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<p>Educational/Professional Memberships</p> <p>Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St Paul's Institution, Seremban, Malaysia (1960-1970) • National Junior College, Singapore (1971-1972) • University of Adelaide, Australia (1973-1976) • National University of Singapore (1981-1982; part-time) • INSEAD, Fontainebleau, France (1982-1983) • National University of Singapore (1984-1986) • University of Cambridge (Jesus College), England (1986-1987) <p>Academic Qualifications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • B.Eng.(Civil)(Hons), Adelaide 1977 • M.Sc.(Construction Engineering), NUS 1982 • MBA(Distinction), INSEAD 1983 • LL.B.(Hons), NUS 1986 • LL.M.(Hons), Cantab. 1987 <p>Professional memberships</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professional Engineer, Singapore, 1983 • Advocate & Solicitor, Supreme Court of Singapore, 1991 • Fellow, Singapore Academy of Law, 1997 • Senior Counsel, Singapore, 2003 • Fellow, Singapore Institute of Arbitrators, 2006

Current Position

Resident, The Arbitration Chambers
Senior Judge, High Court of Singapore

Professional Experience**Engineer**

Seiu Kin obtained a Bachelor of Engineering (Hons) degree from the University of Adelaide in 1976. He began his career in 1977 as a civil engineer at the Public Works Department (PWD) and was posted to its Changi Airport Development Division. From 1977 to 1981, he was in charge of various civil engineering works in the Changi Airport project, from earthworks to roads, aircraft pavements and drainage. He established the Airport Engineering Course at the Singapore Civil Aviation Training Centre and was a part-time instructor for the course. Arising from this, Seiu Kin has a keen interest in civil aviation and airport management issues. From 1981 to 1982, he was posted to the Airbases Redevelopment Team of the PWD where he took charge of civil engineering works in various military airbases in Singapore. He undertook part-time studies at the National University of Singapore to earn a Masters of Engineering (Construction Engineering) degree in 1982.

In 1983, Seiu Kin obtained an MBA (Distinction) from INSEAD at Fontainebleau, France. Upon his return he was seconded to Indeco Engineers Pte Ltd, a government linked company. He was in charge of business development of the company which was in the area of airport project management and engineering services. Seiu Kin obtained his registration with the Professional Engineers Board as a Professional Engineer (Civil Engineering) in 1983.

Legal Counsel

Seiu Kin read law at the National University of Singapore, where he obtained an LL.B (Hons) in 1986, and at the University of Cambridge where he earned an LL.M (Hons) in 1987. From 1987 to 1997, he served as Deputy Public Prosecutor and State Counsel (then Senior State Counsel in 1993) at the Attorney-General's Chambers (AGC) and undertook stints at the Crime Division where he was involved in criminal prosecution, the Civil Division where he undertook civil litigation as well as provided legal advice to the government, and the International Affairs Division, dealing with international law issues. He was admitted an Advocate and Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Singapore in 1991.

As Senior State Counsel in the AGC, Seiu Kin was one of its principal litigators representing the government of Singapore in civil litigation. Seiu Kin has defended the government in High Court suits ranging from tortious claims, such as malicious prosecution and causing wrongful death, to construction disputes. He was also counsel for the government in a number of high value arbitrations involving building and construction claims, some of which were settled after mediation. In 1995, Seiu Kin acted for the government in the first dispute brought before the World Trade Organization under its dispute settlement regime.

Seiu Kin was Solicitor-General from 2002 to 2006. In January 2003, he was appointed Senior Counsel.

Information Technology

In 1988, Seiu Kin joined the AGC computerisation committee, marking the start of more than three decades of involvement in the technology transformation of the legal sector in Singapore.

He was appointed a director of the Computer Information Systems Division in 1989, which was responsible for the digitalisation of files and research material as well as transforming the AGC from a paper-based to an IT-based organisation. He was involved in the conceptualisation, and then took charge of the development, of LawNet, which had its roots as a portal providing digital access to Singapore Statutes, electronic application for legal requisitions for property conveyancing, and data in the then Registry of Companies.

When the Singapore Academy of Law took over the management of LawNet in 1995, Seiu Kin continued to steer its development - initially as project manager, and later as chair of LawNet Management Committee. LawNet very soon became the primary source of electronic legal research for the local legal sector, serving as a one-stop portal providing a comprehensive suite of information and transactional solutions for Singapore and the global legal community. Under his stewardship, the LawNet Management Committee (renamed Legal Technology Cluster Committee in 2015) drove the sector's IT transformation and published the Legal Technology Vision in 2017. This five-year roadmap aimed to promote the use of technology to enhance operations in Singapore's legal sector, launching various national initiatives that included the Future Law Innovation Programme in 2018. This programme brought together lawyers, technopreneurs, investors, academics, and regulators to transform the delivery of legal services.

Seiu Kin also chaired the review committee on the Electronic Filing System (EFS), launched in 2000, which was Singapore's first-generation digital court system. He then led the committee in the Supreme Court to develop the next generation Electronic Litigation System (eLit), which is a case-centric e-document system to replace the EFS. eLit was launched in 2013 and continues to be used in the Singapore judiciary.

Seiu Kin also took a special interest in developing procedures and practices for online trials, becoming the first judge in the High Court to conduct a fully online trial in July 2020 amidst the Covid-19 pandemic.

Judiciary

Seiu Kin was appointed Judicial Commissioner of the Supreme Court in 1997 and served in that capacity until 2002. He was concurrently the President of the Industrial Arbitration Court from 1999 to 2002. After four years as Solicitor-General, he returned to the Supreme Court in 2006 upon his appointment as Judge and served in that capacity until his retirement in January 2024. Seiu Kin was then appointed Senior Judge, in which capacity he continues to hear cases in the High Court on a part time basis.

During his 23 years on the Supreme Court Bench, Seiu Kin has presided over a wide variety of cases, mainly in the following areas:

Building & Construction and Complex Litigation

Given his background, Seiu Kin has a special interest in construction litigation as well as disputes involving complex engineering or scientific issues. He has presided over numerous

trials in these areas ranging from litigation under the Building and Construction (Security of Payments) Act to damages claims for defective works and structural design failure. Many of these trials involved experts such as structural, geotechnical and mechanical engineers, quantity surveyors, delay consultants and scientists.

Information Technology

Seiu Kin has presided over a number of ground-breaking cases in disputes involving information technology, an area that he has been intimately involved in throughout his legal career. He participated in the development of the case law in Singapore on electronic discovery and has delivered judgments in the new areas of crypto-currency and NFTs.

Intellectual Property

Seiu Kin has also presided over many trials involving intellectual property claims ranging from copyright to trade marks to patents. With his engineering background, he has a special interest in technical patents.

Arbitration Experience

Seiu Kin was appointed as arbitrator in two construction disputes but he only presided over the preliminary meetings as he had to resign from these appointments due to his elevation to the Bench in 2006. He had also acted as mediator in a dispute involving two major government linked companies which eventually resulted in a settlement.

Publications

- Computerising the Law Office for the 1990s [1991] 2 MLJ lxxiii & lxxxix (with Robin Hu and Charles Lim)
- Prosecutorial Discretion and Clemency in the Singapore Criminal Justice System: Singapore Academy of Law Conference 2006
- Role of the Prosecutor: 1st Annual Event of the Attorney-General's Chambers of Brunei, Malaysia & Singapore, Singapore 23-25 March 2006
- Criminal Procedure Code 2010: A Watershed: Malaysia-Singapore Judicial Conference, Putrajaya, Malaysia, 19 March 2011
- Editor-in-Chief: International Conference on Electronic Litigation (Proceedings of the SAL International Conference on Electronic Litigation, Singapore 11-12 Aug 2011) [Academy Publishing]
- Editor-in-Chief: Global Technology Law Conference 2015: The Future of Money and Data [Academy Publishing]
- Chapter 3: e-Discovery in "Modern Advocacy: More Perspectives from Singapore" [Academy Publishing 2019]

Languages

- English: Spoken and written (full proficiency)
- Bahasa Malaysia: Spoken and written (basic proficiency)
- Chinese (Mandarin and Cantonese): Spoken (basic proficiency)
- French: Spoken and written (basic proficiency)