

ALB Asia Super 50 Disputes Lawyers 2026

Now in its sixth year, the ALB Asia Super 50 Disputes Lawyers list celebrates the region's standout advocates, chosen for stellar client feedback that underscores their winning records and courtroom prowess. Presented alphabetically and complemented by select profiles, the list showcases the practitioners defining excellence in Asia's fast-evolving disputes arena. **List and text by Asian Legal Business**



Dharmendra Chatur

partner, Poovayya & Co.

Dharmendra Chatur is a partner at Poovayya & Co. in Bengaluru and New Delhi. He focuses on dispute resolution, arbitration and insolvency, advising Indian and international businesses, financial institutions and founders on complex, high-stakes matters across India, the Gulf and the United Kingdom and Europe. Chatur is a graduate of Christ University and the University of Chicago Law School.

In the last 12 months, Chatur represented a leading Indian public sector bank in multi-billion-dollar insolvency and civil proceedings before the Abu Dhabi Global Market and the English courts arising from the administration of the NMC Group. The matters, the largest claim ever brought against an Indian bank in any jurisdiction, raised novel cross-border insolvency and banking issues and were successfully resolved by settlement in July 2026.

Beyond this, Chatur acts for conglomerates and growth companies in courts and tribunals in India and abroad. He has appeared in proceedings related to the winding up of United Breweries and Devas Multimedia, and he advises on India-seated and foreign-seated arbitrations under SIAC, ICC and DIAC rules. He is known for clear, candid advice, meticulous preparation and seamless coordination of multi-jurisdictional teams. Chatur contributes to thought leadership on litigation and insolvency, leads pro bono and access-to-the-profession initiatives, and is pursuing a part-time doctorate at Durham University on comparative civil procedure and international litigation. Chatur has also endowed scholarships and gold medals for first generation law students at his alma mater, Christ University.

Clients praise Chatur for an "unparalleled work ethic" and a "brilliant legal mind," noting his "conceptual clarity," "vigor and enthusiasm in court," and ability to "instantly win confidence." They describe him as "very commercial" and "a real class act" who "works seamlessly as part of a cross-border team," valuing his "attention to detail, promptness and clear strategy." Clients also highlight his "availability," composure under pressure, and commitment to "give every brief 110%," calling him "a safe pair of hands" on high-stakes matters.

LIST

Kongwat Akaramanee *Kudun and Partners*

Ajay Bhargava *Khaitan & Co.*

Shweta Bharti *Hammurabi & Solomon Partners*

Anna W.K. Chan *Oldham, Li & Nie*

JJ Chan *CBE (Chan Ban Eng & Co.)*

Dharmendra Chatur *Poovayya & Co.*

Una Cho *Kim & Chang*

Jonathan Crompton *Broadfield*

Zoeb S. Cutlerywala *Phoenix Legal*

Quang Thuan Dinh *Global Vietnam Lawyers*

Bama Djokonugroho *Pro Alliance*

Jennifer Ho Kee Fan *Hastings & Co.*

Donovan Ferguson *King & Wood Mallesons*

Xian Fong Foo *Rajah & Tann Singapore*

Aoi Inoue *Anderson Mori & Tomotsune*

Osamu Inoue *Ushijima & Partners*

Andi Kadir *HHP Law Firm*

Kho Sze Jia *Izad Kazran & Co.*

Jared Kok *Rajah & Tann Singapore*

Akaraporn Kulvijit
Weerawong, Chinnavat & Partners

Jae Ho Kwon *D&A*

Net Le *LNT & Partners*

Jae Keun Lee *Yulchon*

Christy Leung *Eric Chow & Co. in Association with Commerce & Finance Law Offices (Tongshang Hong Kong)*

Shumin Lin *Drew & Napier*

Carlos Roberto Z. Lopez
SyCip Salazar Hernandez & Gatmaitan (SyCipLaw)

Luu Tien Dzung *YKVN*

Kartikey Mahajan *Khaitan & Co.*

Pamela Mak *Tanner De Witt*

Adam Maniam *Drew & Napier*

Mulyadi *Nurjadin Sumono Mulyadi & Partners*

Sara Ng *Linea Law*

Jitesh Pandey *Lex Alliance*

Jesus Paolo Protacio
Gatmaytan Yap Patacsil Gutierrez & Protacio (C&G Law)

Farih Romdoni Putra *Romdoni & Rajab*

Rando Purba
Maramis, Purba, Santi, Singara (MAPS) Law Firm

Mahesh Rai *Drew & Napier*

Michel A. Rako *DeHeng ARKO Law Offices*

Pisut Rakwong *Dentons Pisut*

Maximilian G. Rockall *Squire Patton Boggs*

Wincen Santoso
Santoso, Martinus & Muliawan Advocates (SMMA)

Samit Shukla *Trilegal*

Kirindeep Singh *Dentons Rodyk*

Melati Siregar *UMBRA – Strategic Legal Solutions*

Louise C. Stoupe *Morrison & Foerster*

Kevin Tan *Legal Solutions LLC*
(Kennedys Singapore joint law venture partner)

Nicholas Tan *Chua & Partners*

Benedict Teo *Drew & Napier*

Pathorn Towongchuen *TTT+Partners*

Le Bang Vu *Nishimura & Asahi (Vietnam)*



Kho Sze Jia

managing partner and head of dispute resolution, Izad Kazran & Co (IKC)

Kho Sze Jia is managing partner and head of dispute resolution at Izad Kazran & Co (IKC), a Malaysian law firm with offices based in Kuala Lumpur and Johor Bahru. With 13 years' experience, he acts as counsel and arbitrator across construction and commercial disputes, banking and financial disputes, insurance and reinsurance, fraud and forensic investigation, cross border disputes and enforcement, and real estate and infrastructure.

He leads IKC's China Businesses and Enterprises Desk, is empaneled as an arbitrator with the Asian International Arbitration Centre (AIAC) and the Borneo International Centre for Arbitration and Mediation and serves as a Commissioner for Oaths. He also completed the University of Oxford's Certificate in Law and Sustainability, with a growing focus on ESG, the energy transition and major infrastructure.

Recent work includes securing $2,052,607 (RM 8,344,052.87) in an AIAC award for Universiti Sains Islam Malaysia, with ongoing set aside resistance and enforcement. In Regal Elite Letrik v Country Garden Danga Bay [2026] 5 CLJ 136, he defeated a contractor's claim of $398,649 (RM 1,620,546.02). In Rushoe v Advanced Innergy [2026] MLJU 2323, he represented a UK company specializing in fireproofing, insulation and coating solutions since 1986, securing the striking out of a $570,050.27 claim based on an English jurisdiction clause and contractual liability limits. He leads the defense of nine CIPAA adjudications for China-linked developers involved in major Malaysian projects, totaling $2,107,722 (RM 8,568,098.70) and is lead counsel for a Thai insurer, Indara Insurance in a $1.2 million cross border facultative reinsurance dispute. He also advises a Belgium company on URDG 758 demand guarantee enforcement of $345,450 (EUR 300,000) in Malaysia and serves as sole arbitrator in an ongoing $6,395,907 (RM 26,000,000) mining dispute and.

Clients describe him as "highly professional and responsive," "able to identify issues quickly and provide suitable solutions," and "never talks down to the client." ●



Jared Kok

partner, Rajah & Tann Singapore

Jared Kok is a partner at Rajah & Tann Singapore specialising in high-stakes private wealth and commercial disputes. With 16 years of experience, Kok regularly advises high-net-worth individuals and families on conflicts involving closely held businesses, trust and asset management, estate succession, and claims against errant fiduciaries.

Recent highlights include acting for a Forbes-listed client in a multi-jurisdictional shareholders' dispute concerning a family-owned conglomerate before the Singapore High Court. He also represented a private investment company and secured the discharge of an injunction over $500 million in assets before the Appellate Division of the High Court. His practice extends to emerging asset classes, having acted for a cryptocurrency exchange in recovering $15 million in assets following the collapse of Three Arrows Capital.

Beyond his caseload, Kok is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and a full member of the Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners, reflecting his standing across both arbitration and private wealth disciplines. He also serves as an Independent Director of a Singapore Institution of Public Character.

Anchoring the dispute resolution arm of the firm's private wealth practice group, clients describe Kok as "outstanding," citing his "rare combination of deep legal expertise and genuine strategic thinking." They note that he "understands the commercial picture and shapes his counsel accordingly," and value his ability to communicate complex and technical legal concepts clearly. Others observe that "he delivers exceptional results even in challenging circumstances, never losing sight of his client's best interests." ●



Christy Leung

partner, Eric Chow & Co., in Association with Commerce & Finance Law Offices (Tongshang Hong Kong)

Christy Leung is a partner at Eric Chow & Co., in Association with Commerce & Finance Law Offices (Tongshang Hong Kong), leading the Dispute Resolution practice. Based in Hong Kong with 16 years of experience, she focuses on complex, multi jurisdictional commercial disputes, white collar defense, and contentious financial services regulatory matters. Her cases commonly span Hong Kong, Mainland China, the BVI, and other offshore forums, often involving securities, fund structures, and cross border evidence issues.

Highlights include acting for a minority shareholder director in a just and equitable winding up petition against a Hong Kong company, addressing transfer of PRC stored accounting records to Hong Kong and securing injunctive relief against rights issues. She represents a high net worth individual in Hong Kong High Court claiming investment funds of over HK$700 million, tracing assets through disclosure proceedings and pleading misrepresentation, Quistclose trust, and unjust enrichment. She also defends a client against a rescission claim from a listed acquisition. Earlier, as key associate, she managed a multi-forum dispute over investments exceeding $770 million via PRC and Cayman structures, litigated or arbitrated across jurisdictions including Hong Kong; and represented a PRC investment bank in SFC disciplinary proceedings concerning IPO share subscriptions. Select clients include Eddid Financial Holdings Limited.

Clients describe Christy as "commercial first" and "tactically precise," able to "distill complex, voluminous evidence into a persuasive, actionable narrative" that keeps "business objectives front and center." They call her "meticulous" and she asks "tough, critical questions" grounded in "deep knowledge of law and business." Clients say she is "responsive," offering "clear, to the point guidance," and praise her "sound judgment

under pressure" and "impeccable ethics," keeping matters "smooth and efficient."



Lin Shumin

director, dispute resolution, Drew & Napier

Lin Shumin is a director of dispute resolution at Drew & Napier in Singapore, with 18 years' experience in international arbitration, commercial litigation and web3 disputes.

Lin's most notable recent matter saw her act as lead counsel for Media Matters for America, successfully striking out a high-profile defamation and malicious falsehood lawsuit brought by Twitter Asia on jurisdictional grounds.

Lin is also lead counsel in two related SIAC arbitrations for a global stablecoin platform, arising from alleged fraud exceeding $456 million and a related $100 million claim, spanning Singapore, Hong Kong and Dubai.

Lin acted as lead counsel in Lutfi Salim bin Talib v British and Malayan Trustees, a landmark dispute involving beneficiaries of one of Singapore's oldest family trusts, with assets of S$1 billion. The case produced two seminal decisions: one reshaping the evidentiary threshold for specific discovery applications under the Rules of Court 2021, and another establishing, for the first time in Singapore, the principles governing a trustee's right of recoupment amid conflicting beneficiary interests.

Clients describe Lin as "very experienced in web3 and crypto disputes" and praise her "impressive attention to detail and mastery of the case." They highlight her as "consistently responsive, commercially minded, and strategic," with a rare ability to translate technical complexity—whether in blockchain, digital forensics, or cross-border coordination—into "clear and actionable advice." Many note her calm, steady presence in high-stakes matters, with one describing her as someone who will "fight like hell for your corner," while others value her personable, mentorship-driven approach that makes her "a trusted advisor for sophisticated and high-stakes matters."



Kartikey Mahajan

partner, Khaitan & Co

Kartikey Mahajan is a partner at Khaitan & Co based between Singapore and Dubai, with 15 years of experience across international arbitration, cross border litigation, white collar crime, and global enforcement and asset recovery. Qualified as a Barrister and with bars of New York and India, he is also admitted to practice before DIFC, ADGM and SICC Courts, he founded Khaitan's Singapore disputes practice in 2022. His practice is defined by clear strategy, commercial discipline, and hands on, partner led execution. He navigates common law and civil law systems and the procedural nuances of SIAC, ICC, LCIA, and UNCITRAL matters with equal assurance.

Over the past year, he has acted for a European pension fund in a SIAC arbitration to enforce shareholder rights in Indian SPVs and a Singapore holding company with near equal JV control (seat Singapore; Singapore law). He represents Kingdon Capital LLC in investigations and proceedings before India's securities regulator stemming from the Hindenburg report on Adani Enterprises, and he advised the Board of Builder.ai on internal investigations into alleged fictitious revenues and other irregularities, which triggered winding up proceedings in India and the UK, DOJ related advice, and ring fencing measures to protect directors from potential exposure.

His broader track record includes representing Agility Public Warehousing in three parallel ICC arbitrations, mediations, and a Beirut Chamber of Commerce arbitration governed by Lebanese law over JV disputes (seat DIFC; English law), and acting in the first investment arbitration brought against Iraq. He has represented Panthera Resources in claims against the Republic of India under the India–Australia BIT concerning a gold mining investment. Clients include Temasek, Kingdon Capital, OKX, Singapore Airlines, and Nayara Energy. They praise him as "responsive and strategic," with "candid advice," "meticulous preparation," and an ability to "deliver under tight timelines."



Adam Maniam

director, dispute resolution, Drew & Napier

Adam Maniam is a director in Drew & Napier's dispute resolution practice with 17 years' experience in commercial litigation, international arbitration, white collar crime, and regulatory investigations. Based in Singapore, he is one of a select group ranked across commercial litigation, arbitration, and criminal defense.

In the last 12 months, Adam led the first successful Deferred Prosecution Agreement under Singapore's DPA framework—a landmark for the criminal justice regime. He continues to act in some of ASEAN's most high profile matters, including a recent case linked to the prosecution of a former Singapore minister and a separate case involving the alleged theft of over $40 million of gasoil from Bukom Island. He also advises on parallel cross border investigations, coordinates with regulators, manages digital forensics reviews, and guides crisis communications amid intense media scrutiny.

Adam's broader track record spans complex, high value disputes: lead counsel on a potential arbitration arising from an acquisition worth more than S$4 billion; acting for members of the De La Sala family in one of Singapore's largest trust cases ($600–800 million), prevailing in both the High Court and Court of Appeal; discontinuing one of Singapore's largest representative actions ($1.48 billion, more than 145,000 claimants); obtaining emergency SIAC relief to preserve a licensing agreement worth more than $39 million; and representing a Takashimaya subsidiary in a S$33 million landlord dispute. Clients include Seatrium and members of the De La Sala family.

Clients commend Adam as "exceptional," a "superior and elite advocate," with "clear and precise analysis," "first class advocacy," and a "big picture view" that ensures you don't "win a battle only to lose the war." They praise his "meticulous attention to detail," "responsiveness," and "calm, reassuring presence."



Mulyadi

senior partner, Nurjadin Sumono Mulyadi & Partners

Mulyadi is a senior partner at Nurjadin Sumono Mulyadi & Partners (NSMP), with more than 25 years of experience in complex dispute resolution. His practice spans civil and criminal litigation, commercial arbitration, administrative proceedings, insolvency, banking disputes and employment and industrial relations matters. He is particularly experienced in matters where legal disputes carry significant commercial, financial or operational consequences for the client, requiring not only courtroom advocacy but also a broader assessment of litigation risk, procedural strategy and the client's underlying business objectives. His longstanding involvement in high-profile and technically complex disputes has made him a regular adviser to financial institutions, state-owned enterprises, multinational companies and major Indonesian corporates.

Over the past year, Mulyadi has continued to lead a broad portfolio of contentious matters across several industries. He represented a major Indonesian financial institution in proceedings involving defects in authority and representation, successfully defending a favourable outcome through the cassation stage and subsequently defeating a renewed civil claim arising from the same underlying dispute on procedural grounds. He also handled a substantial tort dispute involving a state-owned enterprise and a contested high-value land appraisal, ultimately securing the restoration of a favourable judgment through judicial reconsideration. These matters demonstrate his ability to manage disputes across multiple stages of litigation, from the development of the initial defence strategy through appellate proceedings and the use of procedural doctrines to protect clients from repetitive litigation.

Mulyadi has also advised and represented businesses whose disputes arise directly from their day-to-day commercial operations. His recent work includes representing an international retail business in criminal proceedings concerning the unauthorised removal of merchandise, where the litigation strategy required close coordination of documentary evidence, witness testimony and the client's broader brand-protection interests. He has also been involved in resolving commercial disputes for companies operating in sectors including aviation and tourism, consumer and food services, manufacturing, insurance, banking and other regulated industries, including through negotiated and court-sanctioned settlements designed to bring disputes to a close without creating additional liabilities for the client. His practice also encompasses employment and industrial relations disputes involving issues such as termination and contractual compensation, as well as broader corporate and commercial disputes where the legal strategy must account for the operational realities of the business.

Clients value Mulyadi not only for his experience in complex litigation but also for his practical and hands-on approach to dispute management. He is described as "seasoned," "supportive" and "client-cantered," with clients highlighting his clear communication, problem-solving ability and reliable preparation. This reflects the way he approaches contentious matters: combining technical legal analysis with a clear understanding of the commercial stakes, maintaining close involvement throughout the proceedings, and developing strategies that are responsive to both the immediate litigation and the client's wider exposure. His continued recognition in the dispute resolution market further reflects his standing as one of Indonesia's experienced dispute resolution practitioners. ●



Farih Romdoni Putra

partner, Romdoni & Rajab

Farih Romdoni Putra is a partner at Romdoni & Rajab in Jakarta with 12 years' experience in dispute resolution, insolvency, and projects & energy. He represents corporates and individuals in court, arbitration, suspension of debt payment obligation (PKPU) and bankruptcy, and leads complex negotiations with state owned enterprises. He holds a doctorate in Insolvency Law (Universitas Indonesia), lectures in Bankruptcy Law (Universitas Airlangga), and is certified by the Indonesian Receivers and Administrators Association (AKPI) and the Indonesian Association of Certified Liquidators (ALBI).

Over the past year, he defended clients in criminal matters linked to PT Pelabuhan Indonesia (Persero) and the high profile case tied to Gregorius Ronald Tannur's acquittal. He represented creditors enforcing a share pledge against a leading peer to peer lender, securing a negotiated resolution, and advises an international client in a dispute with an Indonesian state-owned enterprise tied to a major sporting event. He prepared a judicial review strategy in the ASABRI case, represents more than 20 (twenty) Chinese companies in the PKPU of PT Gunbuster Nickel Industry, and counsels PT Fit and Health Indonesia (Gold's Gym Indonesia) in PKPU and bankruptcy proceedings.

In projects and energy, he recently advised a nickel industrial park company in Sulawesi designated as a National Strategic Project, successfully guiding the client earlier this year through a port construction agreement with a state-owned contractor. His background in litigation provides him with a practical advantage when advising on business transactions. He uses this experience to foresee and reduce the potential dispute risks that a deal may encounter in the future.

He is highly regarded as "very commercial minded" and "very meticulous in understanding a case," with an ability to "ask tough and critical questions" grounded in "deep knowledge both theoretically and practically." Clients describe him as "responsive and always available," offering "clear, practical, straight to the point" guidance; peers call him "professional, capable, responsive," and "smart and always provides solutions." He is praised for "exceptional critical thinking" and being "honest and always tell us all the risk," a mix that helps "turn uncertainty into certainty" and keeps matters "smooth and efficient." ●

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A conversation with Bama Djokonugroho



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What makes maritime and subsea construction disputes especially complex?

Maritime and subsea construction disputes are particularly complex because they combine legal, technical, operational and commercial considerations, often across multiple jurisdictions. A single dispute may involve multiple parties with different interests and contractual obligations, requiring lawyers to work closely with technical experts and translate complex factual issues into a coherent legal case.

In my experience, the complexity lies in connecting these elements with the contractual allocation of risk and liability to produce timely and precise legal advice. A straightforward incident can raise questions of causation, contractual responsibility, technical performance, regulatory compliance and insurance coverage, and even sometimes under different legal regimes.

How has your mediation background influenced the way you litigate cases?

Having the mediation background has prepared me to look beyond the parties' legal positions and understand the commercial interests driving a dispute. While protecting the client's legal position remains essential, litigation should not always be the first or only solution. I therefore consider the costs, time and the potentially lengthy litigation proceedings alongside the possibility of achieving a commercially reasonable settlement, while maintaining a well-prepared litigation strategy to preserve leverage and ensure the client is ready to proceed when necessary. Ultimately, the objective is to pursue the approach that best serves the client's broader commercial interests.

What developments are likely to shape shipping and maritime disputes in Indonesia in the years ahead?

Shipping and maritime legal landscape in Indonesia is currently experiencing rapid transformation. As the chairman for the Prahulayar Indonesia association (i.e. Asosiasi Praktisi Hukum Pelayaran Indonesia/Association for Indonesian Shipping Law Practitioners) and the Center for Maritime Law Studies at the Diponegoro University's Law School Alumni Association, respectively, I am currently working closely with the government, industry stakeholders, and universities in Indonesia to push forward the development of institutional and academic infrastructure for Indonesia's shipping and maritime sector though the development of legal studies and policy recommendations. Among others, we are proposing for the reformation of specialized dispute resolution forum for Shipping and Maritime issues, master program for Shipping Law as well as revision or formulation of legal instrument for various issues, from the detailed procedure for arrest of vessel to the applicability of limitation of liability's regime.



Rando Purba

senior partner, Maramis, Purba, Santi, Singara Law Firm

Rando Purba is a senior partner specialising in arbitration and complex commercial disputes. He represents domestic and international clients in high-stakes litigation and arbitration across the energy, construction, financial services, technology, retail, pharmaceutical, oil and gas, mining, plantation, manufacturing and real estate sectors. His practice also covers competition law, restructuring and insolvency, maritime law, tax, intellectual property, data protection and fintech disputes. He has extensive experience in construction and infrastructure arbitration.

His recent works include managing disputes arising from a major corporate fraud scandal involving reported losses of approximately $553 million (IDR 9.8 trillion); leading retail-sector litigation involving claims of approximately $11.26 million (IDR 200 billion); and acting in a major arbitration concerning a national strategic project with an exposure of approximately $ 600 million. He has also represented prominent companies in energy, real estate and technology arbitrations, handled international maritime collision disputes, and defended multinational companies in tax litigation involving amounts of up to $56.3 million(IDR 1 trillion).

Rando is recognized for his ability to distil highly technical and complex matters into clear, simple and persuasive arguments. Exceptionally detail-oriented, he examines the factual record closely, identifies inconsistencies and builds a coherent case theory around the decisive issues. Cross examination is one of his particular strengths. His meticulous preparation and focused questioning enable him to test expert opinions, expose weaknesses in opposing evidence and obtain critical admissions from witnesses.

Clients describe Rando as "professional, knowledgeable, responsive, clear, thorough, strategic, reliable and client focused." They also praise his "clarity, precision and strategic discipline," "meticulous preparation" and effective cross-border coordination. His disciplined and commercially minded approach helps clients manage significant legal, regulatory and reputational risks while remaining focused on practical outcomes.



Mahesh Rai

managing director, dispute resolution, Drew & Napier

Mahesh Rai is a managing director of dispute resolution at Drew & Napier in Singapore, with 18 years of experience spanning international arbitration, commercial litigation, and investor-state disputes.

His practice is distinguished by work in novel legal territory, most notably spearheading Singapore's first representative action—the jurisdiction's equivalent of a class action—in the Singapore International Commercial Court, on behalf of 370 investors seeking $65.6 million over the TerraUSD stablecoin collapse and Terra-LUNA ecosystem. He represents a manufacturer in Singapore court proceedings and an SIAC arbitration involving claims totaling $3.1 billion, arising from a thermal power plant EPC contract.

Rai also represents bondholders from Japan, Singapore, and Hong Kong in a $500 million investor-state claim against the Swiss Confederation over the write-down of Credit Suisse's Additional Tier-1 bonds—among the first collective actions of its kind globally. He acted for two shipping companies in a $60 million arbitration and related court proceedings over the sale and purchase of vessels, successfully arguing against a Singapore Senior Counsel and an English King's Counsel. He also represents three Indian special purpose vehicles and their Singapore parent in a SIAC arbitration involving approximately $60 million in claims arising from defective works and delays to highway projects in India.

Clients describe Rai as "dependable, measured, responsive and always in control of cases," citing his "clarity of advice, strategic judgment" and steady composure "under pressure." They call him an "exceptionally bright lawyer" whose "innovative and out-of-the-box thinking" turns complex disputes into "clear, practical and comprehensive solutions," while remaining "extremely responsive and dependable" throughout—in short, "the lawyer you want on your side when the stakes are high." ●



Kevin Tan

director, Legal Solutions LLC (Kennedys Singapore Joint Law Venture Partner)

Kevin Tan is a leading disputes lawyer, with over 15 years of experience in commercial litigation and international arbitration. His practice is focused on complex, high-value and cross-border disputes, spanning joint ventures, energy, shareholder, investor-State, fraud, employment, private equity and technology. He also frequently represents insurers in financial lines defense work and subrogated recovery proceedings. He is a panel arbitrator with the SIAC, HKIAC and AIAC, a fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, and serves as Vice Chair of the ICC Singapore Arbitration Engagement Committee.

Tan's mandates span both litigation and arbitration. He has represented an Asian state in an UNCITRAL Arbitration relating to a water concession agreement concerning claims in excess of $1 billion and representatives of a leading private equity investment firm with commitments of over $7 billion in a SIAC Arbitration. More recently, he led a dispute before the Singapore International Commercial Court on alleged breaches of directors' duties relating to international projects, involving claims of around S$180 million. His current engagements include a high-profile dispute concerning the transfer and commercialisation of testing technology for a Singapore-based company, involving amounts in excess of US$100 million. He is also acting for an Indonesian businessman in Singapore High Court proceedings concerning alleged breaches of executor duties in the administration of an estate that is valued at over S$110 million.

A particular hallmark of Tan's practice is his courtroom advocacy. Clients describe him as a "brilliant advocate", with "a smooth, easy and effective style that appeals to judges", and a "formidable cross-examiner", who is "exceptionally well prepared, thinks quickly on his feet, and knows when and where to press a witness". Clients also commend his commercial instincts, describing him as "strategic", "commercially savvy" and an advocate who "thinks two steps ahead". ●



Benedict Teo

director, dispute resolution; head, banking & financial disputes; Drew & Napier

Benedict Teo is a director of dispute resolution and head of banking & financial disputes at Drew & Napier in Singapore, with 22 years of experience across banking and finance, civil and commercial litigation, and international arbitration.

Over the past year, Teo acted for a major Singapore financial institution in claims exceeding $90 million relating to escrow fund transfers held up by US correspondent banks and represents roughly 90 private banking clients in Asia pursuing claims against the Swiss financial regulator FINMA over the write-down of Credit Suisse's AT1 bonds. He also obtained an anti-suit injunction for a wealthy PRC businessman in a S$445 million claim and took over a dispute relating to a failed hotel refinancing that resulted in a judgment exceeding S$11 million. Additionally, he successfully defended a leading Swiss bank against a $2.5 million investor claim over losses in the Direct Lending Income Fund, with the claim dismissed at both first instance and on appeal.

Across his career, Teo has acted in landmark cases involving caveatable land interests, compulsory winding-up principles, and anti-suit injunctions before the Court of Appeal in Asiana Airlines v Gate Gourmet Korea. His arbitration practice spans a A$3 billion Indonesian mining dispute, a $46.5 million petrochemical joint venture claim, and multiple SIAC arbitrations involving energy, biodiesel, and telecommunications disputes.

Clients describe Teo as "responsive and understands the issues quickly," praising his ability to strike "an effective balance between legal and commercial considerations." They call him "commercially minded, and able to handle complex issues with clarity and confidence," and value his skill in making "a complex process feel straightforward," with one describing him as "a trusted extension of our in-house counsel." ●



Vu Le Bang

partner and HCMC office co-representative, Branch Office of Nishimura & Asahi (Vietnam) Law Firm

Vu Le Bang is a partner and Ho Chi Minh City office co-representative at the Branch Office of Nishimura & Asahi (Vietnam) Law Firm. He advises corporates and investors on dispute resolution and complex commercial matters spanning corporate and M&A, finance, real estate and construction, infrastructure and energy, appearing before leading arbitral institutions and other related dispute resolution bodies.

In the last 12 months, Bang secured a complete victory for a major chemicals client across proceedings before the Vietnam International Arbitration Centre (VIAC) and the Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC), obtaining an April 2026 award granting all claims, followed by asset-tracing and enforcement actions in relevant foreign jurisdictions. Bang also represents a multinational company in a letter-of-credit dispute complicated by special control measures imposed on the issuing bank and guides clients through shareholder, distribution, and quality-claims disputes resolved through litigation, arbitration, or negotiated exits.

Earlier work includes advising on the defense of set-aside actions in Vietnam following a VIAC victory, successfully advising to challenge court jurisdiction in a processing-contract dispute to avoid protracted litigation, and advising multinational contractors on post-construction claims in a major expressway project, as well as on subcontractor disputes (including a successful settlement) in a significant infrastructure project governed by SIAC rules and Vietnamese law.

Bang serves as a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, sits as presiding, sole, and co-arbitrator at VIAC and other international arbitration institution, and is a member of the Ho Chi Minh City Bar Association.

Clients praise Bang as "easy to work with, insightful, and very responsive," highlighting "professional, knowledgeable, responsive, clear, thorough, strategic, reliable, and client focused" counsel, with intuitive, thorough advice and skilled arbitration tactics that achieve pragmatic, commercially aligned outcomes.

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Linea Law LLC is a Singapore-based boutique law firm with strengths in civil and commercial disputes, intellectual property, matrimonial proceedings, private client, and corporate matters. Founded in 2013 as an intellectual property practice, the firm has evolved into a multidisciplinary practice serving a diverse range of businesses and private clients across both contentious and non-contentious matters. The firm is particularly recognised for its work in complex commercial disputes, contentious child-related disputes, complex matrimonial matters, employment matters, and intellectual property protection.



Sara Ng, Director

Recognised as one of the ALB Asia's Super 50 Disputes Lawyers 2026, Sara represents and advises businesses, founders, senior executives, and high-net-worth individuals on complex commercial litigation, shareholder disputes, employment matters, and contentious private client proceedings. She has acted in significant disputes involving fraud and asset recovery, cryptocurrency assets, and cross-border matters before the High Court and the Court of Appeal. Known for combining strong courtroom advocacy with practical commercial judgment, she is praised by clients for her strategic thinking, "*steady hands*", and pragmatic approach to high stakes matters. Sara has also been named one of ALB's Asia 40 Under 40 (2025), underscoring her standing among the region's leading disputes practitioners.



Rebecca Vathanasin, Director

Rebecca is a family specialist. She routinely represents and advises clients in contentious and non-contentious divorce proceedings, child-related disputes, maintenance proceedings, applications for a Personal Protection Order, applications under the Guardianship of Infants Act and applications under the Mental Capacity Act. She is noted for her friendly but firm approach to cases and is known by clients to be extremely supportive and a rock to lean on during proceedings. She has been involved in notable judgments including *ADP v ADQ [2012] SGCA 6* and *UYQ v UYP [2020] SGCA 3* and has in recent years been able to obtain favourable decisions for her male clients in obtaining care and control of a child despite most cases where mothers are awarded care and control. Outside her private practice, Rebecca actively serves the community as a volunteer lawyer for Probono SG and the Legal Aid Bureau; and attends clinics at the Probono SG x Paris Bar Support Centre and the SCWO Legal Clinic.