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PROGRAMME

9:00- 9:30

Registration Open

9:30 -9:45

Opening Remarks from the Chair:

MORNING CHAIR: BRIAN TANG CO-CHAIRPERSON ALITA

BRIAN W TANG is founding executive director of Law, Innovation, Technology and Entrepreneurship Lab, the award-winning interdisciplinary and experiential programme at University of Hong Kong's Faculty of Law (LITE Lab@HKU). LITE Lab and its students have won international accolades such as Edtech Heroes Award for Stakeholder Engagement (Adult Education) 2023, CLOC Legal Innovation in Operations Award 2022, World Commerce & Contracting Innovation & Excellence Awards for Outstanding Cooperation & Collaboration APAC (with FedEx) and Georgetown Law's Iron Tech Lawyer Invitational. His current wide-ranging research areas cover AI governance, emerging capital markets for tokenized securities and carbon markets, sustainable financing and the role and impact of technology on the future delivery of legal services and education.



AFTERNOON CHAIR: SIEW FONG YIAP SENIOR PRACTICE TECHNOLOGY ENGAGEMENT LEAD ASHURST

9:45- 10:30

SESSION 1

Opening
Keynote
Session

THE NEW LEGAL ORDER: AI, INNOVATION, AND THE ROAD AHEAD FOR ASIA

The keynote will draw together implications from current developments in AI use in law and broader legal trends. The likely continued progress in quality and scope of AI work, through more reliable output as well as greater agentic capacity, could displace much common legal activity. This will have an impact on the structure of the profession as well as legal education and training. Increased capabilities for self-represented persons will affect both the courts and the profession. Corporate counsel will face both pressures on the one hand, and opportunities on the other, at least for some. Boundaries between legal systems as well as lines between languages may weaken: crossing borders may indeed become easier, but competition will also be more rife. Adaptability and agility will be key to successfully navigating these challenges.



JUSTICE AIDAN XU JUDGE IN CHARGE OF TRANSFORMATION AND INNOVATION - JUDICIARY SINGAPORE JUDICIARY ~ JUDGE OF THE GENERAL DIVISION OF THE HIGH COURT
SUPREME COURT OF SINGAPORE

Justice Xu holds degrees in law and public management from the National University of Singapore (NUS), and obtained the BCL from Oxford University. He began his working life as a Justices' Law Clerk in 1997. He then taught at the Faculty of Law, NUS, before re-joining the Singapore Legal Service, where he has held various appointments, including as Chief Prosecutor at the Attorney-General's Chambers. He has also been seconded to the Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS) twice. He was appointed Senior Counsel in 2012. Currently, he is the Judge in charge of Transformation and Innovation in the Judiciary, and is also Chair of the Promotion of Legal Technology Innovation Committee of the Singapore Academy of Law.

10:30 - 11:15

SESSION 2

PANEL
DISCUSSION

LEGAL AI IN 2026: FROM EXPERIMENTATION TO OPERATING MODEL - A DISCUSSION

In this session the panellists will discuss the following points:

- How and where GenAI can reliably deliver value in legal work
- What needs to change in process, people, and controls to scale

ZEE KIN YEONG CHIEF EXECUTIVE **SINGAPORE ACADEMY OF LAW**

CHUNG NIAN LAM HEAD OF THE INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY, TECHNOLOGY & DATA GROUP **WONGPARTNERSHIP LLP**

MODERATOR BRIAN TANG CO-CHAIRPERSON **ALITA**

Mr. Yeong Zee Kin is the Chief Executive of the Singapore Academy of Law, a promotion and development agency for Singapore's legal profession. A globally recognised expert in AI ethics, he spearheaded Singapore's Model AI Governance Framework which won the UNITU WSIS Prize in 2019 and was a member of the AI Group of Experts at the OECD (AIGO), which developed the OECD Principles on AI that were endorsed by the G20 in 2019. Zee Kin has tapped on his expertise in various areas of the law to contribute widely to various legal publications, including Data Protection Law in Singapore and Law and Technology in Singapore. He also authored Technology Regulation in the Digital Economy, which was launched at TechLaw.Fest 2023.



Lam Chung Nian is the Head of the Intellectual Property, Technology & Data Group. He handles both contentious and non-contentious matters in the areas of intellectual property ("IP"), media, information technology ("IT"), data protection and telecommunications law, and has extensive experience working on regulatory, transactional, enforcement and advisory projects in these areas, counting among his clients multinational companies, listed corporations and government regulators.



PROGRAMME

11:15 - 11:35
**INDUSTRY
INSIGHT**

OUT OF THE SHADOWS: A STEP-BY-STEP APPROACH TO AI GOVERNANCE FOR LAW FIRMS

Law firms face a critical challenge: employees are adopting AI and agentic tools at an unprecedented rate, often without IT oversight or governance. While demonstrating a healthy appetite for innovation, this unauthorized adoption creates substantial risks. This presentation reveals how leading firms can address shadow AI as a strategic transformation opportunity.

NITHISH RAJAN HEAD OF SOLUTIONS, APAC **AIRIA**

Nithish Rajan is a Senior Leader at Airia with over 14 years of global experience driving enterprise AI transformation across the USA, Singapore, Japan, Australia, UK, and India. He specialises in helping organisations adopt AI seamlessly, securely, and with a clear focus on ROI — working with executive and technical stakeholders to design and implement modern agentic workflows that deliver immediate business value. Nithish partners with enterprises to navigate the complexities of AI adoption, ensuring deployments are not only scalable and secure but deeply aligned with business outcomes.



11:35 - 12:00
BREAK

MORNING BREAK AND TIME TO CHAT

12:00 - 12:30
SESSION 3

AI AND KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT MATURITY AS A REINFORCING LOOP

- How AI both depends on and drives KM maturity
- From search and retrieval to real-time insight delivery
- Designing KM for adaptability
- New types of proprietary knowledge assets
- How stronger KM governance reduces AI risk

SIEW FONG YIAP SENIOR PRACTICE TECHNOLOGY ENGAGEMENT LEAD **ASHURST**

Siew Fong holds a strategic global role, driving the adoption, engagement and value creation of AI and digital tools across 32 offices and over 4,000 staff. She helps her colleagues to build their digital confidence and expertise, supporting users from initial exploration through to confident adoption and scaled impact. Siew Fong also has extensive experience in senior leadership roles in knowledge management, learning & development, marketing and business development at leading international law firms. Currently she is a Hong Kong ambassador for ALITA (Asia-Pacific Legal Innovation and Technology Association) and Women's Advisory Council Member for AIHK (Artificial Intelligence Association of Hong Kong).



12:30 - 13:00
SESSION 4

CROSS-BORDER DATA GOVERNANCE, CONFIDENTIALITY AND PRIVACY STRATEGY FOR LEGAL TEAMS IN ASIA

- Practical patterns: data minimization, regional processing, retention controls.
- Handling privileged/confidential data in cloud and AI tools.

STEVE TAN DEPUTY HEAD OF TECHNOLOGY, MEDIA & TELECOMMUNICATIONS **RAJAH & TANN**

Steve is a Partner and Deputy Head in Rajah & Tann Singapore's TMT practice group. Steve practices Data Protection, Cybersecurity, Information Technology, Intellectual Property, and Digital Media / Entertainment law. He has been recognized as a leading lawyer for media and telecommunications in the PLC Cross-border Media and Communications Handbook; and for TMT work in the Asia Pacific Legal 500; the AsiaLaw Profiles; the Practical Law Company Which Lawyer; and Chambers Asia Pacific.

Steve is also cited as a leading lawyer for Technology law, Media law and/or Information Technology law in Best Lawyers, in The International Who's Who of Telecoms and Media Lawyers and in Who's Who Legal: Data. Steve won Corporate Insider Business Excellence Award 2019 'Communication Lawyer of the Year - Singapore'. Steve is cited as "one of the best in the field of personal data protection" in Legal 500 2017. In Chambers Asia Pacific 2019, Steve receives praise from a client who characterises him as a "truly dedicated and passionate TMT lawyer. His knowledge in data protection laws and understanding of policymaking are key.

Steve was appointed Adjunct Professor of the Faculty of Law of the National University of Singapore between 2019 to 2024, to teach Privacy & Data Protection law.



13:00 - 13:45
**LUNCH
BREAK**

LUNCHEON & TIME TO CHAT

13:45 - 14:30
SESSION 5

DISPUTES AND INVESTIGATIONS TECH: DIGITAL EVIDENCE AND AUTHENTICITY

- Messaging apps, device data, and chain of custody basics.
- Deepfakes and integrity checks: what teams should standardize.

LUCAS NICOLET-SERRA PARTNER **K&L GATES**

Lucas Nicolet-Serra is a partner at K&L Gates Straits Law, where he advises multinational corporations, investors, and technology-driven businesses on complex cross-border transactions and regulatory matters across Asia-Pacific. His practice focuses on the intersection of technology, data, and regulation, with particular experience in artificial intelligence, data privacy, digital assets, and medical technology.

Lucas regularly supports clients on data governance, regulatory strategy, and technology-enabled business models in highly regulated environments. He brings informed insights into the legal and operational challenges surrounding digital data, including issues of data integrity, governance, and compliance that increasingly underpin disputes, investigations, and emerging digital evidence frameworks. With an international background and experience advising across multiple jurisdictions, Lucas provides pragmatic, commercially-focused guidance to organizations navigating evolving regulatory perimeters and the risks associated with technology-driven innovation.



PROGRAMME

14:30 - 15:15
SESSION 6

TECHNOLOGY AND DATA PRIVACY - HOW TO CONQUER THE NEW FRONTIER - A DISCUSSION

In this session, Anastasia and Junie share practical strategies for the operationalisation of data privacy and trust, in an era of rapidly advancing technology and AI. Through a real data sharing use-case, they will discuss the key issues that arose and their tips for ensuring a defensible compliance framework from both legal and operational perspectives. Hear from them on the key considerations for implementing a Privacy-by-Design framework, data sharing agreements and data protection impact assessments, including their experiences in relying on the new exceptions to consent under the Singapore Personal Data Protection Act which were included to support data innovation!

ANASTASIA SU-ANNE CHEN DEPUTY HEAD, DATA PROTECTION, PRIVACY AND CYBERSECURITY **DREW & NAPIER LLC**

Anastasia Su-Anne Chen is Deputy Head of Drew & Napier LLC's Data Protection, Privacy and Cybersecurity Practice. Prior to joining the firm, Anastasia was Deputy Chief Counsel to Singapore's Personal Data Protection Commission (PDPC) and Info-communications Media Development Authority (IMDA) for over 9 years. She was lead counsel for PDPC's matters, IMDA's procurement and intellectual property portfolios, as well as IMDA's Data Administration Group.

Anastasia has advised on a broad range of regulatory, compliance and commercial matters, both in her role as in-house counsel as well as in private practice. Her extensive experience includes advising on data protection compliance and management programmes, cross-border data transfers, data incident management and response, investigations and enforcement by the PDPC, AI governance clauses for vendor contracts, and regulatory risks arising from the use of large language models. Anastasia has been recognised as a Senior Accredited Specialist in Data & Digital Economy Law by the Singapore Academy of Law. She has also received several accolades for her data practice, with clients commending her deep industry and regulatory experience, ability to anticipate potential legal issues, and subject matter expertise especially when dealing with novel problems.



JUNIE NEO DIRECTOR DATA PRIVACY OFFICE, **GXS BANK**

Junie is the Director of Data Privacy & Data Governance at GXS Bank, one of Singapore's first full digital banks. Her key areas of expertise include data protection policy, regulatory compliance and AI governance in the digital banking sector.

Prior to her current role, Junie spent seven years as Deputy Director at the Personal Data Protection Commission (PDPC), where she headed the policy, international and accountability teams. During her tenure at the PDPC and former Ministry of Communications & Information (MCI), she was instrumental in the development and introduction of Singapore's Personal Data Protection Act (PDPA) in 2012, the amendments to the PDPA in 2020, and the development and launch of Singapore's Data Protection Trustmark (DPTM) certification.



15:15 - 15:30
BREAK

AFTERNOON BREAK AND CHAT TIME

15:30 - 16:15
SESSION 7

IP, CONTENT, AND AI-ERA RIGHTS

Training data, outputs, ownership, licensing, and trade secret leakage risks.

KK LIM PARTNER **CLAYTON LAW LLC**

KK Lim is a highly seasoned legal leader providing advisory in a variety of areas of legal practice and research, including Strategy, digital transformation, information security management, data protection, privacy, technology due diligence, trust/private wealth, business disputes and employment-related work injury and disputes. He is also the chairperson of IIPCC Singapore (International Intellectual Property Commercialisation Council Singapore).



16:15 - 17:00
SESSION 8
CLOSING
KEYNOTE

BRAVE NEW WORLD OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE- WHERE ARE WE NOW AND WHERE ARE WE HEADING

This closing keynote session explores the latest advancements in technology and what lies ahead, offering law firms valuable insights into emerging trends so they can stay informed and prepared for what's to come.

JASON GRANT ALLEN ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF LAW AND DIRECTOR, CENTRE FOR DIGITAL LAW **SINGAPORE MANAGEMENT UNIVERSITY**

Jason Grant Allen is an Associate Professor of Law at Singapore Management University and Director of the Centre for Digital Law. His research and advisory work engage questions of accountability, decision-making, and institutional design in an age of increasingly automated and data-driven governance. He is known for developing conceptual frameworks that help policymakers, industry, and legal institutions navigate complex socio-technical systems. His recent work has focussed on operationalising AI ethics and the evolving architecture of the digital economy.



17:00 - 18:00
END

NETWORKING DRINKS

7th Lawtech Forum Asia

Join senior legal, technology, and business leaders at the 7th Lawtech Forum Asia, an exclusive forum exploring the future of legal innovation, digital transformation, and strategic leadership across the region.

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Shangri-La Singapore
22 Orange Grove Road | Singapore 258350
Room: Island Ballroom B

Event Schedule

Conference Registration

9:00 AM – 9:30 AM

Conference Programme

9:30 AM – 5:00 PM

Networking Drinks

5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

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