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- Arbitration and Dispute Resolution
- Banking and Finance
- Building and Construction
- Conveyancing and Real Property
- Corporate and Commercial Law
- Corporate Secretarial Services
- Criminal Law
- Employment Law
- Family and Matrimonial Practice
- General Litigation
- Immigration Matters
- Insurance Law
- Insolvency
- Intellectual Property
- Information Technology and Media
- Leasing and Hire Purchase
- Medical Law
- Military Law
- Motor Accident Claims
- Probate and Administration of Estate
- Property and Project Financing
- Public and Administrative Law
- Vehicle and Industrial Accident Claims
- Work Injury Compensation Claims

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A. CORPORATE PROFILE

No. of Partners	:	14
No. of Employees	:	90
Established Since	:	6 November 1874
Equity Partners	:	<u>Tan</u> Bok Hoay, <u>Teo-Yap</u> Bee Luang Angela, <u>Lin</u> Ming Khin Charles, <u>Chiam</u> E-Laine, <u>Kraal</u> Michael Stephen, <u>Lee</u> Shy Tsong, <u>Koay</u> Min Pin, <u>Chia</u> Yee Chern Daniel, <u>Ng</u> See Hui Michelle, <u>Gooi</u> Chi Duan and <u>Tin</u> Keng Seng Eric.

DONALDSON & BURKINSHAW, established since 6 November 1874, is one of the oldest law partnerships in Singapore. The Firm carries on the practice of Advocates and Solicitors, Notaries Public, Commissioners for Oaths and Agents for Trade Marks, Patents & Designs. The Firm and our partners have been regularly profiled in *Asia-Pacific Legal 500*, *Chambers Asia*, *Asia Law Profile*, *Who's Who Legal*, and *Managing Intellectual Property Magazine*. Our clientele ranges from multinational corporations, international airlines, the world's largest medical indemnifier, financial institutions, statutory boards, large and medium enterprises, to high net worth individuals. The Firm is on the list of legal contacts of the Australian High Commission, the British High Commission, the Canadian High Commission, the New Zealand Embassy and the US Embassy.

Our mission is to provide the full range of high quality legal services to commercial, corporate, financial, industrial and public sector clients in accordance with international best practices. Our core values are excellence in the law; promptness, efficiency and professionalism; constant upgrading of specialist knowledge and core competencies, friendly and personable service, and the provision of practical, beneficial and holistic legal solutions. Over the past two centuries, the Firm has earned a sterling reputation for integrity, industry and astuteness in advancing and protecting our clients' best interests by looking beyond narrow legal issues towards our clients' total business goals.

The Firm is currently about 100-strong. Its office is at Clifford Centre, which is situated in Raffles Place, Singapore's Central Business District. The Firm also operates Donaldson & Burkinshaw (I.P.) Sdn. Bhd. in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, which handles Malaysia intellectual property matters. Through affiliation with MULTILAW independent law offices located in North and South America, Europe, Africa and the Asia-Pacific, the Firm has an extensive network and representation worldwide. Apart from the MULTILAW legal affiliate, the Firm has memberships with leading global, regional and local professional organisations such as the International Trademark Association (INTA), the Asian Patent Attorneys Association (APAA), and the Association of Singapore Patent Agents (ASPA). The Firm is also a member of the Singapore Trustees Association (STA).

The Firm has a rich and colourful history dating back two centuries. Its founders, Alexander Muirhead Aitken, Alexander Leathes Donaldson and John Burkinshaw contributed actively to the legal profession, jurisprudence and public life of early Singapore. Aitken also left his mark in the judicial institutions, while Donaldson and Burkinshaw both dominated the legislative institution, of the former English settlement. This has been chronicled by Roland Braddell *et al.* in their celebrated work *One Hundred Years of Singapore*, as follows:

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“Mr. Alexander Muirhead Aitken was admitted as a special law agent in Singapore in 1852, and was called to the English Bar at the Middle Temple in 1864. He took a leading part in public affairs for many years, and his name is to be found on many of the committees appointed at public meetings to carry on local agitations. As has been said, he acted as Registrar of the Court for a short while in 1856; and in 1870 he acted for a month or two as Attorney-General. Otherwise he practised privately, in 1861 with Mr. Abraham Logan, leaving him the next year, and from 1871 to 1873 with Mr. Bernard Rodyk. In 1873, Mr. Alexander Leathes Donaldson joined Mr. Aitken, and the next year they were joined by Mr. John Burkinshaw, the Firm being called in the Directory Aitken, Donaldson & Burkinshaw, though in the Bar records Aitken and Co. Mr. Aitken retired in 1879, and the Firm became Donaldson & Burkinshaw, as it is today.”

“It has already been mentioned that Mr. A. M. Aitken was the founder of the Firm of Donaldson & Burkinshaw. These two latter gentlemen were in leading practice from the ‘Seventies until the Nineties’. Both of them were respected and popular, and did much useful work in the place.

Alexander Leathes Donaldson was admitted an Attorney at Westminster in 1865, and to the local Bar in 1873; John Burkinshaw was admitted an Attorney at Westminster in 1863, and to the local Bar in 1874. When Mr. Bond retired his place on the Legislative Council was given to Mr. Burkinshaw; in 1893 it went to Mr. Donaldson, in 1896 back to Mr. Burkinshaw, Mr. Donaldson having retired in 1895. Mr. Burkinshaw continued to be on Council until 1902, when he retired....These two gentlemen built up the leading European practice of their day, and their jack-in-the-box possession of a seat on the Legislative Council undoubtedly gave the Firm great influence. Both of them were sound legislators, displaying force and wisdom in their speeches, and being of undoubted assistance to the deliberations of the Council.”

Prior to the Second World War, the Firm was one of the leading law firms in Singapore with a wide clientele. It represented an impressive list of banks, companies and merchants. The practice was interrupted by the War during which the Firm’s documents and deeds were preserved at the Supreme Court, thanks to the courageous action of some senior staff members. One of them, Norman Sylvester Hogan, served the Firm for 50 years and produced a memoir *Fifty Years with Donaldson & Burkinshaw* upon his retirement in 1970. After the War, the Firm continued to dominate the local legal arena as one of the top expatriate law firms. The Firm used to have offices in Malaysia at Johor and Kuala Lumpur, and in Sabah at Jesselton (now known as Kota Kinabalu) and Sandakan until the Promulgation of the Emergency (Essential Powers) Ordinance No. 30 of 1970 prohibiting lawyers who were neither citizens nor permanent residents from practising in West Malaysia.

In the 1960s and 1970s, the Firm’s former Senior Partners such as Antony Purdon Godwin and the late Wu Chang-Sheng (better known as C S Wu or Fred Wu) count among the giants in the local Litigation Bar. The late Henry Mosley Dyne, also a former Senior Partner, was regarded a giant in the Chancery Bar. Godwin and Wu were also the members of the Republic’s first Council of the Law Society in 1967. In 1974, the Firm held its Centenary celebration, which was reported in the *Malayan Law Journal* [1974] MLJ xxxiii.

Since the mid-1970s, the Firm has grown three-fold into a full service law firm. Steadily expanding as a general law practice, the Firm has been continuously upgrading the manpower

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and specialist skills required to cope with the large volume of sophisticated legal work and commercial transactions resulting from Singapore's emergence as a major financial and business hub in this time zone. Over the years, the Firm has nurtured many high calibre pupils and lawyers who have gone on to become Senior Counsel, law professors, founding Partners of boutique law firms, and successful members of the Bar in various areas of legal practice, locally and abroad.

In keeping with the fine traditions left behind by Messrs Aitken, Donaldson, and Burkinshaw, and the *par excellence* spirit of the Firm's prominent predecessors who left giant footprints in Singapore's legal history, the present partnership is committed to giving our clients only the very best in legal services.



Partners

Back Row (from L to R): *Tai Choon Fai, Charles Lin, Lee Shy Tsong, Michael Kraal, Daniel Chia, Eric Tin, Ida Han.*

Front Row (from L to R): *Koay Min Pin, Annie Yap-Ng (Mrs), Angela Teo-Yap (Mrs), Tan Bok Hoay, E-Laine Chiam, Michelle Ng, Gooi Chi Duan.*

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B. AREAS OF PRACTICE

Intellectual Property Practice

We have one of the longest established and leading practices in Singapore in the field of Intellectual Property ("IP"). Our IP team comprises highly qualified patent and trademark specialists, technical experts and professionals with impeccable academic credentials. We have several decades of experience in providing a full range of IP services to multinational corporations and businesses. We handle trade and service marks, patents and designs protection and enforcement litigation as well as complete management of IP portfolios, commercialisation and licensing of IP and technology rights. Our IP lawyers practise the full spectrum of IP law, including entertainment law, digital media, internet and information technology issues. They also sit on a number of committees within the Asian Patent Attorneys Associates (APAA) and the International Trademark Association (INTA) and contribute papers to professional publications, books and journals. Through our professional associations and membership with international legal networks such as MULTILAW, we are able to provide a one-stop solution for all our clients' IP needs worldwide.

Our experience in IP extends over more than 7 decades. We handled Singapore's earliest trademark applications when our Trademark Registry (as it then was) was first set up in the late 1930s.

Our clients include several of the world's largest corporations with some of the best and most prestigious brands today. We represent the world's biggest companies in food and beverage, fashion, domestic consumer products, electronics, pharmaceuticals, chemicals, petrochemicals, hotels, computer hardware and software, media, entertainment, air travel and vehicle manufacture, amongst many others. We also act for leading domestic and multinational corporations, businesses, local and foreign Government bodies, educational and non-profit organisations, individuals, estates and trusts. We fully manage the local and regional patents, designs, trade marks and domain name portfolios for an extensive number of clients. We have also handled IP protection in Singapore for major international sporting events.

Our services cover all aspects of IP ranging from searching, clearance (including risk management and regulatory compliance) and protection of trade marks, service marks, patents and designs to the enforcement of these intellectual property rights through litigation in the civil and criminal courts. We handle all aspects of IP litigation and enforcement, patent and trade mark infringement, the spearheading and implementing of anti-counterfeiting efforts, injunctions as well as search and seizure orders. We are also experienced in handling and negotiating issues relating to domain name disputes, internet piracy, information technology and technology licensing.

We assist with the commercialisation, exploitation and licensing of IP rights and may engage in negotiating, preparing and reviewing agreements for the development and protection of such assets. We render advice and provide practical solutions to our clients in the areas of agency and distributorship, protection of copyright, confidential information, trade secrets, data and computer software, issues concerning parallel imports, the transfer of rights and technology, internet domain names protection and disputes, information technology, electronic commerce, advertising and entertainment.

We have the expertise to handle the drafting of patent specifications for pursuing patent protection in the fields of information technology, electronics and mechanics. We are

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expanding our in-house drafting capability to other areas such as chemistry, pharmaceuticals and bio-technology which we now handle by working closely with affiliated patent firms.

Our IP professionals are supported by executive and support staff who function within well-managed divisions. These include the trade mark and designs registration department, the patent prosecution department and the enforcement department. Our staff includes qualified patent agents who are engineers and scientists, PhD degree holders, and professionals with prior experience at the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore (IPOS).

Litigation and Dispute Resolution Practice

We have a well-established litigation team committed to serving our clients' best interests and assisting our clients in achieving the desired outcome in a timely and cost effective manner.

We offer a full range of civil litigation services which cover banking and insurance claims, building and construction disputes, commercial disputes, contractual disputes, employment disputes, professional negligence, medico-legal work, disputes concerning intellectual property rights, insolvency, land acquisitions, corporate and shareholders' disputes, matrimonial disputes, contentious trust and probate, landlord and tenant disputes.

We also advise on substantive administrative law, criminal law, and military law; criminal procedure and evidence, and matters involving professional disciplinary or administrative tribunals. We undertake private prosecution and prosecution under written laws as instructed by statutory boards and government entities. We defend individuals and corporations in a wide spectrum of offences ranging from serious crimes to regulatory or departmental summonses, including those under:

- Bankruptcy Act
- Central Provident Fund Act
- Companies Act
- Computer Misuse Act
- Corruption, Drug Trafficking and Other Serious Crimes (Confiscation of Benefits) Act
- Customs Act
- Employment of Foreign Manpower Act
- Factories Act
- Goods and Services Tax Act
- Immigration Act
- Income Tax Act
- Misuse of Drugs Act
- Penal Code
- Prevention of Corruption Act
- Public Entertainments and Meetings Act
- Road Traffic Act
- Women's Charter
- Workplace Safety and Health Act

We have over the years earned a good reputation and are well sought after in niche areas of practice such as intellectual property and medico-legal work.

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We also practise other forms of alternative dispute resolution, such as mediation and arbitration.

Real Estate and Conveyancing Practice

Our Real Estate and Conveyancing Practice is managed by a dynamic team of senior lawyers and support staff with considerable experience and expertise in a broad spectrum of real estate transactions.

Our main aim is to provide prompt, responsive and quality service, practical and commercially focused legal advice. We have represented a wide array of clients, including local and foreign individuals and corporations, property developers, public listed companies, various statutory boards, recreation clubs, banks and financial institutions in transactions, including high value, complex and innovative transactions, involving land parcels, residential properties, commercial properties and industrial properties. We are also on the Central Provident Fund (CPF) Board's Conveyancing Panel of lawyers.

Our comprehensive legal services include the negotiation and preparation of documentation covering the following areas:

- Acquisition of Development Sites
- Estate Planning
- Leases
- Loan Restructuring
- Mortgages
- Probate and Administration
- Project Financing
- Property Development Projects
- Sales and Purchases
- Tenders and Auctions
- Trusts

Working closely with other practice areas within our office, we are able to provide our clients with seamless one-stop service for ancillary matters.

With the necessary information technology infrastructure directly connecting us to many government departments, we can ensure efficient delivery of our professional services to our clients.

Recent highlights include advising two local Statutory Boards on the Integrated Resort developments at Marina Bay and in Sentosa. We also advised a local Statutory Board on the Singapore Flyer (Giant Observation Wheel) at Marina Centre Promontory.

Corporate and Commercial Practice

We have extensive experience handling a wide range of commercial, contractual, corporate and employment law matters, including:

- Anti-Competition
- Corporate Compliance

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- Corporate Governance
- Corporate Restructuring
- Corporate Secretarial Practice
- Distributorship
- Employment
- Financing
- Franchising
- Immigration
- Joint Ventures
- Leasing
- Licensing
- Manufacturing
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Sales and Purchases
- Sale and/ or Supply of Goods and Services
- Technology Contracts

Our clients include various foreign and domestic entities from a wide range of fields, some of which are multinational corporations and government bodies.

Our aim is to provide prompt, pragmatic and quality legal service and solutions for our clients.

C. PARTNERS' PROFILES

TAN BOK HOAY



Bok Hoay is a Senior Partner of the Firm. His practice areas include intellectual property, corporate, insurance, landlord and tenant matters. He also oversees the corporate secretarial department of the firm and holds non-executive directorship in several multinational corporations.

Asia-Pacific Legal 500 (2008) lists Bok Hoay as the prime contact for corporate and M&A. *Who's Who Legal* recommends him for trade marks, and *Chambers Asia* lists him as the contact for copyrights, patents, trade marks, designs, trade secrets and confidential information. *Managing Intellectual Property Magazine* states that he "is highly rated for his work with hi-tech computer and multinational software corporations."

Some of the significant cases in which Bok Hoay acted include:

- ***Malaysia Dairy Industries Pte Ltd & Anor v Yakult (Singapore) Pte Ltd*** [1980] 1 MLJ 202 (Singapore High Court),

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- **Re Dawe Amos William** [1980] 1 MLJ 200 (Singapore Court of Appeal),
- **Lea Tool and Moulding Industries Pte Ltd (in liquidation) v CGU International Insurance plc (formerly known as Commercial Union Assurance Co plc)** [2001] 1 SLR 413,
- **Colgate-Palmolive Company v The Proctor & Gamble Company** [2007] SGIPOS 13.

Bok Hoay served as Vice-President of the Asia Pacific Lawyers' Association (APLA) and the Asian Patent Attorneys Association (APAA), and as Singapore Representative of the APAA Anti-Counterfeiting Committee. He is also a member of the International Association for the Protection of Intellectual Property (AIPPI).

He has delivered legal papers at legal conferences and seminars in many parts of the world. He also periodically contributes articles to legal publications and leading IP journals such as the *European Intellectual Property Review* and *Copyright World*.

Bok Hoay graduated with a Bachelor of Laws (Hons.) from the then University of Singapore in 1966. He was admitted as an Advocate and Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Singapore in 1966 and joined Hilborne & Co. in 1967. In March 1968, he joined Donaldson & Burkinshaw, and became a Partner in 1973.

TEO-YAP BEE LUANG ANGELA



Angela is a Senior Partner of the Firm. She heads our Real Estate and Conveyancing Practice and is also a Notary Public and Commissioner for Oaths.

Her areas of real estate practice include the acquisition and divestment of residential, commercial and industrial properties, property joint ventures, real estate financing and security documentation, residential and commercial leasing. Her clients include statutory boards, private and public companies, multinational corporations, commercial banks and finance companies. She also handles probate and administration matters as well as general solicitor's work.

She recently acted for the Singapore Tourism Board and Sentosa Development Corporation in respect of the Integrated Resorts development projects at Marina Bay and on Sentosa. She also advised the Singapore Tourism Board on transactions for the lease and development of the Buddha Tooth Relic Temple in Chinatown as well as the Singapore Flyer, the giant observation wheel attraction at the Marina Centre Promontary.

A graduate of the then University of Singapore with a Bachelor of Laws (Hons.) degree, she was called to the Singapore Bar in 1979. She joined Donaldson & Burkinshaw in 1980 and has been a Partner since 1983.

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LIN MING KHIN CHARLES

Charles is a Partner in our Litigation and Dispute Resolution Practice. He is a Notary Public and a Commissioner for Oaths.

Charles specialises in medical law, construction law and commercial law including arbitration. He is a member of the Law Society of Singapore's advisory panel for medical law reform and is one of Singapore's leading lawyers for the Medical Protection Society Ltd.

He has defended numerous doctors in Court and before the Singapore Medical Council in proceedings concerning a wide range of subject matters including molest, fraud, criminal assault, prescription of Subutex and Benzodiazepines, aesthetic practice, Coroner's Inquiries for CVC lines, Steven Johnson's Syndrome, overdose of medication, biopsies, resections, negligent surgical procedures from simple excision of lipomas to heart surgery, ERCPs, otolaryngology, urology/stents, ectopic pregnancies, termination of pregnancies, radiology, anaesthesiology, oncology and polypectomy, amongst others.

Charles has also conducted other high profile cases successfully, including:

- the **Marina Square** construction arbitration,
- **Man B&W Diesel S.E. Asia Pte Ltd and Another v PT Bumi International Tankers and Another** [2004] 3 SLR 267 (a claim for alleged defective marine propulsion engines resulting in landmark Court of Appeal decisions concerning offers to settle and the application of the Law of Tort in contractual claims),
- **Smart Modular Technologies Sdn Bhd and Another v Federal Express (Singapore) Pte Ltd** [2004] 3 SLR 473 (where US\$800,000 worth of computer chips were hijacked in transit and where provisions under the Warsaw Convention and the legal effect of airway bills were extensively litigated and argued successfully before the Court of Appeal),
- **Public Prosecutor v Angliss Singapore Pte Ltd** [2006] 4 SLR 653 (where the use of the "Halal" logo under the Administration of Muslim Law Act was litigated with public policy's considerations extensively and contentiously argued).

He has substantial experience in employment law as well. He successfully advised a major international airline on issues of a collective agreement with the National Trade Union Congress in one of Singapore's rare cases before the Commissioner of Labour.

Charles obtained his Bachelor of Laws (Hons.) degree from the University of Buckingham U.K. and was admitted to the English Bar in 1989. He is a member of the Honourable Society of Middle Temple. After serving pupillage with Donaldson & Burkinshaw, he was admitted as an Advocate & Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Singapore in 1989.

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CHIAM E-LAINE

E-Laine is a Partner in our Intellectual Property Practice.

She specialises in all areas of intellectual property law. E-Laine manages the trade mark and patent protection in Singapore and the region for several major companies from a variety of industries. She is a registered Patent Agent and is a member of the Association of Singapore Patent Agents (ASPA). She is also a registered Trade Mark and Industrial Designs agent in Malaysia.

She has served on the Examination Committee for the Singapore Patent Agents Qualifying Examination and on the Executive Committee of the Asian Patent Attorneys Association (APAA).

She has also contributed articles to the Singapore Academy of Law Journal and other legal publications. She was awarded the ASEAN Scholarship by the Singapore government.

E-Laine graduated from the National University of Singapore in 1990 with a Bachelor of Laws (Hons.) degree and was admitted as an Advocate and Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Singapore in 1991. She joined Donaldson & Burkinshaw in 1991.

KRAAL MICHAEL STEPHEN

Michael is a Partner in our Intellectual Property Practice.

He practises in all aspects of intellectual property law. He oversees the trademark and patent portfolios of many of Donaldson & Burkinshaw's most prestigious clients including clients in the consumer food, petrochemical, retail, information technology, cosmetic and pharmaceutical industries. He has also acted for the Singapore Government, other local and international trade bodies and has sat on various professional committees concerning intellectual property matters.

Michael is a member of the Asian Patent Attorneys Association (APAA) and has been serving on the Executive Committee of the APAA (Singapore) since 2001, including a tenure as Editor of the Association's Digest. He is a registered Patent Agent in Singapore, and a member of the Association of Singapore Patent Agents (ASPA).

Michael joined Donaldson & Burkinshaw in 1995. He graduated from the National University of Singapore in 1993 with a Bachelor of Laws (Hons.) degree and underwent his pupillage with Ella Cheong & G Mirandah specialising in intellectual property law. Michael was admitted as an Advocate & Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Singapore in 1994 and has since continued his practice in intellectual property law.

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LEE SHY TSONG

Shy Tsong is a Partner in our Intellectual Property Practice.

He specialises in all areas of intellectual property law. He is a registered Patent Agent in Singapore, and a member of the Association of Singapore Patent Agents (ASPA). He is also a registered Trademark and Industrial Design agent in Malaysia.

Shy Tsong has extensive experience in intellectual property registration and manages worldwide intellectual property portfolios for clients.

Shy Tsong joined Donaldson & Burkinshaw in 1996. He graduated in 1993 with a Bachelor of Laws (Hons.) degree from National University of Singapore and was admitted as an Advocate & Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Singapore in 1994. In addition to his law degree, he also holds an Advance Diploma in Computer Studies.

KOAY MIN PIN

Min Pin is a Partner in our Intellectual Property Practice.

She has taught Business Law at Ngee Ann Polytechnic in Singapore and has also lectured and tutored in various Intellectual Property seminars and courses, including those conducted by the Intellectual Property Academy of Singapore.

Min Pin is a registered Patent Agent in Singapore, and a member of the Association of Singapore Patent Agents (ASPA).

After graduating with a Bachelor of Laws (Hons.) degree from the University of Liverpool, U.K., in 1985, she was called to the English Bar in 1986. She is a member of the Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn. In 1987, she obtained her Master of Laws degree from The London School of Economics, U.K., specialising in Corporate & Commercial Law.

Min Pin joined Donaldson & Burkinshaw as a pupil in 1988 and was admitted as an Advocate & Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Singapore in 1989. She has since practised intellectual property law at both Donaldson & Burkinshaw and at Ella Cheong & G. Mirandah.

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CHIA YEE CHERN DANIEL

Daniel is a Partner in our Real Estate and Conveyancing Practice. He is also a Notary Public and Commissioner for Oaths.

Daniel is noted for his property financing advice in *Asia Pacific Legal 500*, a guide to Asia's Commercial Law Firms (2008).

He has been in practice for more than 20 years and has extensive experience in a wide spectrum of conveyancing work (real estate), property financing, landlord and tenant, loans and security documents, probate and administration and general solicitors work.

Daniel has worked in both the public and private sectors in Singapore and his experience also includes legal practice in Malaysia.

Daniel's conveyancing practice includes representing buyers and sellers in residential, commercial and industrial properties acquisition (such as Housing and Development Board's shop houses, Jurong Town Corporation's land parcels and properties), joint ventures, negotiating and documenting contractual agreements and other ancillary matters. He also represents lenders and borrowers in financing arrangements, mortgages, charges, debentures, assignments, deeds of subordination, guarantees, company resolutions and other security documentation.

His landlord and tenant portfolio involves representing landlord and tenant in the negotiation and preparation of tenancy agreements, leases, licences, sub-leases, novations and assignments. He also advises corporate clients on commercial leases.

His probate and administration portfolio involves applying for grant of probate, letters of administration, resealing of foreign grants, distribution, family arrangements, preparation of wills, will trusts, powers of attorney, and other documents.

Daniel joined Donaldson & Burkinshaw in 2002. He graduated with a Bachelor of Laws (Hons.) degree from the University of Liverpool in 1987, is a member of the Honourable Society of the Inner Temple and was called to the English Bar in 1988. He was admitted as an Advocate & Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Singapore in 1989 and subsequently admitted as an Advocate and Solicitor of the High Court of Malaya in 1990.

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NG SEE HUI MICHELLE

Michelle is a Partner in our Intellectual Property Practice.

She undertakes a wide range of contentious and non-contentious IP matters for clients across a wide range of industries, both in the public and private sectors, many of whom are leaders in their respective fields. Apart from advising on and structuring transactions involving IP rights, she also manages extensive trademark, patent, industrial design and domain name portfolios on behalf of our clients.

Michelle is effectively bilingual. She is regularly called upon to contribute to a number of leading legal publications, including the Singapore chapter of *Worldwide Trademark Transfers: Law and Practice* published by the International Trademark Association (INTA) and LEX-MUNDI's Report identifying major changes in Singapore's intellectual property laws in line with the TRIPS Agreement.

She is a Registered Patent Agent, a member of the International Trademark Association (INTA) and a member of the Association of Singapore Patent Agents (ASPA). As a member of INTA, she has served on the Law & Practice (Asia-Pacific) Sub-Committee of the INTA Bulletin Committee.

Michelle also regularly contributes her time as a volunteer at the IP public consultation sessions organised by the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore (IPOS).

After graduating on the Dean's List in 1996 with a Bachelor of Laws (Hons.) degree from the National University of Singapore, Michelle served her pupillage with Donaldson & Burkinshaw and was admitted in 1997 as an Advocate and Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Singapore. Michelle is also admitted to the Roll of Solicitors of the Supreme Court of England and Wales.

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