

WRITE-UPS ON THE JUDICIAL COMMISSIONERS

Mr Chua Lee Ming

1 Mr Chua, age 55, joined the Legal Service in 1984, and has considerable and varied legal experience. He held various appointments including as a Deputy Registrar, Magistrate and Coroner of the then-Subordinate Courts in 1984, and also served in the Supreme Court Registry. He was appointed a Deputy Public Prosecutor in the Attorney-General's Chambers in 1989. Mr Chua left for private practice in 1990 and became a Partner of the law firm, Lee & Lee, in 1991. He joined the GIC Pte Ltd in 1998 and later became the General Counsel. He is currently still with the company, serving as an advisor. Mr Chua obtained his Bachelor of Laws from the National University of Singapore in 1983 and received his Master of Laws from Cambridge University in 1988. Mr Chua is married with two children.

Mr Foo Chee Hock

2 Mr Foo, age 54, joined the Legal Service in 1984 and has had more than 25 years' experience in the judicial branch of the Legal Service, holding various appointments in the then Subordinate Courts (as Magistrate and District Judge) and the Supreme Court. Mr Foo was appointed as an Assistant Registrar of the Supreme Court from 1985 to 1989. He was appointed Deputy Registrar of the Supreme Court in 2001 and assumed the role of Registrar in 2009. He has also held the post of Registrar of the Appeals Board (Land Acquisition) and Assistant Director at the Legal Aid Bureau. Mr Foo obtained his Bachelor of Laws from the National University of Singapore in 1984 and received his Master of Laws from Queen's College, Cambridge University in 1989. Mr Foo is married with two children.

WRITE-UPS ON THE SENIOR JUDGES

Mr Chan Sek Keong

1 Mr Chan, age 77, was appointed as the Chief Justice of Singapore in 2006, a position he held until he retired in November 2012. Mr Chan was appointed as Singapore's first Judicial Commissioner in 1986. He was subsequently appointed as a Judge in 1988. He became the first locally-qualified Attorney-General in 1992 and served in that capacity until 2006. Mr Chan was conferred the Darjah Utama Bakti Cemerlang (Distinguished Service Order) in 1999 and the Order of Temasek (2nd Class) in 2008. Mr Chan holds an honorary Doctor of Laws from the National University of Singapore and the Singapore Management University. He was the first local law graduate to be elected Honorary Bencher of Lincoln's Inn in 2010. He joined the National University of Singapore's Faculty of Law as its first Distinguished Fellow in October 2014.

Mr Kan Ting Chiu

2 Mr Kan, age 68, was appointed to the Supreme Court Bench as Judicial Commissioner on 2 May 1991 and a Judge of the Supreme Court on 2 May 1994 and served in that capacity until he retired in August 2011. He received his LL.B. and LL.M. from the University of Singapore in 1970 and 1988 respectively. He was admitted as an advocate and solicitor in Singapore in 1973. He joined the Singapore Legal Service in 1970 and was appointed State Counsel at the Attorney-General's Chambers. From 1974 to 1976, he served both as a Magistrate and a Senior Magistrate in the Subordinate Courts. He then went into private practice from 1976 to 1991, where he was successively a partner in the law firms of M/s Hilborne & Co, M/s RCH Lim & Co and M/s Low Yeap & Co.

Mr Andrew Ang

3 Mr Ang, age 68, was appointed to the Supreme Court Bench as Judicial Commissioner on 15 May 2004 and as a Judge of the Supreme Court on 15 May

2005. He retired from the Bench in February 2014. He received his LL.B. Hons from the University of Singapore in 1971 and his LL.M. from Harvard Law School in 1973. He was a member of the University of Singapore's Faculty of Law from 1972 to 1974. He commenced his career as a lawyer at Lee & Lee in 1974 and retired as Senior Partner and Head of the Banking and Corporate Department on 30 April 2004.

Mr Tan Lee Meng

4 Mr Tan, age 66, was appointed to the Supreme Court Bench as Judicial Commissioner on 1 February 1997 and then as a Judge of the Supreme Court on 1 August 1997. He retired in July 2013. He received his LL.B. from the University of Singapore in 1972, and his LL.M. from the University of London in 1974. He was admitted as an advocate and solicitor in Singapore in 1976. From 1972 to 1996, Justice Tan taught at the Law Faculty of the National University of Singapore and served in various positions including as Dean of the Faculty of Law and Deputy Vice-Chancellor of the University.

Ms Lai Siu Chiu

5 Ms Lai, age 66, held the distinction of being the first female Judicial Commissioner in 1991, and subsequently, the first female Judge of the Supreme Court in 1994. She retired from the Bench in October 2013. Justice Lai received her LL.B. from the University of Singapore in 1972, and her LL.M. from the University of London in 1977. She was admitted as an advocate and solicitor in Singapore in 1973. Justice Lai began her career with the law firm Sim Teow Gok & Co in 1973 before joining the law firm Allen & Gledhill the following year. She was Senior Partner of Allen & Gledhill when she retired in 1991 on her elevation to the Bench.

WRITE-UPS ON THE INTERNATIONAL JUDGES

The Honourable Ms Carolyn Berger

1 Ms Berger, age 66, has had extensive legal and judicial experience. She served as the Deputy Attorney General of the State of Delaware from 1976 to 1979. This was followed by more than 30 years of judicial experience as a member of the Delaware Courts. She has been a Judge of the Delaware Supreme Court; and also served as Vice-Chancellor of the Delaware Court of Chancery. Her last appointment on the Delaware Bench was as an appellate judge deciding on corporate and commercial disputes. Ms Berger retired from the Supreme Court of Delaware in September 2014.

The Honourable Justice Patricia Bergin

2 Justice Patricia Anne Bergin, age 65, was appointed as a Judge of the Supreme Court of New South Wales in 1999. As the Commercial List Judge in the Equity Division from 2003 to 2009, she administered the busiest Commercial Court in Australia. She was appointed as Chief Judge in Equity and as an additional Judge of Appeal in 2009.

The Honourable Mr Roger Giles

3 Mr Giles, age 72, is currently a Judge in the Dubai International Financial Centre Courts, hearing civil and commercial cases. He was appointed Queen's Counsel in 1983. From 1988 until 2011, he was a Judge of the Supreme Court of New South Wales, becoming Chief Judge of the Commercial Division in 1994. In 1998 he was appointed as a Judge of Appeal of the Supreme Court of New South Wales. While at the Bar and on the Bench, Mr Giles specialised in commercial work.

The Honourable Dr Irmgard Griss

4 Dr Griss, age 68, has been a Deputy Member of the Austrian Constitutional Court since 2008. She chairs the Independent Investigation Commission Hypo Alpe Adria and is the Speaker of the Senate of the European Law Institute. She was previously the President of the Austrian Supreme Court

from 2007 to 2011. She has extensive judicial experience in civil procedure, commercial law, patents, trademarks and designs.

The Honourable Justice Dominique T. Hascher

5 Justice Hascher, age 58, has had a distinguished judicial career in France. He is currently a Judge of the Supreme Judicial Court in France and was appointed to that post in 2012. Prior to that, he had served on the Court of Appeal from 1998 and was appointed as its Presiding Judge in 2008. Justice Hascher has also been the General Counsel and Deputy Secretary General of the ICC International Court of Arbitration. He currently holds the position of Secretary General of the Network of the Presidents of the Supreme Judicial Courts of the European Union and also serves on the Governing Board of the International Council of Commercial Arbitration.

The Honourable Mr Dyson Heydon AC Q.C.

6 Mr Heydon, age 71, was a Judge of the New South Wales Court of Appeal from 2000 until 2003 when he was elevated to the High Court of Australia. He retired from the High Court of Australia in 2013 and is currently a Barrister in New South Wales. He is also an Arbitrator on the panel of the Singapore International Arbitration Centre as well as of the Institute of Arbitrators and Mediators Australia. He was appointed Queen's Counsel in 1987 and appointed a Companion in the General Division of the Order of Australia in 2004. Mr Heydon's areas of legal expertise include equity, commercial law, competition law, consumer protection, evidence, restraint of trade and economic torts.

The Honourable Sir Vivian Ramsey

7 Sir Vivian, age 64, had a very active English and international practice in the areas of construction, engineering and technology disputes. He was appointed Queen's Counsel in 1992. In 2005, he was appointed as a High Court Judge (Queen's Bench Division) of the Royal Courts of Justice of England and Wales, and for a time was the Judge in charge of the Technology and Construction Court. He stepped down from the bench in 2014. He is a Visiting Professor at the Dickson Poon School of Law at King's College, London.

Mr Anselmo Reyes

8 Dr Anselmo Reyes, age 55, obtained a PhD in Law from Cambridge University in 1987 and was called to both the Hong Kong and the Singapore Bar. He was appointed as a Judge of the High Court of First Instance in Hong Kong and served in that capacity from October 2003 to September 2012. As a Judge, his specialisation was in construction, arbitration, commercial and admiralty matters and for a time was the Judge in charge of the Commercial List in Hong Kong. He is currently a Professor of Legal Practice in the Faculty of Law at the University of Hong Kong and is an active practitioner in commercial arbitration. He is also the Representative of the Hague Conference on Private International Law at its Asia Pacific Regional Office in Hong Kong.

The Right Honourable Sir Bernard Rix

9 Sir Bernard, age 70, has extensive judicial experience at both first instance and appellate levels. He commenced practice as a barrister specializing in international commercial law and was appointed Queen's Counsel in 1981. He was a High Court Judge of the Royal Courts of Justice of England and Wales from 1993 to 2000 including a stint as the Judge in charge of the Commercial Court of London from 1998 to 1999. He was appointed, as a Lord Justice of Appeal in the Court of Appeal of England and Wales in 2000 and served in that capacity until his retirement in 2013. He is widely hailed for his work in implementing the Woolf Reforms to civil procedure in the London Commercial Court, and for re-drafting the Guide and Practice Directions of that court. Sir Bernard currently continues to serve as a Justice of the Court of Appeal of the Cayman Islands and as an arbitrator. He is also a Professor of International Commercial Law at Queen Mary, University of London.

Professor Yasuhei Taniguchi

10 Professor Taniguchi, age 80, has been an academic teaching at various universities in Japan and elsewhere (the US, Hong Kong, Australia, France and China). He has been Professor Emeritus at Kyoto University, Japan since 1998. Prof Taniguchi is currently Counsel at Matsuo Kosugi, Tokyo. Professor Taneguchi also has wide commercial dispute resolution experience having held various positions including as Member of the Appellate Body of the WTO from

2000 to 2007 including a stint as the Chairman from 2004 to 2005. He was also a Council Member of International Council of Commercial Arbitration (1990 – 2006) and the President of the Japan Association of Arbitrators (2005 -2012). He was also a member of the Law Revision Commission of the Ministry of Justice of Japan and Chairman of the Rule Making Committee of the Japan Commercial Arbitration Association to draft the new Administrative and Procedural Rules for Arbitration under the Uncitral Arbitration Rules (effective 1991) and the totally amended Rules of Commercial Arbitration of JCAA (effective 1992).

Mr Simon Thorley Q.C.

11 Mr Thorley, age 64, was appointed a Queen's Counsel in 1989 and practiced in Intellectual Property and related fields in London until 2014. He also served from time to time as a Deputy High Court Judge in England and Wales. From 1998 to 2006 he also served as the Deputy Chairman of the Copyright Tribunal in the UK. Mr Thorley has more than 40 years of experience in Intellectual Property and related law and when he retired from practice as a barrister was considered a leading practitioner in that field. In its 2014 edition, Chambers & Partners described him as "the best advocate in the Patent Bar".