

Personal Profiles  
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### PRACTICE EXPERIENCE

Samuel Chacko heads Legis Point LLC's Dispute Resolution Practice Group. His areas of practice include arbitration, banking, building contracts, commercial disputes, copyright infringement, defamation, debt recovery, employment contracts, international trade, judicial review, probate matters, land disputes and general civil litigation. He has appeared at all levels of the Singapore Court structure and has handled numerous cases which have been reported in the Singapore Law Reports. A number of these cases are now leading decisions in various areas of law.

Samuel graduated from the University College of Wales, Aberystwyth in 1991 with an LLB in the top five percentile of his class winning the Calcott Pryce Prize for Evidence. He went on to obtain an LLM from the University of Cambridge in 1993. Samuel also holds a Diploma in International Commercial Arbitration from the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and an MSc in Construction Law & Arbitration awarded jointly by King's College, London and the National University of Singapore.

Whilst at university, Samuel participated in and won a number of national and international debating competitions and academic prizes. When he obtained his Diploma in International Commercial Arbitration, he graduated at the top of his class and won the Course Director's Prize. When he obtained his MSc in Construction Law & Arbitration, he topped his class winning the E.C. Harris Prize and Davis, Langdon & Seah Medal in the process.

Samuel was called to the English bar in 1992 and admitted as an Advocate and Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Singapore in 1994.

Samuel has an active international arbitration practice and has been lead counsel in a number of substantial international arbitrations involving complex cross-border legal and

factual issues. He is a Chartered Arbitrator and a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators. He has also been appointed to the arbitration panels of the Singapore International Arbitration Centre, the Kuala Lumpur Regional Centre for Arbitration, the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators, the Asian Domain Name Dispute Resolution Centre and the Law Society of Singapore.

Samuel is the current Chairman of the Advocacy Committee and the Vice-Chairman of the ADR Committee of the Law Society. Samuel has been an advocacy trainer of the Law Society since 2004.

Samuel has been awarded the NITA Master Advocate designation by the National Institute for Trial Advocacy in the United States.

Samuel's expertise in Dispute Resolution has been recognized in numerous legal publications:

"Chacko is a skilful arbitrator who has been involved in cases relating to commercial disputes, copyright infringement, defamation, debt recovery, employment contracts, land disputes, and general civil litigation.... Peers consistently praise Chacko's ability to "excel in complex cases." "Chacko is praised by a client for his technical skills and for being "very friendly and responsive 24/7". An experienced litigator, his areas of practice span arbitration, banking, building contracts, commercial disputes, copyright." (Asialaw Profiles 2014/2015)

Legis Point LLC is known for its strength in advising on employment practices for multinational corporations with Singapore subsidiaries. ....

Recent cases handled by Samuel Chacko's team at Legis Point LLC spanned fraud, misrepresentation, passing off and trade mark infringement"  
(Asia Pacific Legal 500 2014/2015)

AsiaLaw Leading Lawyer, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2014 and 2015.  
Leading Individual - Singapore, for International Arbitration and Employment  
(Asia Pacific Legal 500, 2014/2015)

"Legis Point LLC's Samuel Chacko has been involved in land and construction-related adjudications, acting as client's counsel and as an arbitrator on the panel."  
(Asia Pacific Legal 500 2013/2014)

"Legis Point LLC has a small team, but was busy in 2012 on numerous SIAC arbitrations for both domestic and international clients. Samuel Chacko is an experienced practitioner."

(Asia Pacific Legal 500 2013/2014)

Recommended Individual for Dispute Resolution (PLC Which Lawyer? 2011/2012)

"At Legis Point LLC, 'excellent litigator and arbitrator' Samuel Chacko is 'good value for money'."

(Asia Pacific Legal 500 2011/2012)

"At boutique Legis Point LLC, chartered arbitrator Samuel Chacko represents corporations and high net-worth individuals in complex international disputes."

(Asia Pacific Legal 500 2010/2011, 2011/2012)

Recommended individual for Dispute Resolution  
(PLC Cross-border Dispute Resolution Handbook 2011)

“Samuel Chacko leads Legis Point LLC’s diverse practice, which has experience in international disputes.”  
(Asia Pacific Legal 500 2008/2009)

Recommended individual for Dispute Resolution: “...Wide-ranging expertise covering banking and commercial disputes, defamation, and general civil litigation and judicial reviews. Also advises clients in arbitration and mediation....”  
(PLC Cross-border Dispute Resolution Handbook 2008/2009)

“Legis Point LLC founding partner Samuel Chacko has a good reputation in labour and employment dispute. The firm has been involved in some major international disputes in its short life.....”  
(Asia Pacific Legal 500 2007/2008)

“... known for his expertise in copyright infringement...”  
(Asia Pacific Legal 500 2006/2007)

Recommended Expert in Labour and Employment Law  
(International Financial Law Review 2006)

“Labour and Employment Specialist” in Dispute Resolution  
(Asia Pacific Legal 500 2005/2006)

Leading specialist  
(Global Counsel 3000, 2002/03, 2003/04)

## **EDUCATION**

LLB (Hons) University of Wales, Aberystwyth

LLM University of Cambridge

MSc King's College, London & National University of Singapore

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## **BAR ASSOCIATIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS**

Barrister-at-law (Middle Temple) England and Wales, admitted 1992  
Advocate and Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Singapore, admitted 1994

Chartered Arbitrator

Accredited Adjudicator

Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators

Fellow of the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators

Member, The Law Society of Singapore

Member, The Singapore Academy of Law

Notary Public and Commissioner for Oaths

## **PUBLICATIONS**

"SARS and the Law", Law Gazette, July 2003

"The Law on Passing-Off"; Law Gazette, November 2001

"Loans and Other Benefits at Arms Length to Directors and

Others"; Asia Pacific Institute for Management Development, May 1996

## **CITIZENSHIP**

Singaporean

## **LANGUAGES**

English, Bahasa Malaysia, Malayalam