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### Profile

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Called in 1994, Lawrence has argued cases in court and arbitration as well as before statutory tribunals. He has advised government authorities, developers, contractors and consultants on all aspects of building contract law. Previously a Director of Drew & Napier LLC, he is one of the founding partners of Eldan Law LLP.

Lawrence's growing practice involves both local and regional work and includes advising on joint ventures, consortium arrangements and the review and drafting of various contracts for engineering, infrastructure and building works. *Who's Who Legal: Singapore 2008* lists Lawrence as a leading lawyer in the field of construction and has described Lawrence as "one of the best around", churning out "first-class" drafts of contracts. Such major infrastructure and construction projects include luxury hotels, roads and tunnels, sewerage treatment plants, underground pipes/services, EPCM contracts and airports.

Listed in *The International Who's Who of Commercial Mediation 2012*, Lawrence is a Principal Mediator with the Singapore Mediation Centre (SMC). Actively involved in the SMC's training program, Lawrence coaches and trains potential mediators in Singapore and the Asia-Pacific region. Lawrence is also an Accredited Adjudicator with the SMC, sitting as an Adjudicator for various disputes under the Building and Construction Industry Security of Payment Act.

Currently an Adjunct Lecturer with the Singapore Institute of Management, Lawrence teaches dispute resolution for a degree programme on project management administered by the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology. Lawrence also trains students in advocacy for the National University of Singapore (NUS) and the Singapore Institute of Legal Education (SILE).

Lawrence is a co-author of *Law & Practice of Injunctions in Singapore* (2004).

## Qualifications

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- LL.B., Hons
- Barrister-at-Law (Middle Temple)
- Advocate and Solicitor, Supreme Court of Singapore
- Accredited Adjudicator with the Singapore Mediation Centre
- Principal Mediator with the Singapore Mediation Centre

## Notable matters

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### **Front-End Advisory Work** *Construction Related*

- Advising and representing statutory boards, developers, main contractors and sub-contractors in numerous multi-million dollar claims in both litigation and arbitration proceedings.
- Advising on disputes concerning en-bloc sales in both majority and minority owner situations.
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- Representing various parties in respect of disputes pertaining to building and construction disputes, in particular with respect to claims for liquidated damages/extensions of time, loss and expenses, wrongful termination, injunctions in respect of the calling of performance bonds.
- Advising on contentious and non-contentious matters in respect of overseas projects including projects in China, Vietnam, Myanmar and Malaysia.
- Advising developers, contractors and consultants on various standard form of building contracts, including the JCT (design and build contract), ICE, FIDIC, Public Sector Standard Terms of Contract (PSCOC) (both standard form and design & build) and SIA contracts.
- Advising and drafting of EPCM contracts for companies, including those in the construction, pharmaceutical, energy sectors.
- Advising and defending professionals in respect of offenses under the Building Control Act, Architects Act.
- Advising judicial managers, liquidators, receivers and managers in respect of Insolvency Laws.

**Front-End Advisory Work**  
Non-Construction Related

- Advising on and drafting of employment contracts.
- Advising on electronic commerce related contracts (e.g. contracts with credit card companies such as ENets).
- Advising on and drafting of non-competition/restraint of trade issues.

**Reported & Unreported Decisions**

- Represented a liquidator who was sued for alleged misconduct: **Excalibur Group Pte Ltd v Goh Boon Kok** [2012] 2 SLR 999.
- Represented an ex-employee on charges of corruption: **Public Prosecutor v Lee Hock Yen** [2011] SGDC 72.
- Represented Yokogawa Engineering Asia Pte Ltd in respect of an project concerning a gas pipe line spanning Malaysia and Thailand: **Yokogawa Engineering Asia Pte Ltd v Transtel Engineering Pte Ltd** [2009] 2 SLR 532 (HC and CA level).
- Represented the Defendants in striking out the Plaintiffs' claim in respect of the sale and purchase of various factory units: **Ground & Sharp Precision Engineering Pte Ltd v Midview Realty Pte Ltd** [2008] SGHC 160 (HC and CA).
- Represented Wishing Star in respect of a claim for breach of contract: **Wishing Star Ltd v Jurong Town Corp** [2006] SGHC 82 (HC).
- Represented the Defendants: **Kaki Bukit Industrial Park Pte Ltd v Ng Man Heng and Others** [2004] SGHC 60.
- Represented the developers of a condominium in respect of a termination of agreement claim by various owners of a property on account of delay in completion: **Premier Properties Pte Ltd v Tan Soo Tiong & ors** [2000] SGHC 12.
- Represented the Defendants in an action: **Pacific Internet Ltd v Catcha.com Pte Ltd** [2000] 3 SLR 26.
- Represented a main contractor in obtaining an injunction against a call on an on-demand performance bond: **Eltraco International Pte Ltd v CGH Development Pte Ltd** [2000] 4 SLR 290 (CA).
- Represented an architectural firm in defending a claim for negligence in design: **RSP Architects Planners & Engineers (formerly known as Raglan Squire & Partners FE) v Management Corporation Strata Title Plan No 1075 and another** [1999] 2 SLR(R) 134.

- Represented the Plaintiffs in relation to a claim for variations works in respect of a project at Suntec City Singapore: **L&M Equipment Pte Ltd v Hyundai Engineering & Construction Co Ltd & 2 Ors** [1999] SGHC 182.
- Representing the Housing Development Board of Singapore in respect of seeking an injunction on a performance bond : **Chip Hua Poly-Construction Pte Ltd v Housing and Development Board** [1998] 2 SLR 35 (CA).
- Representing the Housing Development Board of Singapore in respect of seeking an injunction on a performance bond: **Chip Hua Poly-Construction Pte Ltd v Housing and Development Board** [1997] 2 SLR 797 (HC).

## Publications & Conferences

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### Books

- Co-author, Law & Practice of Injunctions in Singapore (Sweet & Maxwell, 2004)

### Seminars

- Delivered various papers in seminars organised by:
  - Asia Business Forum
  - CPG
  - Law Society of Singapore
  - Lexis Nexis
  - Singapore Academy of Law
  - Singapore Contractors' Association
  - Singapore Mediation Centre

## Professional History

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**Jan 2010 – present**

Partner, Eldan Law LLP

**2000 – 2010**

Director, Drew & Napier LLC / Partner, Drew & Napier

**1994 – 2000**

Associate / Senior Associate, Wong Partnership

*Concurrent  
Appointments*

- Adjunct Lecturer, Singapore Institute of Management & the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology
- Principal Mediator at the Singapore Mediation Centre
- Adjudicator under the Building Construction Industry Security of Payment Act

- Trainer for the Law Society/SILE

## Memberships

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- Member, Law Society of Singapore
- Member, Singapore Academy of Law