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Profile

Sandra's main areas of practice are in construction, engineering and infrastructure projects, commercial litigation and arbitration. Her dispute resolution experience covers a diverse range of issues in the State Courts, High Court, the Court of Appeal and the Singapore Mediation Centre, and also arbitration under the rules of the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators (SI Arb), the Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC) and the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC). These include debt collection, employment disputes, shareholders' disputes, directors' disputes, joint venture and investment disputes, white collar crimes and bankruptcy or winding up matters.

In addition, she enjoys advisory and drafting work. Sandra has experience acting for government authorities, consultants, employers, contractors, subcontractors and suppliers. She has particular expertise in reviewing and drafting contract documentations, and has advised on tender processes, regulatory compliances, project delivery, risk management and dispute avoidance for investments and projects.

Qualifications

- LL.B., Hons, National University of Singapore, 2005
- Advocate and Solicitor, Supreme Court of Singapore, 2006
- Associate Mediator, Singapore Mediation Centre, 2016

Memberships / Awards

- Member, Law Society of Singapore
- Member, Singapore Academy of Law
- Legal Media Group's Expert Guides – Rising Star in Construction (Editions 2015, 2016)

Some Notable Matters

Front End & Advisory *Construction*

- Advising and representing a luxury hotel on various concerns arising during the demolition and construction of a neighbouring mixed-development on a shopping belt in Singapore.
- Advising and representing clients on delay and/or termination-related issues in construction projects, including a government authority for an approximately S\$5 million construction project, a Singapore contractor for an approximately S\$89 million construction project, a Singapore contractor on extension and upgrading works at a port, a Korean company on a slipform and transfer system contract, and a multinational contractor on design and installation works at a qualification and test facility.
- Advising and representing various parties such as government authorities, consultants, employers, developers, contractors, subcontractors, management corporations and subsidiary proprietors in disputes involving landed and strata titled industrial, commercial and residential properties.
- Advising on compliance with and infringements of the Architects Act and Professional Engineers Act.
- Drafting and advising on procurement, engineering and construction-related contracts (including various standard forms contracts such as the Public Service Sector Conditions of Contract, the Singapore Institute of Architects Conditions of Contract, the REDAS Design and Building Conditions of Contract, and the FIDIC forms of contract), warranties and indemnities, performance bonds and guarantees.
- Drafting and advising clients on development, option, sale and purchase, and lease agreements. These include transactions involving Jurong Town Corporation and a Build-Operate-Transfer development agreement for a resort in Korea.

Front End & Advisory *General / Commercial*

- Drafting and advising employers and employees on non-disclosure agreements, restraint of trade provisions and general employment contracts and policies.
- Drafting and advising on programming and software development, licensing and service level agreements.
- Drafting and advising on various commercial transactions, such as assets sale and purchase agreements, shareholders agreements, joint venture or partnership agreements etc.
- Drafting and advising on standard terms and conditions template for various operational purposes both up and down stream, such as for supply of services or products, lease of

movable or immovable property, etc.

- Advising and representing a Singapore bank to manage multi-jurisdictional disputes arising from the total loss of a vessel and cargo onboard, and to instruct on legal proceedings in Turkey and Hong Kong.
- Advising and representing an offshore aviation company in a case involving defamatory statements made against it.

Arbitration

Energy, Oil & Gas

- Acting for a multinational engineering subcontractor against its subcontractor in an ICC arbitration involving an approximately US\$850,000 claim arising from the Trans Thailand Malaysia Project Gas Onshore Pipeline System.
- Acting for a multinational contractor in a SIAC arbitration involving variation works and delay claims concerning architectural installation and mechanical engineering works for oilfield accommodation topsides.
- Acting for an Indian company against a Singapore subcontractor in a SI Arb arbitration involving disputes over the design and construction of water and waste water treatment systems for Vietnamese power plants.

Arbitration

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- Acting for a multinational contractor against its design consultants in an ICC arbitration involving an approximately US\$39 million claim arising from engineering design liability disputes in the Taiwan High Speed Railway project.
- Acting for a Singapore university against a contractor in an ad hoc arbitration concerning disputes over the design, construction, installation, testing and commissioning of an optic fibre network.
- Acting for a subcontractor against the main contractor in an SIAC arbitration concerning disputes over reinforced concrete works done for a high security purpose-built facility.
- Acting for a Singapore company in a SIAC arbitration in an approximately S\$11 million claim concerning a joint venture agreement for the procurement and supply of sand from Cambodia to Singapore.

Litigation

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- Acting for a Hong Kong contractor in the Singapore Courts in an approximately S\$16 million termination claim against Jurong Town Corporation: *Wishing Star Ltd v Jurong Town Corporation* [2008] 2 SLR(R) 909 (CA).
- Defending a project manager against criminal charges arising from the collapse of bar chairs at the Fusionpolis Project in a 43-days trial.
- Acting for a contractor in an approximately S\$9 million claim

against ready mixed concrete suppliers following Indonesia's ban on the export of sand to Singapore.

- Acting for a defendant project manager in a dispute involving the design and construction of a landed residential property on Sentosa, and defending against the plaintiff's appeal to the Court of Appeal against a summary judgement awarded to the defendant.
- Acting for the management corporations against the developer, main and sub-contractors, and consultants, in respect of defects at a luxury residential development in Sentosa and an industrial food processing development.

Litigation General

- Acting for a Korean company in a private prosecution of a Singapore company and its directors for defrauding it of approximately US\$2.5 million.
- Defending a Mareva injunction and an Anton Piller order obtained against 8 defendants by a marine logistics company in a case involving shareholders' disputes and alleged breaches of fiduciary duties.
- Acting for a defendant company in striking out the plaintiff's 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 and at the Court Of Appeal level (unreported).
- Defending a consultant and an individual investor in a multi-party dispute concerning an agreement for the divestment of investment and sales and purchase of shares.
- Defending a developer / landlord against a tenant in an approximately S\$6 million claim involving the usage of the leased premises.

Professional History

2012 – present	Partner, Eldan Law LLP
2009 – 2011	Senior Associate, Drew & Napier LLC
2006 – 2008	Associate, Drew & Napier LLC