

CNPLAW LLP WELCOMES MR DANIEL KOH AS PARTNER AND GROWS TO 23 PARTNERS

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The Partner: Daniel Koh

CNPLaw LLP (“CNP”) is proud to announce that Mr **Daniel Koh** has joined the firm as a partner effective 19 July 2021. This appointment takes the number of partners at CNP to 23.

Daniel recently retired as a judge in the Family Justice Court after an illustrious public service career spanning almost 40 years. As a family court judge, he dealt with a wide range of family disputes, ancillary hearings, probate applications and contested lasting power of attorneys and deputyship appointment hearings under the Mental Capacity Act.

His adjudicative skills have been honed by his 2 decades of experience on the Singapore court bench, dealing with civil and criminal trials serving as a magistrate, assistant registrar, district judge and Registrar in the Subordinate Courts of Singapore. In 1995, as Registrar, he assisted the Chief Judge in initiating a comprehensive series of judicial reform and process engineering exercises that transformed the legal and judicial landscape in Singapore, significantly enhancing public access to justice and heightening public trust and confidence in the courts and the rule of law.

In May 2001, he held the position of Deputy Principal Senior State Counsel in the Attorney General’s Chambers prosecuting sensitive financial and securities fraud cases. As director, he supervised teams of deputy public prosecutors in the Financial Securities offences and Corruption & Specialist crime directorates. He was the lead prosecutor in several complex high profile white-collar crimes including the China Aviation Oil case, one of the biggest financial scandals in Singapore.

He was the first Public Guardian in Singapore from 2010 – 2015, seconded from the Attorney General’s Chambers in 2009 to take on this appointment.

Since the Mental Capacity Act came into effect on 1 March 2010, Daniel, supported by the Office of the Public Guardian, carried out various functions towards enabling and protecting vulnerable persons in the society who lack mental capacity. Since 2010 he has been a regular overseas expert speaker at several World Congress sessions held in Washington, Melbourne, Berlin, Tokyo and Seoul on guardianship law.

Daniel will specialise in estate planning, Mental Capacity Act related matters, civil and criminal law litigation, mediation and arbitration.

CNP Managing Partner Ms Lisa Theng has this to say “we are delighted to welcome Daniel to CNP. He has breadth and depth of knowledge in the area of family law and dispute resolution and is widely recognised in Singapore and in the region. Daniel is a valuable addition to the firm and we look forward to working with him to further enhance the scope and quality of services to our clients. Daniel’s appointment is in line with our firm’s drive towards excellence and growth”.

In response, Daniel says: “I am privileged to join a dynamic full service law practice with talent for cross border business. I look forward to contributing towards the growth and success of the firm.”

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