



## **Tax Essential Series**

# Taking On Tax as A Young Corporate Lawyer

6 March 2020 10.30am - 12.00pm Singapore Academy of Law, Stamford 1 & 2 #08-08, The Adelphi, 1 Coleman Street, S179803

### Introduction

Tax needn't be taxing. After all, corporate lawyers already handle a lot in day-to-day work. But an added understanding of tax would help you add even more value to your organisations, setting you apart from your peers. But where do you start? Tax issues range from tax treaties to audits and tax litigation.

This session equips you with the essentials and helps you understand how to grow in the corporate law space. Join Mr Eugene Lim and his multi-disciplinary panellists, Mr Tang Siau Yan, Chief Legal Officer, IRAS, Ms Ong Ken Loon, Head, Tax & Private Client Services, Drew & Napier, Mr Sam Sim, Senior Advisor, University of Vienna Institute for Austrian and International Law Global Tax Policy Center, Member of Practice Council, New York University School of Law Member, International Association of Tax Judges for an interactive session.

The session is especially useful for those with a keen interest beyond legal technicalities and development of the law.

## **Programme**

10.00 AM	Registration
10.30 AM	Presentation by Mr Sam Sim
11.30 AM	Panel Discussion  Moderator: Mr Eugene Lim  Panellists: Mr Tang Siau Yan  Ms Ong Ken Loon  Mr Sam Sim  Ms Barbara Voskamp
12.00 PM	End (Lunch Provided)





## **Speaker**



#### Mr Sam Sim

Member, Association of International Tax Judges Board Member, Casino Regulatory Authority Senior Advisor, Vienna University Global Tax Policy Centre Member, New York University School of Law Practice Council Member, UK Chartered Institute of Taxation, ADIT Committee Co-Founder, Senior Of Counsel, WTS Taxise APAC TP Leader, WTS Global

Sam was previously Regional VP, Europe, Asia and Latin-America for the Tax Executive Institute (TEI), President of Asia for TEI and Chair of the Capital Markets Tax Committee TP sub-committee. He is a senior advisor to Vienna University, Institute for Austrian and International Tax Law, Global Tax Policy centre, a member of the ADIT committee of the UK Chartered Institute of Taxation and a member of the Practice Council for New York University School of Law. He is a member of the Income Tax Board of Review hearing income tax appeals cases.

He has extensive experience in cross-border taxation, digital tax, transfer pricing, tax controversies including tribunal and APAs and Intellectual Property issues across a range of industries and sectors including technology, banking & finance, manufacturing and distribution.

Frequently invited as a speaker at international conferences, Sam previously led APAC, EMEA regional and global teams at a Forbes 50 US MNE and a FTSE 100 financial institution. He is also an adjunct professor at SUSS' Master of Tax program and has lectured at Leiden ITC, Shanghai FuDan University, Vienna University, University Indonesia, SMU, Malaysia and Singapore Tax Academies and the IBFD.

An attorney dual qualified in New York and Singapore, he is also a CPA and an accredited tax advisor.

## **Panellists**



Mr Tang Siau Yan Chief Legal Officer, IRAS

Siau Yan is the Chief Legal Officer of IRAS. Before his current appointment, he was Assistant Commissioner of IRAS' Tax Policy and International Tax Division. Siau Yan read law at the London School of Economics and Cambridge University. He started his career as a legal officer at IRAS in 2001 and left for private practice in 2007. He was a partner at Allen & Gledhill LLP from 2008 to 2014 before returning to IRAS.



Ms Ong Ken Loon Drew & Napier LLC, Head, Tax & Private Clients Services

Ken Loon advises on tax aspects of corporate transactions, such as income tax, GST, stamp duty, and property tax. She assists clients with negotiations with the IRAS and represents clients before the tax tribunals and Singapore courts.

Her clients come from across business sectors. She advises local and multinational corporate groups, financial institutions, and investment funds on a broad range of transactions, including mergers and acquisitions, corporate structures and restructurings. In addition, Ken Loon works with private clients to provide solutions to complex tax, succession and private wealth management issues.

Before joining Drew & Napier in 2008, she was a Principal Legal Officer in the Law Division of the Inland Revenue Authority of Singapore. She is recommended as one of Singapore's leading tax lawyers by The Asia Pacific Legal 500 and Practical Law Company Which Lawyer?



Ms Barbara Voskamp LOYENS & LOEFF Singapore LLP Partner ASEAN

Barbara Voskamp is Partner ASEAN, she is heading up the Singapore office and responsible for the ASEAN region. Barbara, is admitted to the Dutch Bar and a member of the Netherlands Association for Tax advisors (NOB). She is specialised in international tax. She is a registered foreign lawyer in Singapore since 2006 and has been advising international operating corporate clients on the structuring of their cross border investments

Barbara frequently lectures on international tax at, amongst others, the Singapore Management University. She has been on the board of the Dutch Chamber of Commerce in Singapore and the Malaysian Dutch Business Council in Kuala Lumpur, is active in the regional trade committee of the European Chamber of Commerce in Singapore and currently a member of the executive board of the International Fiscal Association (IFA), Singapore branch.

#### **Moderator**



Mr Eugene Lim Co-Founder, Principal Taxise Asia LLC

Eugene Lim is an international tax and trade lawyer who works extensively in the Asia Pacific region. He is a Founding Principal of Taxise Asia LLC (member firm of WTS Global) ("WTS Taxise"). WTS Taxise is a boutique specialist international tax, transfer pricing and international trade Singapore law practice and is the exclusive member for Singapore of WTS Global.

Previously, Eugene was based in Hong Kong and China for 11 years before moving to Singapore in 2014 to head the Singapore Tax, Trade and Wealth Management practice in one of the largest international law firms in Singapore. He has extensive experience relating to the structuring of supply chain and distribution strategies in the Asia Pacific region as well as in international tax and trade matters.

Eugene is recognised by leading legal directories such as The Legal 500 Asia Pacific and International Tax Review, with Chambers Asia Pacific noting that "clients prize the practical nature of Eugene Lim's advice, and particularly appreciate his ability 'to analyse, find solutions and add value - not just as a legal counsel but as a business consultant too'." Who's Who Legal commented that Eugene is the "first port of call" for clients in the trade and customs field.

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