

## LC2012 TRIAL ADVOCACY (AY 2021/2022) – EXTERNAL TUTORS' PROFILES



### Brief Bio – Mr Ronald JJ Wong

Mr Ronald JJ Wong is a Director at Covenant Chambers LLC, and he believes that lawyering is about serving people to bring justice, well-being, and peace.

Formerly from Rajah & Tann LLP, Ronald handles commercial disputes and advises on transactions. He has advised and represented institutional and individual clients in a broad range of disputes including international multimillion-dollar investment claims, corporate shareholder disputes, construction disputes, employment disputes, insolvency-related claims, and competition law litigation.

Ronald advises corporations and start-ups alike on commercial transactions, investments, acquisitions and legal issues arising from innovative technology, including artificial intelligence (AI), blockchain, token sales, data management, intellectual property, and digital payments.

He is also a Singapore Mediation Centre (SMC) Accredited Mediator.

Ronald was listed in Asia Business Law Journal 2018 & 2019, A-List Singapore's Top 100 Lawyers. He has been lauded "*as very sound, very calm, very clever and a great advocate*". He was attached to South Square Chambers, a leading set of English commercial and insolvency law barristers in London. He also advocates for social justice and acts pro bono for marginalised persons.

### *Cases of Interest*

- Advised and successfully acted for an investment fund manager and a large global bank in a claim against a foreign guarantor for sums in excess of US\$50 million due under a cross-border syndicated loan agreement. The claim involved the determination of novel conflict of laws issues regarding the law governing capacity to contract, and a stay of proceedings on grounds of *forum non conveniens*.

- Advised and acted for a Singapore-regulated Fund Management Company and Managing Partner in defending a fraud claim of more than US\$2.4 million in misrepresentation, breach of contract and conspiracy involving a share option.
- Advised and acted for reputed large wine merchant in more than 20 suits, claiming in conversion, detinue, unjust enrichment, involving commercial fraud concerning about S\$7 million in value.
- Advised and acted for a former Managing Director of a multi-national corporation on a wrongful employee termination claim involving medical-related issues.
- Advised a large global bank on a potential dispute with a South-East Asian bank and a trading company relating to purported non-compliant presentation of documents in respect of a letter of credit.
- Advised a multi-national corporation on its rights and obligations in respect of arbitration under International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) rules and litigation in a foreign jurisdiction relating to franchise agreements.
- Advised and acted for a global company in the offshore oil and gas industry in a multi-million dollar claim regarding a multi-million dollar dispute in relation to an Engineering, Procurement, Installation, and Construction (“EPIC”) contract.
- Advised a company in the offshore industry in a dispute relating to breaches of charterparty and arbitration under London Maritime Arbitrators Association (LMAA) rules.
- Advised and acted for a bank in a claim for monies under a cross-collateralised facility agreement and possession of mortgaged property.
- Assisted in representing a hydraulic engineering company in an SIAC arbitration in a dispute involving a contract for the design, supply, installation, testing and commissioning of hydraulic systems for a landmark local attraction.
- Advised and acted for companies in a dispute involving a proprietary claim regarding a trust over shares.
- Advised and acted for a company and a shareholder-director in resisting a minority oppression claim involving a company which business is in hotel development and operation and allegations concerning funds amounting to up to \$40 million.
- Advised and acted for a company on breaches of confidentiality obligations, non-compete restraint of trade covenants, and directors’ and fiduciary duties by a former director and employee.
- Advised high net worth foreign private clients on complex trust structures, wealth management and novel personal property issues.
- Advised and acted for liquidators of companies in various issues regarding winding-up proceedings, claims against former directors for breaches of directors’ and fiduciary duties, and discharge of liquidators.
- Advised and acted for a property developer in a claim arising from breaches of contract and misrepresentation in relation to the sale of a property, and losses incurred due to consequent delays to redevelopment plans.
- Acted for an employee in an appeal to the High Court against a labour court (Commissioner of Labour) order in respect of salary claims under the Employment Act.
- Acted for food importers and distributors in respect of a Competition Commission of Singapore (CCS) charge under section 47 of the Competition Act. Drafted competition law compliance policy for company.

Outside of his professional work, Ronald works to build communities and enjoys culture and the arts, dabbling in music, creative & non-fiction writing, theatre & film, creative media, and producing podcasts."