

## Breach of Confidence After *I-Admin* (Singapore Court of Appeal) (Fully Online)

For decades, the law in Singapore concerning breach of confidence had followed the position set out in the English case of *Coco v AN Clark (Engineers) Ltd* [1969] RPC 41. The Singapore Court of Appeal decision in *I-Admin (Singapore) Pte Ltd v Hong Ying Ting and others* [2020] SGCA 32 ("*I-Admin*") upended this position. Specifically, it is no longer a requirement for a claimant to establish that there has been unauthorised use of the confidential information to the detriment of the claimant.

How will this change affect future claims for breach of confidence by an employer against its former employee? What about licences, research collaborations and a plethora of relationships in which confidential information is disclosed by one party to another?

In this webinar, Sheridan Fellow Benjamin Wong, who has co-authored a case comment on *I-Admin*, and which has been published in the *Law Quarterly Review*, will explain the law of breach of confidence in Singapore before and after the *I-Admin* case. Professor Tanya Aplin, who is a co-author of *Gurry on Breach of Confidence*, the leading English law textbook on this area of law, will then share her views on the implications of the case. This will be followed by a Panel Discussion during which participants are also welcome to pose their questions to our distinguished speakers.

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**Date:**

19 November 2020 (Thursday)

**Time:**

2:30pm – 4:45pm

**Venue**

Online Streaming Session  
(see 'Updates')

**Fees:**

\$267.50 (incl GST)

## Programme structure and schedule

Time	Topic(s)	Speaker(s)
2.30 – 3.15pm	The Law of Breach of Confidence in Singapore – Before and After the Singapore Court of Appeal decision in <i>I-Admin</i>	Mr. Benjamin Wong (Sheridan Fellow, NUS Law)
3.15 – 3.45pm	Commentary (TBC)	Professor Tanya Aplin (The Dickson Poon School of Law, King's College London)
3.45 – 4.00pm	<b>Break</b>	
4.00 – 4.45pm	Panel Discussion (and Q&A, if any)	All, joined and moderated by Mr. Mark Lim (Director/Chief Legal Counsel, Hearings and Mediation Department, IPOS)
4.45pm	<b>End</b>	

(N.B. In the event of unforeseen circumstances, details of the event(s) may be subject to change.)

## What you will learn

Keep yourself abreast with the latest developments in the *I-Admin* case, which shed some light on the practice of copyright infringement and beach of confidence.



## Target audience

The following professionals are highly encouraged to attend:

- Lawyers
- In-House Counsels
- IP Professionals
- Patent Agents
- Professionals interested in the topic(s)



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## Benjamin Wong

Sheridan Fellow, NUS Law

Benjamin is a Sheridan Fellow with the NUS Faculty of Law, and an Advocate & Solicitor in Singapore. His research interests include data protection law and the law of confidence. Prior to his current appointment, Benjamin was a Research Assistant with the EW Barker Centre for Law & Business, where he conducted research on intellectual property law. During his stint in Drew & Napier LLC, he worked in the fields of competition law and data protection law, among other areas of regulatory practice.

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## Tanya Aplin

The Dickson Poon School of Law, King's College London

Tanya Aplin is a Professor of Intellectual Property Law at the Dickson Poon School of Law, King's College London. She is also Vice-Dean for Research in the Law School, Director of the Postgraduate Diploma in UK, EU and US Copyright Law and Co-Director of the LLM in Intellectual Property and Information Law. Her publications include: *Copyright law in the digital society: the challenges of multimedia* (Hart, 2005), *Intellectual Property: Patents, Copyright, Trade Marks and Allied Rights* 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> eds (Sweet & Maxwell, 2010, 2013, 2019) (with Prof. Cornish and Prof. Llewelyn), *Intellectual Property Law: Text, Cases and Materials* 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> eds (OUP, 2009, 2013, 2016) (with Dr Davis), and *Gurry on Breach of Confidence: The Protection of Confidential Information* (OUP, 2012) (with Prof. Bently, Dr Johnson and Mr Malynicz). Her latest book, co-authored with Prof. Bently, is entitled *Global Mandatory Fair Use: The Nature and Scope of the Right to Quote Copyright Works* (forthcoming, CUP 2020). At King's, she teaches courses on international and comparative copyright law and European and UK patent and trade secrets law.

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## Mark Lim (Moderator)

Director/Chief Legal Counsel, Hearings and Mediation Dept, Intellectual Property Office of Singapore

Mark is a Director and Chief Legal Counsel at IPOS (the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore), where he heads the Hearings team.

He has more than 25 years of experience in intellectual property law, and has published many articles in both local and international law journals. He is a co-author of the chapter on Copyright in *Halsbury's Laws of Singapore: Volume 13(3) - Intellectual property* (2007 & 2018 Reissue, Lexis-Nexis, Singapore). He is also the Subject Coordinator for the Intellectual Property Module for the Singapore Institute of Legal Education's course for trainee lawyers, and co-teaches the module on *Foundations of IP Law* at the National University of Singapore's Faculty of Law, where he covers the section on patents.

## Updates

Due to the current COVID-19 situation, this course will be conducted fully online via live-streaming. We will be providing participants with the relevant materials prior to the course, if any. Please do not disseminate them without prior consent.

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