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[menon@wst.com.sg](mailto:menon@wst.com.sg)**Qualifications & Professional/Academic History**

- LL.B. (Hons), University of Malaya in Singapore (1961)
- Admitted as Advocate and Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Singapore (1962)
- Member of the Bar Council (1964 – 1984)
- Member of the Board of Legal Education (1967 – 2001)
- President of the Law Society of Singapore (1980 - 1984)
- President of the Asean Law Association (1984 - 1986)
- Member of the Military Court of Appeal (1980 - 1990)
- President of the Strata Titles Board (1990 - 1993)
- Awarded a PBM (Pangkat Bakti Masyarakat – Public Service Medal)(1993)
- Member of the Senate of the Law Academy (1988 - 1998)
- Dy Chairman of the Board of Legal Education (1978 - 2001)
- Chairman of the Disciplinary Committee (1991 - 2004)
- Awarded The CC Tan Award (2004)

**Experience**

Mr Menon has more than 50 years of experience. He was senior partner of Oehlers & Choa before it merged with Wee Swee Teow & Co in 1989. He was senior partner of Wee Swee Teow & Co from 1989 to 2000. He is well known for his knowledge of property and trust law, particularly trust litigation. He has contributed several articles in local Journals including an article entitled "Disputes Involving Trusts: The Singapore Experience" in the book entitled Disputes Involving Trusts edited by Nedium Peter Vogt and delivered papers at international conferences. In a speech made on the 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2011 (at the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner of the graduating LLB (Hons) class of 1961) Former Chief Justice Chan Sek Keong described Mr Menon as *"the most experienced property and trust lawyer in private practice"*.

## Professional Highlights

Our Mr Menon has handled a seemingly limitless list of notable cases and given an astonishing number of decisions as the President of the Strata Titles Board and the Chairman of the Disciplinary Committee. It is difficult, if not impossible, to summarise his achievements. One particular award which Mr Menon received, however, aptly describes him. In 2004, Mr Menon was awarded The CC Tan Award. The Law Society presents this prestigious award to a member of the Society who exemplifies the ideals of honesty, fair play and personal integrity. In presenting this award to Mr Menon, Mr Philip Jeyaretnam, SC had described Mr Menon as “*the lawyer and man who represents all that is respected of our legal profession. One who does not fear to speak the truth and stand up for what is right, a man whose personal integrity is beyond reproach and embodies in his every action as a practitioner fair play, the mark of a true lawyer.*”

## Reported Judgments

- *ADG v ADH* [2010] 1 SLR 557
- *Associated Development Pte Ltd v Leong Sie Kiong, Gerald* [2009] 4 SLR 389
- *Hong Leong Singapore Finance Ltd v United Overseas Bank Ltd* [2007] 1 SLR (R) 292
- *Public Trustee & Anor v By Products Traders Pte Ltd* [2005] 3 SLR 449
- *Re Will and Codicil of Tan Tye, deceased* [2004] 3 SLR(R) 123
- *Beng Tiong Trading, Import and Export (1988) Pte Ltd v Maria Janda Achmad bin Abdullah Wachdin Basharahil (alias Maria) and others* [2003] 2 SLR(R) 518
- *Re Will of Shaik Ahmad bin Abdullah Wahdain Basharahil* [2003] 1 SLR(R)433
- *Re Will of Samuel Emily, deceased* [2001] 3 SLR (R) 335
- *LS Investment Pte Ltd v Majlis Ugama Islam Singapura* [1998] 1 SLR (R) 530
- *Re Will of Loke Soh Lui, deceased* [1997] 3 SLR(R) 956
- *Maxi Developments Pte Ltd v Tan Siew Kheng Helen and another* [1997] 3 SLR(R) 865
- *Lee Nyet Khiong v Lee Nyet Yun Janet* [1997] 2 SLR(R) 173
- *Re Tan Lip Buoy's Will* [1996] 2 SLR 663
- *Re Will and Codicil of Tan Tye, deceased (British and Malayan Trustees Ltd, applicant)* [1994] 2 SLR (R) 931
- *Sim Kwang Mui Ivy v Goh Peng Khim* [1994] 2 SLR(R) 814
- *Herman Iskandar v Shaik Esa* [1992] 2 SLR 1101
- *British & Malayan Trustees Ltd v Abdul Jalil bin Ahmad & Ors* [1991] 1 MLJ 465
- *Chye Seng Huat Construction Pte Ltd v Goh Chin Soon & Ors* [1991] 1 MLJ 13
- *British & Malayan Trustees Ltd v Abdul Jalil bin Ahmad & Ors* [1990] 2 SLR(R) 449
- *Chye Seng Huat Construction Pte Ltd v Goh Chin Soon & Ors* [1990] 2 SLR(R) 190
- *Yusof bin Ahmad and others v Hongkong Bank (Singapore) Ltd and others* [1990] 1 SLR(R) 369
- *Yusof bin Ahmad & Ors v Hongkong Bank (Singapore) Ltd & Ors* [1990] 2 MLJ 326
- *Yusof bin Ahmad bin Talib and Others v Hongkong Bank (Singapore) Ltd and others* [1989] 1 SLR(R) 358
- *Lee Hiok Ting & Anor v Ng Yuk Wah & Ors* [1988] 1 SLR (R) 610
- *Lee Hiok Ting & Anor v Ng Yuk Wah & Ors* [1988] 3 MLJ 197
- *Hongkong Bank Trustee (Singapore) Ltd v Tan Farrer & Ors* [1988] 1 MLJ 485
- *Re Tai Choi Yu* [1988] 1 MLJ 376
- *Re Tai Choi Yu* [1987] SLR(R) 660
- *In the Matter of Drew & Napier Staff Retirement Fund* [1984] 2 MLJ 99
- *Comptroller of Property Tax v Sheefa Alkaff* [1981 - 1982] SLR (R) 13
- *Singapore Government Officers' Co-operative Housing Society Ltd v Achutha Menon* [1979 – 1980] SLR (R) 98
- *Singapore Government Officers' Co-operative Housing Society Ltd v Achutha Menon* [1977 – 1978] SLR(R) 567
- *Hoo Yan Meng v Esah* [1970] 1 MLJ 126

- *Hoo Yan Meng v Esah* [1968 – 1970] SLR (R) 561
- *Re Tang Pui Sim (decd)* [1967] 2 MLJ 96
- *Re Tang Pui Sim, deceased* [1965 – 1967] SLR (R) 613

**Reported Decisions (with Mr Menon as President) of the Strata Titles Board Coram, hearing and deciding on the matter**

- *Re Allsworth Park (Strata Titles Plan No. 1053)* [1992] SGSTB 4
- *Re Sophia Court (Strata Titles Plan No. 1264)* [1992] SGSTB 1
- *Re Pasir Panjang Road (Strata Titles Plan No. 983)* [1991] SGSTB 5
- *Re Cairnhill Court (Strata Titles Plan No. 335)* [1991] SGSTB 4
- *Re The Estoril (Strata Titles Plan No. 843)* [1991] SGSTB 3
- *Re Kismis View (Strata Titles Plan No. 1276)* [1990] SGSTB 4
- *Re Lucky Tower (Strata Titles Plan No. 506)* [1990] SGSTB 1
- *Re Sophia Apartments (Strata Titles Plan No. 923)* [1989] SGSTB 7
- *Re Peace Centre (Strata Titles Plan No. 686)* [1989] SGSTB 5
- *Re Manhattan House (Strata Titles Plan No. 746)* [1989] SGSTB 2

**Reported Decisions (with Mr Menon as Chairman) of the Disciplinary Committee Coram, hearing and deciding on the matter**

- *The Law Society of Singapore v Chooi Yue Wai Kenny* [2003] SGDSC 5
- *The Law Society of Singapore v Chong Boon Leong and Another* [2003] SGDSC 2
- *The Law Society of Singapore v Chung Kok Soon* [2002] SGDSC 2
- *The Law Society of Singapore v Lee Cheong Hoh* [2000] SGDSC 4
- *The Law Society of Singapore v Suresh Kumar Suppiah* [1999] SGDSC 12
- *The Law Society of Singapore v Tan-Au Beng Carolyn* [1999] SGDSC 6
- *The Law Society of Singapore v Mansurhusain Akbar Hussein* [1998] SGDSC 12
- *The Law Society of Singapore v Lau See-Jin Jeffrey* [1998] SGDSC 8
- *The Law Society of Singapore v Ng Ronald* [1998] SGDSC 5
- *The Law Society of Singapore v Jeyaretnam J B* [1998] SGDSC 3
- *The Law Society of Singapore v Chong Fook Choon @ Ronnie Chong* [1998] SGDSC 1
- *The Law Society of Singapore v Kalpanath Singh* [1996] SGDSC 7
- *The Law Society of Singapore v Low Seow Juan* [1996] SGDSC 4
- *The Law Society of Singapore v Dube V K* [1996] SGDSC 3
- *The Law Society of Singapore v Narmal Singh s/o Fauja Singh* [1995] SGDSC 6
- *The Law Society of Singapore v Loo Choon Beng* [1995] SGDSC 3
- *The Law Society of Singapore v Kalpanath Singh* [1995] SGDSC 2
- *The Law Society of Singapore v Teo Choo Hong* [1995] SGDSC 1
- *The Law Society of Singapore v R Yogendran* [1994] SGDSC 1
- *The Law Society of Singapore v Kirpal Singh* [1993] SGDSC 7
- *The Law Society of Singapore v Harbans Singh Sidhu* [1993] SGDSC 6
- *The Law Society of Singapore v Davinder Singh and Another* [1993] SGDSC 5
- *The Law Society of Singapore v Wong Kai Kit* [1992] SGDSC 3

### **Memberships/Appointments/Directorships**

- Member of the Law Society of Singapore
- Member of the Singapore Academy of Law
- Member, Editorial Advisory Board of Halsbury's Laws of Singapore published by Butterworths
- Member of the Asean Law Association
- Market Surveillance and Compliance Panel (Energy Market) (2002 to date)
- Member of Board of Governors of Symasia Foundation (2011 to date)

### **Publications**

- T.P.B. Menon "Disputes Involving Trusts: The Singapore Experience" (1999 edited by Nedim Peter Vogt.)
- T.P.B. Menon: "Legal Profession in Singapore: Code of Ethics and Disciplinary Procedures" [1981] MLJ v.
- T.P.B. Menon, "The Philip Hoalim Case" [1977] 1 M.L.J. lxxxii.
- Ng, Charles & Menon, T. P. B., eds. Singapore: a decade of independence. Singapore: Alumni International Singapore, 1975
- T P B Menon "Tacking Further Advances In Singapore"[1974] MLR 15
- T.P.B. Menon "Bus Company and Vicarious Liability" [1974] MLJ xix
- T.P.B. Menon: "What the Court did not Foresee" [1974] MLJ. x
- T P B Menon, "Contracts for Sale of Land" in (1973) 2 M.L.J. v
- T.P.B. Menon: "Land Titles Act and the effect on Priorities of a Failure to Caveat" [1973] MLJ XIV
- TPB Menon "Need for Law Reform" (1959-60) 2 Me Judice 53, 54.