (including [GNC Holdings LLC v ONI Global Pte Ltd and another](#) [2025] SGHC(I) 25, which our October 2025 update covered) and suggests practice points for enterprises.

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