

## 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	<b>Panel Discussion</b> Moderator: Mr Eugene Lim Panellists: Mr Tang Siau Yan Ms Ong Ken Loon Mr Sam Sim
12.00 PM	End (Lunch Provided)

 Seminar	<b>LIFTED by SAL</b> <small>OF SINGAPORE</small>	<b>1.5 PUBLIC CPD POINTS</b>
	Legal Practitioner ● Specialisms In-House Counsel ● Specialisms Legal Support ● Others	Practice Area: Tax Training Level: General

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## Speaker



### Mr Sam Sim

Senior Advisor, University of Vienna Institute for Austrian and International Law Global Tax Policy Center  
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Member, International Association of Tax Judges

Mr Sim was Regional Vice-President (Europe, Middle-East, Africa, Asia and Latin America), Tax Executive Institute and chair of Capital Markets Tax Committee Transfer Pricing sub-committee. He has led global teams as Deputy Global Head of Transfer Pricing at a leading European MNE and Transfer Pricing Geo Leader for EMEA and Asia-Pacific in the largest US global Technology MNE. He is a member of the Income Tax Review Board chaired by a Principal District Judge that hears income tax appeal cases. He has multiple board level appointments including on audit and risk and disciplinary committees.

He is passionate in digital taxation and transfer pricing, holds an appointment as research fellow at the Center for Artificial Intelligence at SMU and has co-authored IEEE and IBM Research papers on Blockchain. This is in addition to graduate level teaching at the Master of Tax programme at Singapore University of Social Science, University of Leiden's Executive Tax Program, Vienna University's Transfer Pricing program and IBFD programmes. Sam is the author of The Logic and Practice of Transfer Pricing (Lexis-Nexis), Singapore Transfer Pricing Masterguide 2018/19 (CCH) and Editor of Asia Voices: BEPS and Beyond (IBFD). He was a tax attorney in New York, a CPA and holds graduate degrees in Law (NYU LL.M.(Tax), Economics (M.A., Cambridge University) and Accounting (MPA, SMU).

## 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?

## Moderator



### Mr Eugene Lim

Of Counsel, Providence Law Asia LLC

Eugene Lim was the head of Baker & McKenzie's Tax, Trade and Wealth Management practice in Singapore and the head of the Firm's Asia Pacific International Commercial & Trade Practice. 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 Lim is currently Of Counsel at Providence Law Asia LLC.

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."

Eugene's practice focuses on international trade, international tax planning, tax controversies, indirect tax, customs and excise, export controls, trade sanctions matters in Singapore, China and the Asia Pacific region. He also covers trade law developments in the WTO, APEC, ASEAN and under the various free trade agreements in the Asia Pacific region.

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**26 February 2020**

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