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Dear readers

Welcome to our latest update on developments relating to IP & tech dispute resolution in Singapore. Happy reading!

Court decision

[*Centricore \(S\) Pte Ltd and others v ATT Systems \(S'pore\) Pte Ltd and another*](#) [2025] SGHC(A) 17

The Appellate Division of the Singapore High Court affirmed that both wrongful gain and wrongful loss claims may be made out against the same defendant in respect of different confidential information. It was noted that the trial judge emphasized the importance of avoiding double recovery.

Further, contrary to the appellants' assertion, the mere fact that information was not proven to be misused is insufficient in this case to prove that the appellants' conscience was unaffected. In the landmark decision of [*I-Admin \(Singapore\) Pte Ltd v Hong Ying Ting and others*](#) [2020] 1 SLR 1130, the Court of Appeal recognised that the wrongful loss interest may be infringed in a variety of situations outside actual use and disclosure and that merely accessing, acquiring or threatening to abuse confidential information may also form a breach of confidence.

Singapore International Commercial Court 10th anniversary book launch

The Singapore International Commercial Court (SICC) launched commemorative book [*"Charting New Waters: The SICC after Ten Years"*](#) to mark its 10th anniversary. This landmark work gives an account of the SICC's journey from concept to established institution, with commentaries and essays from distinguished International Judges, Senior Counsel, and leading practitioners. It captures the SICC's distinctive features and its contribution to international commercial jurisprudence.

The launch took place on 24 September 2025 with a panel discussion on *Emerging Trends in International Commercial Dispute Resolution*.

For readers less familiar with the SICC, it offers a specialised Technology, Infrastructure and Construction List (TIC List). Cases on the TIC List benefit from additional features suited to the expeditious resolution of technically complex disputes, and parties enjoy time and costs savings.



New book

Leow Jiamin, Warren B Chik and Jeremy Lua wrote [Foundations of Cybersecurity Law in Singapore](#), published by Academy Publishing in September 2025. This book charts how Singapore navigates the fast evolving challenges of cybersecurity issues, and discusses dispute resolution themes such as civil liabilities and remedies stemming from cybersecurity incidents, civil liabilities of victims of cybersecurity incidents and alternative dispute resolution. Practical aspects such as whether hacked evidence is admissible in court and arbitral proceedings are explored.

Speech

Singapore's Minister for Law, Edwin Tong SC, in his [speech](#) on 5 September 2025 at the launch of the Expanded Permanent Court of Arbitration Singapore Office, reiterated that Singapore welcomes "lawyers from overseas to practise in Singapore with the best legal expertise to support the resolution of complex international disputes".

Featured events

Contentious Trade Mark Proceedings at IPOS: Best Practices and Other Practical Tips (Re-run)

Join us in this practice-oriented [seminar](#) in the afternoon of 21 October 2025. The Hearings and Mediation Department of the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore will share best practices for contentious proceedings at IPOS. This seminar is an accredited CPD activity (3.5 points). [Register](#) today.

Navigating Unregistered & Unregistrable IP Rights: The international commercial perspective (Practical IP Enforcement Series (PIPES))

Unregistered and unregistrable IP rights and related intangible assets such as copyright material and confidential information play a vital role in commercial success. In practice, issues including ownership, use, enforcement and valuation can be hard to navigate; and different legal systems may take different approaches.

[Sign up](#) to find out on 27 October 2025 how businesses can assert ownership and defend against infringement; and navigate this field from an international commercial perspective. The first 20 private sector in-house counsel who register interest [here](#) will enjoy 40% off the course fee (S\$81.75 after discount, inclusive of GST).

Global Forum on Intellectual Property (GFIP) Ideas to Assets: Innovating in Times of Change

More than 5000 participants from more than 40 countries converged in Singapore for [IP Week@SG](#) on 26 and 27 August 2025 at the Marina Bay Sands Expo and Convention Centre. On the dispute resolution front, we were delighted to bring to you *IPOS X CI Arb – Appropriate Dispute Resolution for Tech and IP in Singapore (ADR TIPS)* and received kind comments on its innovative presentation.

Join us again at the next IP Week@SG in 2026!



TechLaw.Fest

Reimagining Legal in the Digital Age

[TechLaw.Fest](#) returned with a bang on 10 and 11 September 2025.

IPOS curated Main Stage Panel 4A *Navigating Cross-Border Disputes in the Video Game Industry* on 10 September 2025. Moderated by Leow Jiamin (Singapore Academy of Law), the panel, comprising Justice Lee Seiu Kin (Supreme Court of Singapore), Esther Yang (Creative Technology Ltd), Meryl Koh (Drew & Napier LLC) and Vivek Neelakantan (Singapore International Arbitration Centre), unpacked the developing landscape and discussed effective and efficient dispute resolution strategies. Quick takes on issues ranging from player-created content, games elements infringement, merchandising to in-game purchases, and virtual game assets, kept the audience at the edge of their seats.

Another panel at the same conference, *Litigation, Regulation, and the Future of Digital Assets in Asia*, delved into practical challenges in crypto asset litigation in Asia, including intricate tracing of digital assets across borders, identifying obscure exchanges, and recovering assets on decentralized platforms. The speakers were: Abigail Ng (Monetary Authority of Singapore), Audrey Chiang (Dentons Rodyk & Davidson) and Beverly Wee (Ministry of Law) and Ezra Tay (Travala.com). Hagen Rooke (Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP Singapore office) moderated the panel.

Look out for TechLaw.Fest by Singapore Academy of Law in 2026!

Knowledge Arena @ FLAsia 2025

Franchising & Licensing Asia

Franchising & Licensing Asia (FLA) organised a panel on *Driving Growth Through IP Mediation: How Mediation Supports Brand Expansion, Protection and Innovation* at Knowledge Arena @ FLAsia 2025 on 18 September 2025. Singapore mediators Dixon Soh (CHP Law LLC), Moi Sok Ling (MOI Law Corporation) and Vivienne Kaur Sandhu (Clifford Law LLP) shared their insights on the panel, moderated by Caleb Goh (WIPO Arbitration and Mediation Center).

WIPO Symposium on Standard Essential Patents

WIPO brought stakeholders from the global SEP landscape – judges, policymakers, standardization experts, innovators, litigators, economists and patent specialists – to this symposium in Geneva on 18 and 19 September 2025 with the aim to deep dive into policies, legal frameworks and economic principles that shape SEP dynamics.

Singapore IP lawyer, arbitrator and mediator, Lam Chung Nian, spoke on the panel *Alternative Dispute Resolution in SEP Licensing* while IPOS International Director, Alfred Yip contributed to the panel on *Policy and Regulation: What Governments Can Do*.

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