

Legalese Pte. Ltd.

Legalese is a homegrown, deep-tech startup in the computational law space founded by a recovering lawyer (Alexis) and a computer scientist who designed the anti-spam standard for emails still used today (Meng). They want to apply computer science to law: from contract drafting, generation, and management, to all the quasi-legal rules, business process logic, and statutes that altogether make up "law". They aim to do that by first developing a domain-specific language (DSL) for law; the working title of this language is L4. This is the R&D arm of Legalese. Parallel to this, Legalese's product arm just launched its first web-app on fundraising paperwork, and API and white-label offerings for document automation and generation. In a few years, the two tracks will dovetail.

Wong Meng Weng

Wong Meng Weng¹ is a computer scientist, entrepreneur, investor, and technologist, specializing in deep-tech Internet infrastructure and open-source startups.

As an undergraduate in the US, Meng co-founded pobox.com, the first commercial email service, later acquired by Fastmail. In terms of creating and leading a technology to worldwide adoption, Meng has done that as early as 15 years ago when he designed the Sender Policy Framework (RFC4408), an [anti-spam email standard](#) that was [later embraced and extended by Microsoft](#). On top of creating and designing the framework, Meng championed and led it to its worldwide adoption, including by Microsoft and Google. Today SPF protects a majority of all email. As of August 2006, between one-third and one-half of legitimate email volume worldwide carries an SPF record. In 2005, Meng also co-founded karmasphere.com, one of the first big data analytics solutions to deliver internet-scale "reputation data as a service". This evolved to offer Big Data tools and was acquired by FICO. Upon returning to Singapore for family reasons, Meng joined BANSEA (the local angel association) and TIE.org, started investing \$50k-\$1M in seed deals, and he co-founded the Singapore [Hackerspace](#), and the first startup accelerator in Southeast Asia, [JFDI.Asia](#).

As one of Tim O'Reilly's alpha geeks and a co-founder of [Hackerspace.SG](#), Meng is active in organising and contributing to the startup ecosystem ([Startup Weekend](#), [TEDx](#), [Barcamp](#), [Startup Grind](#), [FOSSAsia](#)). Meng occasionally mentors at the [Founder Institute](#) and is an [Entrepreneur-in-Residence at INSEAD Business School](#).

As the co-founder of Legalese, he has held fellowships at [Harvard University's Berkman Klein Center for Internet & Society](#), at Ca'Foscari University of Venice (researching computational linguistics), and at the [CodeX Center for Legal Informatics at Stanford University](#). Meng earned his Bachelor's degree in Computer Science at the University of Pennsylvania (SEAS '97), and was the country delegate to MIT's Regional Entrepreneurship Acceleration Program ('14 – '16). Meng has also been previously appointed to the [CFE sub-committee on Future Corporate Capabilities and Innovation](#).

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Alexis Chun

Alexis describes herself as a recovering lawyer, UI/UX designer, project consultant, and self-taught programmer. In her previous life, Alexis was a dispute resolution, technology, and IP lawyer in Rajah & Tann, one of the largest transnational law firms in Asia. Handling both corporate advisory and commercial litigation, Alexis represented corporations on IT and IP matters in court, advised on complex mergers and acquisitions, and was seconded to international banks to advise on Asia-Pacific regulatory compliance, financial products, and global risk management. As an ad-hoc consultant, she has been engaged to negotiate on corporate restructurings, data analytics, and international SaaS contracts in both English and Mandarin.

Alexis is an advocate and solicitor of the Supreme Court of Singapore and obtained her Bachelor of Laws (Second Upper with Honours) from Queen Mary, University of London (2011), and was a 2008 recipient of the Long Vacation Scholarship from Cambridge University. She enjoys long walks listening to AI6Z podcasts and Belle & Sebastian, is a chinese tea zealot, and spends her "free" time on Waitbutwhy and computer games. She is heavily influenced by science fiction (Neal Stephenson, Asimov, His Dark Materials, Iain M. Banks), and when she grows up, she'd like to be Tina Fey.

¹ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Meng_Weng_Wong