

# Germaine Teo Senior Associate



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### **Areas of Practice**

- Dispute Resolution
- Restructuring and Insolvency
- Investigations

### Qualification

Advocate & Solicitor, Singapore, 2020

#### Education

Bachelor of Laws (Hons), National University of Singapore, 2019

## Memberships

- Member, The Law Society of Singapore
- Member, Singapore Academy of Law

Germaine has experience handling dispute resolution, insolvency and restructuring matters.

### **Experience**

- Acting for the liquidators in relation to the investigations and potential action (including claims of audit negligence) against the former auditors and officers of Hyflux Ltd, a well-known water treatment company in respect of a public-private service concession.
- Representing two offshore commodity financing institutions in the restructuring of the Antanium Group (previously known as the Rhodium Group).
- Advising Wirecard AG in relation to fraud investigations and tracing of some €1.9 billion which was discovered to be missing from its balance sheet in June 2020.
- Representing a **working group of bank lenders** comprising approximately S\$930 million of the unsecured debt of Hyflux Limited, in the restructuring, judicial management and subsequent liquidation of the Hyflux Group.
- Acting for the Sengkang Town Council in three appeals concerning novel issues of whether fiduciary duties and duties of skill and care were owed and breached by town councillors, officers of town councils and the corporate entity controlled by these officers.
- Acting for the Investors Working Group, being the largest bloc
  of investors and creditors, in the liquidation of the Envy Group.
  This high profile and widely publicised liquidation arose out of a
  S\$1.2 billion nickel trading fraud perpetuated by one Mr Ng Yu
  Zhi, constituting the largest financial fraud in the history of
  Singapore.
- Acting for and advising an international group of manufacturing companies against a former director and CEO over issues of bribery and corruption, conspiracy, diversion of a multi-million business and serious breaches of fiduciary duties in proceedings in the Singapore International Commercial Court.
- Acting in a groundbreaking case involving homeowner, **Mdm Bibiana Ooi**, both in the High Court and the Court of Appeal, to resist an application by the private trustees in bankruptcy for the sale of a property co-owned by an innocent homeowner and the bankrupt. This case centred on a novel point of law, as it is the first time such an application has been attempted in Singapore, and has led to the Court of Appeal releasing a decision clarifying the relevant legal principles applicable to such an application.
- Advising and acting for a Singapore Catalist-listed company in a boardroom tussle with its controlling shareholder.