



JESSIE CHEONG

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- Experienced legal professional with cumulative 10 years' working experience (6 years private practice in top-tier law firms and 4 years as a capital market regulator)
- JPA/ Malaysian government scholar from the Australian National University
- Recipient of the Securities Commission Malaysia's (SC) prestigious award for continuous professional development
- MBA with distinction in 2023

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EDUCATION

HELP University

2021 - 2023

Master of Business Administration (MBA) – Distinction

The Australian National University

2009 - 2012

Bachelor of Laws

Taylors University College

2007 - 2008

South Australian Matriculation

QUALIFICATION

2013

Certificate in Legal Practice (CLP)

SKILLS

regulatory compliance; drafting and formulation of regulations and policies; corporate governance; communication; international relations, and stakeholder management.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Securities Commission Malaysia

Manager, International Affairs

Apr 2023 – present

- Facilitate and provide support to SC in actively participating and contributing to international trade agreements and other key global initiatives.
- Collaborate closely with the Ministry of Investment, Trade and Industry (MITI) and Bank Negara Malaysia (BNM) on matters pertaining to financial services in international trade agreements.
- Analyse issues relating to international regulatory initiatives and mandates to contribute to standard setting and policy-making efforts.
- Managing and coordinating ESG initiatives, conducting research, engaging stakeholders, and driving continuous improvement for the organisation's sustainability efforts.
- Monitor and report to SC Management on international regulatory developments.

WORK EXPERIENCE (CONT'D)

Securities Commission Malaysia

Manager, Corporate Finance & Investments – Equities

Apr 2019 – Apr 2023

- Evaluated and processed initial public offering (IPO) and reverse takeover (RTO), transfer of listing, rights issue and relief applications and other corporate proposals to ensure compliance with securities laws, regulations and guidelines.
- Tasked with the responsibility of overseeing the meticulous vetting of prospectuses/ abridged prospectuses and conduct rigorous discussions with principal advisers to ensure stringent compliance with regulatory standards.
- Drafted working papers and advised senior management on various corporate proposals.
- Facilitated pre-consultation sessions for IPO/ RTO applicants to address potential concerns (particularly corporate governance issues) prior to the submission of corporate proposals.
- Assessed potential breaches of securities laws and regulations by principal advisers/ applicants which culminated in the initiation of appropriate enforcement actions.
- Worked with various line departments to assess potential violation of securities laws and regulations involving submission of false or misleading information to the SC.
- Addressed public enquiries and complaints relating to the capital market offerings.
- Actively engaged in the revision of the SC's Equity Guidelines and Prospectus Guidelines relating to the enhanced IPO/ RTO framework, guidance on disclosure requirements etc.
- Conducted jurisdictional benchmarking across various topics including basis for rejection for rights issue and digital assets.

Rahmat Lim & Partners (association with Allen & Gledhill LLP (Singapore))

Legal associate

July 2018 - Dec 2018

- Primarily involved in a wide range of mergers and acquisitions (M&A) transactions, notably:
 - Proposed share acquisition of the entire equity interest of Malaysia's leading restaurant chain business, in a high-value deal worth approximately USD 50.0 million.
 - Proposed acquisition of 60% stake in MediExpress Sdn. Bhd./PMCare Sdn Bhd. by Sumitomo Corporation from Ekuiti Nasional Bhd (Ekuinas).
- Conducted meticulous reviews of companies' constitutions to ensure full compliance with Companies Act 2016 and provided guidance to align with the latest legal requirements.
- Advised on a diverse array of corporate commercial matters, encompassing cross-border repatriation of dividends and provision of loans and guarantees to Malaysian residents for restructuring purposes in compliance with the Foreign Exchange Administration (FEA) rules.

WORK EXPERIENCE (CONT'D)

Chooi & Company

Legal associate

Nov 2014 – Jun 2018

- Primarily involved in commercial advisory matters, including providing legal advice on regulatory compliance across various industries and other contractual matters.
- Advised a multinational corporation on compliance and regulatory requirements on the proposed supply of transportation solutions to a prominent Malaysian rail-network company.
- Advised companies on compliance with Malaysian competition laws, anti-bribery and anti-money laundering and counter-terrorism financing (AML/CFT) regulatory requirements.
- Advised Bank Julius Baer & Co Ltd on its prospective business ventures in Malaysia, including strategic guidance on regulatory compliance.
- Provided comprehensive legal guidance to a prominent South Korean multinational corporation on the intricate regulatory framework and legal prerequisites associated with its proposed investment in an ammonia plant in Malaysia.
- Drafted and reviewed various types of commercial agreements such as software agreement, joint venture agreement, sales and distribution agreement, franchise agreement, NDAs etc.
- Seconded to Mercedes-Benz Malaysia for a stint to attend to a wide range of corporate advisory matters, including reviewing dealership and distributorship agreements.

Wong & Partners (a member firm of Baker McKenzie International)

Chambering pupil

Dec 2013 – Sept 2014

- Conducted meticulous legal due diligence exercises in M&A transactions across an array of industries.
- Provided invaluable support to seniors in litigation matters and assisted in providing solutions to clients in various legal and operational aspects of their businesses.
- Involved in the drafting of various legal bulletins including GST regime in Malaysia.

AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENT

- Recipient of the Securities Commission Malaysia's prestigious award for continuous professional development to pursue Master of Business Administration (2021)
- Recipient of Public Service Department (JPA) scholarship to read law at the esteemed Australian National University (2007)