



Bryan Ghows | Arbitrator Profile

Bryan is an expert in the business of technology. With nearly 40 years of experience spanning disputes and transactional matters across intellectual property, technology, commercial and data protection law, Bryan has a deep understanding of the management of difficult transactions and disputes in these areas of law.

He is knowledgeable about the practical operational and business issues of running a technology business, owing to his 15 years working at Microsoft and IBM in significant legal and finance roles. His experience guides and informs his practice as an arbitrator, mediator and counsel.

Early in his practice, Bryan handled numerous commercial disputes, particularly in relation to banking and insurance issues. This quickly transitioned to regular intellectual property litigation, with Bryan acting as counsel for technology companies seeking to enforce and protect their intellectual property rights. This pathway led to a prominent in-house roles at two technology giants, where he was responsible for complex licensing transactions and disputes, anti-competitive and consumer protection issues, intellectual property infringement claims and confidential information disclosure claims.

During this time, Bryan was admitted as a solicitor, England & Wales and later to the Washington State Bar Association whilst he was Associate General Counsel for Microsoft in Redmond, Washington.

Bryan returned to legal practice in Singapore in 2010. He has since developed a busy practice in technology, data protection and intellectual property law has continued with his focus on arbitral appointments. Bryan is an arbitrator on the panel of the Singapore International Arbitration Centre and the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre (Intellectual Property Disputes).

His experience as an arbitrator has ranged from being sole arbitrator in disputes relating to intellectual property agreements to agreements relating to the implementation of technology solutions. His multi-jurisdictional experience and admissions across Singapore, the USA and England and Wales provide a significant advantage in understanding practices and the law in international arbitration. Besides arbitral appointments, Bryan is also accepting *ad hoc* and emergency appointments as arbitrator.

As counsel, Bryan has represented clients in court and arbitration in intellectual property, technology and commercial disputes running the gamut of passing off, trade mark infringement, copyright infringement to patent infringement claims. Employment law disputes especially relating to protection of confidential information and trade secrets is also an area of noteworthy experience and interest.

Some recent publicly reported cases are:

Nalli Chinnasami Chetty v Nalli Pte Ltd [2022] SGHC 109 (trade mark infringement and co-existence dispute)

Lee Tat Cheng v Maka GPS Technologies Pte Ltd [2018] 3 SLR 1334 (Court of Appeal) (patent infringement)

Global Yellow Pages Led v Promedia Directories Pte Ltd [2017] 2 SLR 185 (Court of Appeal) (copyright infringement)

In the area of mediation, Bryan's in-house experience is also of benefit in trying to achieve a resolution of disputes. He has appeared as counsel in numerous mediations and is accepting *ad hoc* appointments as a mediator.

Bryan has been named by Legal 500 as a leading individual in Singapore for both TMT (TMT) and Intellectual Property continuously for the period 2016 to 2023. He is also ranked by Chambers for Intellectual Property Domestic Litigation.

Admissions

Advocate & Solicitor, Singapore (1984)
Solicitor, England & Wales (1997)
Attorney-at-law, Washington state, USA (2008)

Qualifications

Fellow, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators
Fellow, Singapore Institute of Arbitrators
Certified Information Privacy Professional/Asia

Appointments

Notary Public – 2015 to 2021
Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC) - Panelist IP arbitrator
Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre (HKIAC) – Panelist IP arbitrator
The Law Society of Singapore: IT Committee: Chair (2011-2014)
Singapore Academy of Law: LawNet Management Committee (former member)
Singapore Academy of Law: IT Roadmap Sub-Committee (former member)

Publications

Technology & Advocacy Chapter in Modern Advocacy (2nd edition) Academy Publications

Education

1983: National University of Singapore (LLB Hons)

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