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Jonathan is a partner in the technology and intellectual property team and co-leads the Withers Tech Asia team.

He has been consistently ranked by international legal directories such as Chambers and Partners; Legal 500; Asia Law Profiles; World Trademark Review and IAM Patents 1000 for his expertise in Intellectual Property (IP) and Technology, Media and Telecoms (TMT).

Jonathan's areas of practice can be classified into 3 broad sectors; namely, Franchise & Licensing; Media & Entertainment; and Technology. He works with both local and international clients in these sectors to grow and expand their businesses in the region. He is one of the few practitioners in this region specialising in Media and Entertainment law. With the adoption of new technology, he is often sought by media and tech companies to advise on the creation and protection of media content and digital assets as well as the use of such content and assets on new digital platforms. He is also external counsel to a number of international media and tech companies who seek his counsel on their day-to-day operations.

His work involves the identification and protection of his clients' intellectual property assets, digital assets and data. His clients regularly engage him to advise them on the commercialisation of their assets and data through partnerships, distributions, collaborations and licensing. He has been engaged by international media and tech companies to represent them on complex licensing and IP acquisition transactions involving parties in different jurisdictions. In the protection of his clients' assets and data, he advises them on the prevention of infringement, online fraud and cyber-breaches.

He is a member of Withers tech, which comprises a team of highly experienced lawyers with expertise in the investment funds, tax structuring, investments in tech companies, mergers and acquisitions of tech companies or technology assets, and commercialisation of digital assets.

Jonathan is a member of the Singapore Domain Name Dispute Resolution Policy (SDRP) panel, an Exco member of the Asian Patent Attorneys Association (APAA) - Singapore Chapter, and an Exco member of the Cloud & Data Chapter of SGTech, the premier trade association of the tech industry in Singapore. He was a member of the inaugural International Association of Privacy Professionals (IAPP) Asia Advisory Board until 2018, and a lecturer for the Entertainment Business Law course at the NYU Tisch School of Arts, Singapore campus.

External publications

LexisNexis - Singapore Precedents & Forms - Media Law

You and the Law 4th Edition - Intellectual Property chapter

Admissions

England - Barrister-at-Law (1988)

Singapore - Advocate & Solicitor (1990)

Education

University of Kent at Canterbury - LL.B (1987)

King's College University of London - LL.M (1997)

Languages

English

Memberships

Law Society of Singapore

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