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Ben previously served as Treasurer of APIEx from 2021 to 2023. During this time, among other things, Ben has helped to draft the inaugural APIEx Code of Conduct, acted as Editor for the inaugural APIEx Newsletter and drafted the terms of use for the APIEx Member Logo Usage Guidelines. Ben is excited about continuing to serve APIEx in another capacity under the able leadership of APIEx President, Professor Leslie Chew, SC and contributing to building the membership base of the society. He has a keen interest in contributing to building a community of Experts in Singapore to bolster Singapore's reputation as a leading dispute resolution and arbitration hub. He is particularly keen in the areas of commercial and corporate disputes and to develop a corpus of professional Experts both in Singapore and the Asia Pacific region. He strongly believes that Experts who are accredited by the APIEx will bring a minimum professional standard to dispute resolution and arbitration work in Singapore and this can only be a positive development for Singapore as a global hub for international commercial disputes.