Panel Discussion: Legal Counsel Careers in Technology Companies

Brief Synopsis:
If you have tried searching online for answers to tutorial questions, or taken selfies and OOTDs around law school instead of studying, you would have had experienced first-hand technology in your everyday life. But have you ever wondered what being an in-house lawyer for technology company is like? We have assembled a panel of in-house lawyers to share insights and experiences gained from practicing law in the front lines for the technology companies you know.

The panellists for this discussion include Ms Jenni Aldrich from Google, Ms Wong Rin Rin from Adobe Systems Inc., Mr Siew Kum Hong from Airbnb, Ms Deborah Im from Facebook, Ms Gladys Chun from Lazada Group, and Mr Chua Zhiwei from Razer. The Discussion will be moderated by Mr Alex Toh from Xilinx Asia Pacific Pte. Ltd. Mr Alex Toh is also the Chair of Peers Sub-Committee and General Committee Member of Singapore Corporate Counsel Association (SCCA).

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Event Details

Date: 11 March 2016, Friday

Time: 1pm to 3pm (Please be seated by 12.55pm)
Refreshments will be provided.

Venue: Seminar Room 4-1, Level 4, Block B
National University of Singapore, Faculty of Law

Please register your attendance below:
**Guest Panellists for the Workshop:**

**Ms Jenni Aldrich**  
**APAC Director of Legal**  
**Google**

Jenni leads Google’s legal team for the Asia Pacific region and advises the company’s management on regional legal issues and strategies for its products and business.

Jenni is an Australian lawyer with degrees in Law and Commerce (Finance) from the University of NSW.

Jenni began her legal career in private practice at Mallesons Stephens Jaques as a solicitor in the Intellectual Property and Technology practice area in Sydney, as well as a secondee to Mori Hamada & Matsumoto in Tokyo.

She was then drawn to in-house work in unique and cutting edge fields. She first joined the organising committee for the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games where she provided counsel on all facets of the 4 year project from event and operational planning through to multi-million dollar procurement and sponsorship arrangements, culminating in a successful Games and wind up of the organisation. Subsequently, she moved to London to lead the commercial and consumer legal teams for Hutchison Whampoa in the launch of its 3G network and mobile services in UK and Ireland.

Jenni has been at Google for the past 8 years and now resides in Singapore.

**Ms Wong Rin Rin**  
**Legal Director & Associate General Counsel**  
**Adobe Systems Inc.**

Rin Rin Wong currently manages the Legal team for Adobe Systems Inc. in the Asia Pacific region. Her legal career in the IT sector spans more than 15 years and covers both the hardware and software industries. Before becoming an in-house lawyer, she practiced as a litigation lawyer at Khattar Wong & Partners.
Mr Siew Kum Hong  
Deputy General Counsel, APAC  
Airbnb

Kum Hong spent the first 5 years of his career in private practice, first in a big firm and then in his own boutique practice. He has been an in-house counsel ever since, with a US software company, Yahoo! and now Airbnb. Outside of work, Kum Hong was a Nominated Member of Parliament from 2007 to 2009, and is currently the Vice-President of MARUAH, a Singapore human rights NGO.

Ms Deborah Im  
Associate General Counsel, APAC  
Facebook

Deborah Im is an Associate General Counsel at Facebook and manages legal and regulatory matters in APAC. Prior to Facebook, Deborah was Assistant General Counsel at Thomson Reuters in Hong Kong and led M&A for the Thomson Reuters organization in emerging markets. Prior to going in-house, Deborah was a senior associate at Paul Hastings LLP, where her practice focused on mergers and acquisitions, private equity investments, and project development and finance. Deborah has represented buyers and sellers in complex cross-border M&A and other strategic transactions in the technology, telecommunications, power, healthcare, insurance, food and beverage, and pharmaceutical industries.

Originally from San Francisco, she has previously lived and worked in New York, San Francisco, Seoul, Tokyo and Hong Kong and currently calls Singapore home. Deborah was a restaurant critic for Asia Tatler and Time Out in Hong Kong, and Tokyo Weekender in Japan. In a prior life, she founded Love at First Bite, a cupcake bakery in Berkeley, California.

Deborah received her J.D. degree from New York University School of Law, where she was a teaching assistant to Professor Helen Scott in Contracts. She received her B.S. degree in Business Administration from the Haas School of Business at U.C. Berkeley, where she was a Regents’ and Chancellor’s Scholar and graduated with honors.
Ms Gladys Chun
General Counsel
Lazada Group

Gladys Chun is the General Counsel of Lazada Group. She assumed the role in April 2014. As the GC, Gladys leads the Legal and Compliance department for Lazada group and is responsible for legal and compliance matters across all countries where Lazada has a local presence including Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Thailand, Singapore, Vietnam, Hong Kong and Russia. She supports the management by providing strategic guidance in commercial strategies and risk management across 3 business units including Lazada (B2C platform), helloPay (payments system) and LEX (logistics business). She has established a network of legal teams across the region, which has grown from a small team of 3 in April 2014 to the present total of approximately 30 legal support personnel in 5 countries.

Gladys began her legal career at Baker & Mckenzie, Kuala Lumpur and after spending approximately 6 years with Baker as an attorney specializing in commercial and tax matters, she left the firm in 2011 to join Yum! Brands- Asia Franchise Unit as their regional legal counsel where she was responsible for overseeing the franchised business of KFC, Pizza Hut and Taco Bell across 14 countries covering North Asia, South East Asia and Pacific Islands. She spent approximately 3 years with Yum! before taking on the role as General Counsel of Lazada.

Gladys was recently awarded the Editor’s In-house Counsel Choice Award by Asialaw during the fifth annual Asia Woman in Business Law Awards organized by Euromoney Legal Media Group in 2015.

Mr Chua Zhiwei
Senior Legal Counsel
Razer

Zhiwei is a Senior Legal Counsel in Razer, covering general corporate matters for Razer’s global offices (with a focus on the APAC region). He advises regularly on matters relating to IP licensing, software development, e-commerce platforms and mergers and acquisitions. Prior to joining Razer, Zhiwei was in the Technology and Corporate Intellectual Property team in Allen & Gledhill LLP where he was involved in technology transactions, mergers and acquisitions (with an IP focus), media-related deals and other commercial matters.

Zhiwei graduated with a degree in law from the National University of Singapore and is admitted as an advocate and solicitor of the Supreme Court of Singapore.
Moderator:

Mr Alex Toh
Legal Counsel, Asia Pacific & Japan, Xilinx Asia Pacific Pte. Ltd.;
Chair of Peers Sub-Committee and General Committee Member of SCCA

Alex is a lawyer, foodie and avid traveler, though not always in that particular order. He graduated from NUS Law School in 2007 and started his legal career with the Litigation & Dispute Resolution department of Drew & Napier. He is currently an in-house legal counsel for Xilinx covering the Asia Pacific region. He is also a general committee member of the Singapore Corporate Counsel Association and is the founder and chair of their Peers sub-committee which looks at the interests of junior to mid-level in-house legal counsel in Singapore.