

# CONTENTIOUS TRADE MARK PROCEEDINGS AT IPOS: BEST PRACTICES AND OTHER PRACTICAL TIPS (RE-RUN)

New to handling contentious proceedings at IPOS? Or just looking at a refresher so that you can conduct proceedings at IPOS more efficiently and effectively?

In this practice-oriented seminar, the Hearings and Mediation Department (HMD) of IPOS will address practical issues in navigating contentious proceedings at IPOS. Participants will also receive tips on what to look out for so that you avoid some commonly made mistakes.

Whether you represent your clients in trade mark disputes, or if you or your organisation owns or uses IP and may be involved in disputes, you will learn some of the best practices in contentious trade mark proceedings at IPOS.

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Training Level:

ADVANCED

Practice Area:

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

#### **IPOS INTERNATIONAL**

1 Paya Lebar Link, #11-03, PLQ 1, Paya Lebar Quarter, Singapore 408533 Half-day in-person seminar

25 September 2025 2:00pm – 5:30pm

(Registration starts at 1:30pm)

Venue: IPOS INTERNATIONAL, Paris 1 & 2 Course Fees: \$588.60 (incl. GST)

**\$272.50** (incl. GST) after subsidy by IPOS HMD



The following professionals are highly encouraged to attend:

- IP and Dispute Resolution Lawyers
- Trade Mark Agents
- IP Paralegals
- In-House Counsels handling IP or technology matters
- IP owners and IP users with IP disputes



## WHAT YOU WILL LEARN

Through this practice-oriented seminar, you will learn:

- ✓ To avoid some of the common errors made in pleadings and evidence
- ✓ How you can better prepare for CMCs, PHRs and other hearings before IPOS



# SPEAKERS' PROFILES (in alphabetical order)

Chee Sze Yin, Gabriel Ong, See Tho Sok Yee, Tan Mei Lin, Sandy Widjaja, and Celine Yong Hearings and Mediation Department Intellectual Property Office of Singapore (IPOS)

IPOS HMD hears disputes filed at IPOS, primarily trade mark oppositions, invalidations and revocations. HMD also manages cases by conducting case management conferences and pre-hearing reviews before a dispute reaches a full hearing, to encourage amicable settlement where possible, or to streamline disputes for efficient adjudication.

Aside from managing and adjudicating IP disputes, HMD also actively reviews legislation, policies and processes to keep them relevant and user-friendly.

In this workshop, the HMD team will share with participants some of the best practices in contentious trade mark proceedings at IPOS and other useful practice points.



#### **Aaron Thng**

#### **Amica Law LLC**

Aaron, a Director at Amica Law LLC, specializes in trademark, copyright, confidential information, and domain name disputes. He's recognized for his anti-counterfeiting and brand protection work, collaborating with law enforcement and global luxury brands to investigate, restrain, and prosecute counterfeiters.

A National University of Singapore graduate, Aaron was called to the Singapore Bar in 2013. IP STARS recommends him as a "Rising Star" and "Notable Practitioner." He's also received glowing reviews in The Legal 500, Benchmark Litigation, and World Trademark Review, which describes him as a "go-to partner for IP dispute resolution" and a "formidable force in the realm of IP law."

#### Caleb Goh

#### WIPO Arbitration and Mediation Center

Caleb joined the WIPO Arbitration and Mediation Center in Singapore in 2024 as a legal officer and currently serves as the Representative of the WIPO Center in Singapore. In this role, he administers ADR cases, provides procedural guidance, conducts research to address regional needs, and develops tailored dispute resolution policies. He is also responsible for promoting WIPO's ADR services across the ASEAN region and creating training materials to enhance regional engagement.

Before joining WIPO, Caleb was appointed a Young IP Mediator by the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore, during which he served as a shadow mediator in a successful IP mediation case.

He has spoken extensively about WIPO's Arbitration and Mediation services at key events, including the ASEAN Regional Seminar on the Patent Cooperation Treaty and the ASEAN-Japan Good Practice Seminar on IP.

Caleb holds an LLB from the National University of Singapore and is an advocate and solicitor of the Supreme Court of Singapore.



## PROGRAMME OUTLINE

Time	Topic	Speaker(s)
2.00 – 2.05 pm	Welcome & Introduction	Mr Mark Lim
2.05 – 2.35 pm	Pleadings	Ms Tan Mei Lin
2.35 – 2.55 pm	Case Management Conference	Ms Celine Yong



2.55 – 3.35 pm	Evidence	Ms Sandy Widjaja
3.35 – 3.50 pm	Networking Tea Break	
3.50 – 4.00 pm	Pre-Hearing Review	Ms See Tho Sok Yee
4.00 – 4.30 pm	Hearings, Costs and Appeals	Mr Gabriel Ong
4.30 – 4.50 pm	IPOS Digital Hub (HMD)	Ms Chee Sze Yin
4.50 – 5.20 pm	Mediation	Mr Aaron Thng Mr Caleb Goh
5.20 – 5.30 pm	Panel Q&A	All speakers, moderated by Ms See Tho Sok Yee
5.30 pm	End	



## CONTACT PERSONNEL

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