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### QUALIFICATIONS

National University of Singapore (LL.B., Hons.)

### ADMISSIONS

Singapore Bar

## PROFILE

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Kyle LEE is the Joint Head of the WPGrow: Start-Up / Venture Capital Practice, a Partner in the Mergers & Acquisitions Practice, and a Partner in the FinTech Practice.

His main areas of practice encompass venture capital and start-up matters, local and international mergers and acquisitions, fintech, and general corporate and commercial transactions.

Kyle is a member of the core working group for the development of the Venture Capital Investment Model Agreements (VIMA), an initiative spearheaded by the Singapore Academy of Law and the Singapore Venture Capital and Private Equity Association, to allow early stage financing deals to be consummated efficiently.

Apart from his practice, Kyle is also an adjunct instructor with the School of Law at the Singapore Management University.

Kyle graduated on the Dean's List from the National University of Singapore and is admitted to the Singapore Bar. Prior to his university studies, Kyle relocated from Malaysia to Singapore after he was awarded the ASEAN Scholarship.

### Relevant experience:

Significant transactions that Kyle has been involved in include advising / acting for the following:

- Both investors and start-ups in venture capital investments across the spectrum of funding rounds including recent matters such as (a) acting for Vulcan Capital and Wavemaker Partners in the Series A funding round for Borneo; (b) acting for Jungle Ventures in their Series B investment into Leap Finance; and (c) acting for Temasek in the Series D funding round of NIUM.

- Award-winning public M&A transactions such as the S\$13.8 billion contested cash offer for Fraser and Neave, Limited by TCC Assets Limited and Thai Beverage Public Company Limited, in what was then the largest M&A transaction in Singapore's corporate history.
- Private M&A transactions such as the disposal by Capitaland of their 75% equity interest in Galaxis to Ascendas REIT for approximately S\$534.4 million.
- Cross-border M&A transactions such as the acquisition by Macquarie's Green Investment Group portfolio company, Blueleaf Energy of a majority stake in an Indian clean energy solutions provider, Vibrant Energy Holdings Pte. Ltd., from ATN International, Inc. The acquisition marks Blueleaf Energy's entry into the Indian market, which is now the 3rd largest solar market in the world.
- FinTech providers such as banks, big data companies, ICO issuers, private share exchanges and FinTech start-ups on matters such as United Overseas Bank Limited's strategic alliance with Grab Holdings Inc. to deliver financial services to Grab Holdings Inc's ASEAN-wide user base.
- Private equity firms and sovereign wealth funds such as KKR & Co. as shareholder of PropertyGuru in the US\$1.8 billion merger with Bridgetown 2 Holdings, a SPAC backed by Richard Li and Peter Thiel.

#### Related Practices

- FinTech
- Mergers & Acquisitions
- Private Equity
- WPGrow: Start-Up / Venture Capital

#### **Publications & Legal Updates:**

- WLG Venture Capital Guide – Singapore Chapter
- Practical Law Private Equity and Venture Capital Global Guide – venture capital investment in Singapore
- VIMA Term Sheet – A road map for a start-up's relationship with investors
- Getting the Deal Through – Private Equity, Transactions Singapore Chapter - 2016 -2018 editions

- ICOs and Blockchain – different this time?

#### **Awards & Accolades:**

Kyle is recognised by *Chambers Asia-Pacific – Asia-Pacific's Leading Lawyers for Business 2022* as being “well regarded in the market” for his expertise in the area of Startups & Emerging Companies in Singapore, with one interviewee noting that he is “knowledgeable and extremely responsive.” Kyle is also recommended as a notable practitioner for Corporate and M&A by *Asialaw Leading Lawyers 2022* edition, as well as being recognised as a highly regarded lawyer in the area of M&A / Technology and Telecommunications by *IFLR1000 - The Guide to the World's Leading Financial Law Firms*, 2019 to 2022. In *The Legal 500: Asia Pacific – The Client's Guide to the Asia Pacific Legal Profession 2022*, Kyle is recommended as a Next Generation Partner for Corporate and M&A and seen as “forging a strong reputation in the venture capital, start-up and fintech fields” as well as “commercial and outcome-driven”.