

## Singapore



### **Dedar Singh Gill**

Judge, High Court, Singapore

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Justice Dedar Singh Gill was appointed Judicial Commissioner of the Supreme Court on 1 August 2018 and High Court Judge on 1 August 2020.

Prior to his appointment Justice Gill was the Managing Director of the Intellectual Property Department at Messrs. Drew and Napier LLC. He had appeared as counsel before the High Court and Court of Appeal for major corporate clients and had established a considerable reputation for his expertise and experience in intellectual property law.

Justice Gill was appointed by Chief Justice Sundaresh Menon to manage the Intellectual Property (IP) list of the High Court and implement the recommendations submitted by the IP Dispute Resolution Framework Review Committee to review the Intellectual Property dispute resolution system in Singapore.



### **Leck Kwang Hwee Andy**

Principal, Baker & McKenzie.Wong & Leow, Singapore

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[Biography]

Andy Leck is the head of the Intellectual Property and Technology (IPTech) Practice Group and a member of the Dispute Resolution Practice Group in Singapore. He is a core member of Baker McKenzie's regional IP practice and also leads the Myanmar IP Practice Group.

Andy is recognised by reputable global industry and legal publications as a leader in his field. He was named on "The A-List: Singapore's Top 100 lawyers" by Asia Business Law Journal 2018. In addition, Chambers Asia Pacific notes that Andy is "a well-known IP practitioner who is highlighted for his record of handling major trade mark litigation, as well as commercial exploitation of IP rights in the media and technology sectors. He's been in the industry for a long time and has always been held in high regard. He is known to be very fair and is someone you would like to be in the trenches with you during negotiations." Furthermore, Asian Legal Business acknowledges Andy as a leading practitioner in his field and notes that he "always gives good, quick advice, [is] client-focused and has strong technical knowledge for his areas of practice."

Andy was appointed by the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore (IPOS) as an IP Adjudicator to hear disputes at IPOS for a two-year term from April 2021. He has been an appointed member of the Singapore Copyright Tribunal since May 2010 and a mediator with the WIPO Arbitration and Mediation Center. He is also appointed as a Notary Public & Commissioner for Oaths in Singapore. He previously served on the International Trademark Association's Board of Directors and was a member of the executive committee.

[Practice Focus]

Andy has more than 20 years of experience handling contentious and non-contentious matters in the areas of IP, corporate litigation and arbitration matters. He regularly represents Fortune 500 corporations in the pharmaceutical and life sciences, consumer goods and retail, technology, and energy industries.

Andy's IP experience covers all aspects of commercial and advisory work, anti-piracy, civil and criminal enforcement, portfolio management, and IP disputes. He has acted for domestic and international clients, including representing some of the owners of the world's best known trademarks, brand names and technologies – assisting them in all areas of IP portfolio management. He also advises on the commercial exploitation of IP rights, particularly in the technology, franchise, pharmaceutical and media industries.

In the area of disputes, Andy has an active litigation and international arbitration practice, with a focus on complex, cross-border disputes across a wide range of sectors. He regularly appears before the Singapore High Court and in international arbitrations under the major institutional rules, including ICC, SIAC and UNCITRAL.

In the area of corporate compliance, his practice includes defense against government/regulatory investigations and white-collar criminal matters.



**Danny Yap**

Senior Patent Examiner, Intellectual Property Office of Singapore International

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Mr Yap is a Senior Patent Examiner at IPOS International, Singapore and has written several articles on the role of patents in AI and in Fintech, including in the Singapore Academy of Law Journal. He performs independent reviews of patent applications that have been refused and plays a key role in shaping examination practices with respect to patentable subject matter, and in drafting the corresponding guidance in the Examination Guidelines for Patent Applications at IPOS. In addition, he is also involved in an ongoing study and review by the patent office of the IP policy on AI in Singapore and performs patent search and examination in the area of computer-implemented inventions, including AI and IOT.

Mr Yap has an MSc and a BSc (Hons. 1st class) in Physics from the Faculty of Science at the National University of Singapore, an MSc in Financial Engineering from the Business School at Nanyang Technological University and a Graduate Certificate in Intellectual Property Law (Distinction) from the Faculty of Law at the National University of Singapore. Prior to joining IPOS International, he was a research scientist and Principal Member of Technical Staff at DSO National Laboratories.