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QUALIFICATIONS:

- Solicitor, England and Wales, 1999
- Advocate & Solicitor, Singapore, 1992

EDUCATION:

- PhD in Laws, University College London, 2003
- LLB (Hons), National University of Singapore, 1991

LANGUAGES:

- English
- Mandarin

Summary

Dr Joseph Chun is a leading authority in environmental law and the Head of the Firm's Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) practice. As the lead author of Singapore's definitive environmental law textbook, he contributes to the standards of the field. His practice is uniquely informed by his role as an Adjunct Associate Professor at the National University of Singapore and a member of the Asia-Pacific Centre for Environmental Law. Beyond his legal practice, Joseph is deeply embedded in the sustainability ecosystem, serving on SVCA's ESG and Impact Committee, the Global Alliance of Impact Lawyers, and Mandai Wildlife Group's Animal Welfare and Ethics Committee. His commitment to the environment extends from his membership of the IUCN World Commission on Environmental Law to hands-on collaboration with green civil society groups.

Matter Experience

- Advising on the M A environmental due diligence for the proposed asset acquisition of a business including numerous petrol stations;
- Advising a bank on the introduction of a green deposit scheme;
- Advising a bank on the climate- and environmental-related litigation risk of its operations;
- Reviewing an asset manager's sustainability report for greenwashing risk and alignment with the MAS Guidelines;

- Acting for a real estate investment trust on its appointment of a foreign consultant to conduct environmental and social due diligence on its portfolio of industrial properties;
- Advising a global law firm on the regulation under greenhouse gas regulations of the use and import of a refrigerant and water-cooled chillers using the refrigerant;
- Advising a company on the environmental regulatory requirements for importing PolyEthylene Terephthalate (PET) flakes for recycling into and export of PET pellets;
- Advising an airport in a regulatory environmental compliance audit of its operational activities; and
- Advising a global law firm on the regulatory regime for discharge of trade effluents.

Accolades

Legal 500 Asia Pacific

- Recognised as the Green Ambassador (2024 – 2026)

Publications

- Chun, J. (2026) Legal 500 – Singapore: Environmental, Social and Governance. Available [here](#);
- Chun, J. (2026) MAS Issues Guidelines to Financial Institutions ("FIs") on Transition Planning ("TPGs"). Available [here](#);
- Chun, J. (2025) Chambers & Partners – Environmental Law 2025: Singapore Law and Practice. Available [here](#);
- Chun, J. (2025) Eligible International Carbon Credits under the Carbon Pricing Act: The State of Play and Implications for Businesses. Shook Lin & Bok LLP. Available [here](#);
- Chun, J. (2025) The World Court's Climate Opinion May Increase Regulatory Risk for Singapore Businesses. Shook Lin & Bok LLP. Available [here](#);
- Chun, J. (2025) Environmental Law and Practice in Singapore: Overview. Thomson Reuters. Available [here](#);
- Chun, J. (2024) Green Bonds and the Singapore-Asia Taxonomy of Sustainable Finance: The Next Level of Ambition and Credibility. Shook Lin & Bok LLP. Available [here](#);
- Chun, J. (2024) Navigating the Rise of Climate Transition Financing. Shook Lin & Bok LLP. Available [here](#);
- Chun, J. (2024) ESG: Legal Strategies for Mitigating Risk and Creating Value in M&A. IFLR;
- Chun, J. (2024) Sharing Responsibility for Sustainable Supply Chains under the European Union Deforestation-free Regulation. Impact Lawyers Journal. Available [here](#);
- Chun, J. (2023) The What, Why, and How of Green Leases in Singapore. Shook Lin & Bok LLP. Available [here](#);
- Chun, J. (2022) The Evolving Regulatory Landscape in Singapore for Financial Sustainability. Parkyoungsa;
- Chun, J. (2021) A Closer Look at Singapore's Mandatory Corporate ESG Disclosures and Associated Legal Risks. IFLR. Available [here](#); and

- Chun, J. (2021) Legal Opinion on Directors' Responsibilities and Climate Change under Singapore Law. Commonwealth Climate and Law Initiative. Available [here](#).

Speaking Engagements

- "Climate Change Domestic Legislation", at Climate Change and Sustainability 101 Course for Public Officers organised by National University of Singapore Centre for Nature-based Climate Solutions, October 2025;
- "The Role of Contracts in the Transition to a Sustainable Economy", at executive course on Singapore's Legal and Regulatory Issues on Climate Changes by National University of Singapore Asia Pacific Centre for Environmental Law and Centre for Nature-based Climate Solutions, April 2025;
- "From Green to Gold: Bright Sparks for ESG in a Changing World", at panel discussion organised by the Singapore Chinese Chamber of Commerce & Industry (SCCCI), the Institute of Singapore Chartered Accountants (ISCA), and the Law Society of Singapore, April 2025;
- "Macro Climate Reporting and Regulatory Developments" at Sustainability Forum on "Strengthening Partnerships for a Sustainable World" organised by DBS, July 2024;
- "Human Rights in Supply Chains" at panel discussion at Asia-Pacific Employment Summit organised by International Employment Lawyer, July 2024;
- "Extra-territorial Impacts of ESG Legislation on Supply Chains in the Global South" at panel discussion in the Global Alliance of Impact Lawyers Annual Summit 2024 Legal Conference, April 2024;
- "Deforestation-free Supply Chains: Through a Supplier Lens" at lunchtime seminar organised by Rubber Traders Association of Singapore, July 2023;
- "Keeping Pace with Environmental Liability Risks" at panel discussion organised by Pan-Asia Risk and Insurance Management Association, December 2022;
- "ESG Laws and Legal Risks in Singapore" at Asia ESG and Sustainability Summit" organised by ECV International, October 2022;
- "ESG Business Opportunities in Singapore" at Singapore-China Two-Way Investment Forum organised by Suzhou Industrial Park Administrative Committee, Economic Development Board and Enterprise Singapore, October 2021; and
- "Can Board of Directors be Held Responsible for Contributing to Climate Change?" at Fireside Chat at CIMB Cooler Earth Summit 2021, September 2021.

Practice Areas:

- Environmental, Social and Governance
- International Trade