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Overview

"Lawrence applies a sophisticated commercial awareness to all matters and is a pleasure to work with, making himself available at all times to ensure the client's needs are met."

– Chambers Asia-Pacific, 2025

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– The Legal 500 Asia-Pacific, 2023

Lawrence Teh is the Global Co-Head of Dentons' International Arbitration practice and a senior partner in the Maritime practice and has wide experience handling maritime and commercial disputes, including those related to carriage of goods by sea, international trade and commodities, charterparties, ship and offshore construction, conversion and repairs, mortgage enforcement, ownership, ship agency and investment disputes in maritime businesses. Lawrence oversees all of the Firm's maritime work and maritime clientele and is often the contact partner for outgoing and incoming investments, ship purchase and finance, and corporate and tax work.

Lawrence advises clients and acts as counsel in all areas of commercial law and appears regularly as lead counsel in the Singapore courts, in arbitration, mediation and other forms of dispute resolution. He is also considered and appointed regularly as an arbitrator in international disputes under the rules and auspices of international arbitration institutions and in ad hoc arbitrations.

He is the Administrator of the Comité Maritime International (CMI) and a supporting member of the London Maritime Arbitrators Association (LMAA). He previously held the position of chairman of the Promotion Committee of the Singapore Chamber of Maritime Arbitration (SCMA) from 2014 to 2022.

He is named in numerous legal guides and directories including the *Chambers Asia Pacific*, *The Legal 500 Asia Pacific*, *Lexology Index (formerly Who's Who Legal)*, *Benchmark Litigation Asia Pacific*, *Best Lawyers* and *Asialaw Leading Lawyers*.

Recognition

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- “Lawrence Teh has longstanding experience in shipping disputes in Singapore, advising clients on a range of matters from shipbuilding and liability disputes to mortgage enforcement and ship arrests. A source describes him as someone with ‘common sense in the way he litigates.’” – *Chambers Asia-Pacific*, 2022
- “Lawrence Teh is a well-established leading figure in both shipping and arbitration. He has a wealth of knowledge and contacts.” – *The Legal 500 Asia-Pacific*, 2022
- “Lawrence is extremely well versed in the law and gives excellent counsel.” – *Chambers Asia-Pacific*, 2025
- “Lawrence Teh's client service, general level of service, level of sophistication and commercial awareness are all very strong. Working with Lawrence has been a great experience.” – *Chambers Asia-Pacific*, 2023
- “Lawrence Teh has longstanding experience in shipping disputes in Singapore, advising clients on a range of matters from shipbuilding and liability disputes to mortgage enforcement and ship arrests. A source describes him as someone with ‘common sense in the way he litigates.’” – *Chambers Asia-Pacific*, 2022
- “Lawrence Teh has well-established experience in the area of shipping disputes, advising clients on a range of matters from shipbuilding disputes and mortgage enforcement matters to vessel arrests. He attracts significant praise from interviewees, with one calling him a ‘very eloquent and tenacious lawyer who is a formidable opponent.’” – *Chambers Asia-Pacific*, 2021
- “A client commends his promptness and attention to detail.” – *Chambers Asia-Pacific*, 2020
- “Lawrence Teh remains highly active in shipping disputes including on shipbuilding disputes, vessel arrests and mortgage enforcements. A client commends his promptness and attention to detail.” – *Chambers Global*, 2020
- “Lawrence Teh is very professional and smart in using various legal techniques. He is also an experienced arbitrator having good knowledge of procedure.” – *The Legal 500 Asia-Pacific*, 2020
- “Lawrence Teh is described by a pleased client as ‘an extremely pleasant and very intelligent person’ who is a ‘strong communicator and has a conflict-reducing style.’” – *Chambers Asia-Pacific*, 2019
- Lawrence Teh is “highly experienced in a number of areas of commercial shipping law, including onshore and offshore construction, investment and insurance.” – *Chambers Asia-Pacific*, 2018
- “Lawrence Teh is highly respected for his work on onshore and offshore construction disputes. He is often appointed as an arbitrator in international disputes.” – *Who's Who Legal: Construction*, 2018
- “Lawrence Teh is recognized for his extensive expertise in litigation in numerous industry sectors including shipping, aviation, finance, construction and M&A. He is a leading figure in the market.” – *Who's Who Legal: Litigation*, 2017
- “Clients report that they are ‘very satisfied with his performance’ and that ‘he is very meticulous.’” – *Chambers Asia-Pacific*, 2017
- “Dentons Rodyk's Lawrence Teh has ‘thorough knowledge of shipping disputes work’” – *The Legal 500 Asia-Pacific*, 2017
- “Lawrence Teh is highly active in both litigations and arbitrations and is admired by market sources as an impressive and successful advocate” – *Chambers Asia-Pacific*, 2016
- “Lawrence Teh is a senior partner whose key areas include maritime law, international trade and commodities. Clients praise him as a ‘very collaborative lawyer who gives his all and is very generous with his time.’ Interviewees also comment on his innovative thinking and growing profile on the general Singaporean legal scene.” – *Chambers Global*, 2015
- “Lawrence is a commercial litigator with expertise across a variety of shipping matters who is seen as ‘knowledgeable, experienced and authoritative.’” – *Chambers Global*, 2014
- “Lawrence is ‘very experienced and well regarded’ in this space and is also praised for his ‘practical and to-the-point approach.’” – *Chambers Asia-Pacific*, 2014

- "Lawrence has a 'well-established reputation in both the domestic Singapore market and Greater China.' International clients are quick to commend him, saying: 'He is very professional and reliable, and if anything happens that has Singapore elements he is our first port of call.'" – *Chambers Global*, 2013
- "... Lawrence Teh offers 'deep analysis', and 'delves to the heart of an issue very quickly'." – *The Legal 500 Asia-Pacific*, 2013
- "Lawrence Teh "is a prominent member of the maritime team, with an impressively well-rounded practice. He is a very capable, responsible and diversified attorney," remarked interviewees. He is increasingly working with Indian maritime entities." – *Chambers Global*, 2012
- "Rodyk & Davidson LLP's practice, co-headed by 'highly qualified and responsive' SIAC arbitrator Lawrence Teh..., handles ship finance work, cross-border corporate transactions and maritime disputes." – *The Legal 500 Asia-Pacific*, 2012
- *Chambers Asia-Pacific*: Recognised as Leading Individual for Shipping, 2012 – 2025 – "Lawrence Teh is a well established leading figure in both shipping and arbitration. He has a wealth of knowledge and contacts."
- *Chambers Global*: Recognised as Leading Individual for Shipping: Domestic: Litigation, 2018 – 2024
- *Chambers Global*: Recognised as Leading Individual for Shipping, 2012 – 2017
- *The Legal 500 Asia-Pacific*: Ranked in Hall of Fame for Shipping, 2020 – 2025
- *The Legal 500 Asia-Pacific*: Recognised as Leading Individual for Dispute Resolution, 2012 – 2018
- *The Legal 500 Asia-Pacific*: Recognised as Leading individual for Shipping (local firm), 2012 – 2019
- *The Legal 500 Asia-Pacific*: Recognised as Leading Individual for International Arbitration, 2013 – 2018
- *Asia Business Law Journal*: Recognised in The A-List – Singapore's Top 100 Lawyers, 2023 – 2024
- *Asialaw Leading Lawyers*: Ranked as Distinguished Practitioner for Shipping, 2021 – 2023
- *Asialaw Leading Lawyers*: Ranked as Distinguished Practitioner for Dispute Resolution, 2020
- *Asialaw*: Leading Lawyer for Shipping, Maritime & Aviation, 2006 – 2017
- *Asialaw*: Leading Lawyer for Dispute Resolution & Litigation, 2017 – 2018
- *Benchmark Litigation Asia-Pacific*: Litigation Star in Commercial and Transactions and International Arbitration, 2022 – 2023
- *Benchmark Litigation Asia-Pacific*: Dispute Resolution Star / Litigation Star in Commercial and Transactions, International Arbitration and Shipping, 2018 – 2021
- *Benchmark Litigation Asia-Pacific*: Dispute Resolution Star in Aviation, 2018
- *Benchmark Litigation Asia-Pacific*: Local Disputes Star, 2013 – 2014
- *Best Lawyers in Singapore*: Named Lawyer of the Year for Arbitration and Mediation, 2023
- *Best Lawyers in Singapore*: Recognised for Arbitration and Mediation, Construction Law, Shipping and Maritime Law and Trade Law, 2022 – 2024
- *Best Lawyers in Singapore*: Recognised for Arbitration and Mediation, Construction Law, Litigation, Shipping and Maritime Law, 2025
- *Best Lawyers in Singapore*: Recognised for Construction, Maritime, and Trade, 2013 – 2015, 2018 – 2021
- *Expert Guides*: World Leading Lawyers - Aviation, 2013, 2018
- *Expert Guides*: World Leading Lawyers - Shipping & Maritime, 2008
- *IFLR1000*: Restructuring and Insolvency, 2013 – 2014
- *International Who's Who of Business Lawyers* for Aviation Practice, 2013 – 2016

- *International Who's Who of Business Lawyers* for Commercial Arbitration, 2016
- *International Who's Who of Business Lawyers* for Shipping Practice, 2015 – 2016
- *International Who's Who of Commercial Litigators*: 2012, 2014
- *International Who's Who of Shipping & Maritime Lawyers*, 2009 – 2010
- *Lexology Index (formerly Who's Who Legal)*: Recognised as a National Leader (Southeast Asia) for Arbitration, 2021 – 2024
- *Lexology Index (formerly Who's Who Legal)*: Recognised as a National Leader (Southeast Asia) for Commercial Litigation, 2022 – 2024
- *Lexology Index (formerly Who's Who Legal)*: Recognised as a National Leader (Southeast Asia) for Construction, 2021 – 2024
- *Lexology Index (formerly Who's Who Legal)*: Recognised as a National Leader (Southeast Asia) for Litigation, 2021
- *Lexology Index (formerly Who's Who Legal)*: Recognised as a National Leader (Southeast Asia) for Transport – Aviation, 2021 – 2024
- *Lexology Index (formerly Who's Who Legal)*: Recognised as a National Leader (Southeast Asia) for Transport – Shipping, 2021 – 2024
- *Lexology Index (formerly Who's Who Legal)*: Recognised as a Global Leader for Arbitration, 2017 – 2025
- *Lexology Index (formerly Who's Who Legal)*: Recognised as a Global Leader for Commercial Litigation, 2021 – 2023
- *Lexology Index (formerly Who's Who Legal)*: Recognised as a Global Leader for Construction, 2020 – 2023
- *Lexology Index (formerly Who's Who Legal)*: Recognised as a Global Leader for Litigation, 2020
- *Lexology Index (formerly Who's Who Legal)*: Recognised as a Global Leader for Transport – Aviation (Contentious), 2018 – 2024
- *Lexology Index (formerly Who's Who Legal)*: Recognised as a Global Leader for Transport – Shipping, 2019 – 2024
- *Lexology Index (formerly Who's Who Legal)*: Recognised as a Leading Lawyer for Construction, 2017 – 2019
- *Lexology Index (formerly Who's Who Legal)*: Recognised as a Leading Lawyer for Litigation, 2017 – 2018
- *Lexology Index (formerly Who's Who Legal)*: Recognised as a world leading transport lawyer, 2017

Insights

- Co-author, "New Courts, new procedures and renewed access to justice: Key developments since 2021 and what to expect over the horizon," *Chambers and Partners* (2022)
- Co-author, "Singapore: Effective ecosystems of arbitration – Key developments since 2021 and what to expect moving ahead", *Chambers and Partners* (2022)
- Co-author, "Starboard: When does a "Bill of Lading" go too far? : The Luna," *Dentons Rodyk Reporter Issue 01* (2022)
- Co-author, "Breaking news: SCMA launches 4th edition of its arbitration rules," *Dentons Rodyk Reporter Issue 01* (2022)
- Co-author, "Starboard: Alternative Procedure for Ship Arrests – A Welcome Change", *Dentons Rodyk Reporter Issue 02* (2021), March 2021

- Co-author, "Starboard: Collision and change of ownership: Who is the defendant in an action in rem? ", *Dentons Rodyk Reporter Issue 02 (2021)*, March 2021
- Co-author, "Starboard: Salvage Convention claims are now maritime claims", *Starboard (Issue 01/2020)*, May 2020
- Co-author, "Starboard: The spate of oil and gas insolvencies", *Starboard (Issue 01/2020)*, May 2020
- Co-author, "Accolades: Dentons ranked by Global Arbitration Review as one of the top 20 international arbitration law firms", *Starboard (Issue 02/2019)*, April 2019
- Co-author, "Will all the Stars be aligned?", *Starboard (Issue 02/2019)*, April 2019
- Co-author, "Demise charters and the creation of a paper reality", *Starboard (Issue 02/2019)*, April 2019
- Co-author, "London arbitration figures", *Starboard (Issue 02/2019)*, April 2019
- Co-author, "NEWSFLASH: Dentons Rodyk wins Maritime Law Firm of the Year", *Starboard (Issue 02/2019)*, April 2019
- Author, "'Strong cause' for non-exclusive jurisdiction clause cases", *Starboard (Issue 02/2019)*, March 2019
- Author, "'EXCLUSIVE' MEANS EXCLUSIVE", *Starboard (Issue 01/2019)*, January 2019
- Author, "Mediation of maritime disputes aided by Singapore Convention", *Starboard (Issue 01/2019)*, January 2019
- Author, "Salvage reward and treasure", *Starboard (Issue 01/2019)*, January 2019
- Author, "The Maritime Prognosis for 2019", *Starboard (Issue 01/2019)*, January 2019
- Author, "The Role of Courts in a Connected World", *Starboard (Issue 01/2019)*, January 2019
- Author, "Where is justice best served", *Starboard (Issue 01/2019)*, January 2019
- Author, "Singapore Court of Appeal restates the law on exclusive jurisdiction clauses", *Dentons Rodyk Reporter*, Issue 06 (2018)
- Author, "Costs recovery in the SICC: A different regime," *Dentons Rodyk Reporter - Litigation Brief*
- Co-Author, "Domestic and International Arbitration Framework in Singapore" Chapter, *Arbitration in Singapore: A Practical Guide* (Sweet & Maxwell, 2014)

Activities and Affiliations

Memberships

- Member, Panel of Arbitrators, Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre (HKIAC)
- Member, Panel of Arbitrators, Thailand Arbitration Center (THAC)
- Member, Panel of Arbitrators, Emirates Maritime Arbitration Centre (EMAC)
- Member, Panel of International Arbitrators, KCAB International
- Member, Panel of Arbitrator/Mediator, Shanghai International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission (also known as the Shanghai International Arbitration Center (SHIAC))
- Chairman, Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee, The Law Society of Singapore
- Fellow, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators
- Fellow, Singapore Institute of Arbitrators
- Supporting member, London Maritime Arbitrators Association (LMAA)

- Board Member, Singapore Chamber of Maritime Arbitration (SCMA)
- Member, Panel of Arbitrators, Singapore Chamber of Maritime Arbitration (SCMA)
- Member, Panel of Arbitrators, International Chamber of Commerce (ICC)
- Member, Panel of Arbitrators under the Law Society Arbitration Scheme, The Law Society of Singapore
- Member, Panel of Arbitrators, Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC)
- Database of Arbitrators, International Chamber of Commerce (ICC)
- Member, Panel of Arbitrators, Asian International Arbitration Centre (AIAC), formerly known as KL Regional Centre for Arbitration (KLRCA)
- Member, Panel of Arbitrators, Korean Commercial Arbitration Board (KCAB)
- Member, International Bar Association (IBA), Arbitration Committee
- Chairman, Civil Practice Committee, The Law Society of Singapore, 2006–2010, and current member of the committee
- Administrator and current member of the committee, Comité Maritime International (CMI), 2013–present
- Nominations Committee member, International Bar Association (IBA), 2021–2022
- Management Board member, International Bar Association (IBA), 2019–2020
- Member, International Bar Association (IBA), Arbitration Committee
- Co-chairman, Asia Pacific Regional Forum, International Bar Association (IBA), 2012–2014
- Vice-Chairman, Maritime & Transport Law Committee, International Bar Association (IBA), 2007–2008
- Council member, Legal Practice Division, International Bar Association (IBA)
- Secretary, Maritime Law Association of Singapore (MLAS), 1997–1999, 2003–2014
- Chairman, Promotion Committee, Singapore Chamber of Maritime Arbitration (SCMA), 2014–2022
- Database of Arbitrators, London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA)

Prior and Present Employment

- Senior Partner - Dentons Rodyk & Davidson LLP (formerly Rodyk & Davidson LLP) (1994 – present)

Education

- University of London, 1991, LLB (Hons)

Admissions and qualifications

- Senior Accredited Specialist, Maritime and Shipping Law, Singapore Academy of Law (SAL), 2024
- Master of the Bench (Overseas), Inner Temple, 2018
- Advocate & Solicitor, Singapore, 1994
- Barrister (Inner Temple), England & Wales, 1992

