

Brief Profile

Mr Chao Hick Tin SC DUBC obtained his LLB and LLM from University College, London in 1965 and 1966 respectively. He was called to the English Bar in 1965 and was elected a Bencher of the Middle Temple in 2013.

Beginning his legal career as State Counsel at the Attorney-General’s Chambers in 1967, Mr Chao SC DUBC was elevated to the Supreme Court of Singapore as a Judicial Commissioner in 1986. He was later appointed Judge of the High Court in 1990 and subsequently, Judge of Appeal in 1999.

In April 2006, Mr Chao SC DUBC served as Attorney-General for two years. He returned to the Singapore Court of Appeal as a Judge of Appeal and its Vice President in 2008. Justice Chao (as he was then) retired in 2017 and was conferred the honour of a Valedictory Reference. He continued his public service as a Senior Judge from 5 January 2018 until 1 June 2022.

Mr Chao SC DUBC has represented Singapore in numerous international fora, the most notable of which was the UN Conference on the Law of the Sea from 1974 to 1981. He had previously served as Vice-President of the Singapore Academy of Law, President of the Industrial Arbitration Court, Chairman of the Singapore Mediation Centre, and President of the ASEAN Law Association. He now a member of the Council of Presidential Advisers.

