

Profile of TAN RAJAH & CHEAH
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THE FIRM

Tan Rajah & Cheah ("TRC") was formed in 1947 by three partners. Since then the firm has developed into a full-service practice with a total of 23 lawyers. Over the past 60 years the firm has established a reputation for integrity and the provision of high-quality legal services. While the firm is not in a joint law venture or formal law alliance with any off-shore firm, TRC maintains close links with firms in Asia, North America and Europe. Small enough to provide a genuinely personalised service, yet with sufficient strength in depth to serve clients effectively in substantial litigation and non-litigation matters, TRC has maintained its tradition of friendly, expert service without compromising the speed of response and commercially based advice, which clients in the diverse legal field demand.

AREAS OF PRACTICE

TRC focuses primarily on litigation matters. Led by a Senior Counsel, the firm's civil litigation department is one of the strongest in Singapore. Although TRC is a medium-sized firm, it bears comparison with the largest firms in Singapore in its dispute resolution practice. Private and corporate clients are represented in a wide range of matters, including disputes relating to building and construction, employment, real property, intellectual property, product liability, personal injury, corporate and banking law.

TRC has considerable expertise in the fields of bankruptcy and insolvency, providing advice and representation with regard to litigation and non-litigation aspects of individual and corporate insolvency, acting for liquidators, judicial managers, receivers and trustees in bankruptcy, and advising creditors and debtors in situations leading to insolvency.

TRC's criminal law department has represented individuals before the courts at all levels and before professional disciplinary tribunals and other quasi-judicial bodies.

Traditionally, real property has been a major practice area for TRC. As well as acting in sales of residential and commercial properties, the firm acts for developers and has a thriving practice in all aspects of landlord and tenant law.

TRC also provides services to clients with a broad range of needs in the areas of banking and corporate law. Practice areas include banking and securities, commercial contracts, joint ventures, mergers and acquisitions, venture capital investments, tax, company law and corporate secretarial services.

TRC has significant experience and expertise in a broad range of intellectual property matters, advising clients on trade mark, patent, design and domain name registrations. The firm is also heavily engaged in licensing and technology transfer arrangements involving a wide range of matters including biomedicine, pharmaceuticals and healthcare, computer contracts, semi-conductors, information technology and the Internet, as well as advising on sports and entertainment law.

The firm has wide experience in advising hi-tech start-ups, as well as small and medium-sized enterprises, multinational corporations, universities and research institutions, in the entire value-chain from collaborative R&D agreements, intellectual property registrations, enforcement and anti-counterfeiting to licensing, franchising, technology transfer and commercialization of technologies.

On the private client side, TRC offers a full range of services in the areas of employment law (including advice on all aspects of contract drafting, terminations and immigration issues); wills and probate (drafting wills and trusts and advising on the administration of estates) and family law (advice and representation regarding divorce, nullity, separation, maintenance and support, division of assets, custody, protection orders and adoption).

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THE PARTNERS

Chelva R. Rajah SC

B.A. Oxon
Barrister, Middle Temple

Admitted to the Singapore Bar in 1972.

Son of founding partner, A.P. Rajah, Chelva Rajah heads the firm's dispute resolution team having developed a distinguished practice in both litigation and arbitration, particularly in substantial commercial disputes, property-related matters and insolvency. He was the President of the Law Society of Singapore from 1990 to 1992 and was appointed a Senior Counsel on 10 January 1998. He is on the panel of Accredited Arbitrators, Singapore International Arbitration Centre. He is also a director of Singapore listed companies.

Tan Chin Seng

LLB (Hons), London
LLM, London
Barrister, Middle Temple

Admitted to the Singapore Bar in 1974.

Tan Chin Seng practises in the areas of commercial law, company law, joint ventures and cross-border contracts, intellectual property and research commercialisation agreements. He served as President on the Court Martials Board. He is a Notary Public and a Commissioner for Oaths.

Lim Leong Teen

Barrister, Middle Temple

Admitted to the Singapore Bar in 1957.

Lim Leong Teen practises principally in conveyancing (sales, purchases, mortgages, refinancing & redemption). She acts for statutory bodies and financial institutions in property transactions and in security documentation. Her other areas of practice include landlord and tenant law and general solicitor's work.

Chandra Mohan K Nair

LLB (Hons), University of Singapore

Admitted to the Singapore Bar in 1977.

Chandra Mohan has been with TRC since qualifying in 1977. He practises in the areas of civil and criminal litigation, arbitration, mediation, matrimonial and contract-related matters. From 1995 to 1997, he was the President of the Law Society of Singapore, the Vice-President of the Singapore Academy of Law and a member of the Board of Legal Education. He is currently a Council Member of the National University of Singapore, a Nominated Member of Parliament, a Commissioner for Oaths and a Notary Public.

Han Kee Fong

LLB (Hons), London
Barrister, Middle Temple

Admitted to the Singapore Bar in 1980.

Han Kee Fong joined TRC in 1980. His main areas of practice are wills, trusts and probate and has experience in the establishment of and planning, preservation and protection of wealth through trust settlement. He also advises on employment, commercial law, company law, building & construction dispute and general litigation. He is currently a Commissioner for Oaths and a Notary Public.

Khoo Ghee Saik

LLB (Hons), University of Singapore

Admitted to the Singapore Bar in 1977.

Khoo Ghee Saik has been in practice since 1977, first with Shook Lin & Bok, then with Almenoar, Khoo & Partners, and has been with TRC since 1989. She focuses on conveyancing (sales, purchases, mortgages, refinancing & redemptions). She also practises in the areas of landlord and tenant law and corporate secretarial work.

Imran Hamid Khwaja

Barrister, Lincoln's Inn

Admitted to the Singapore Bar in 1984.

Imran Khwaja has been with TRC since qualifying. He practises in the areas of litigation and arbitration, including building and construction disputes, intellectual property, commercial law, employment, insolvency, and family law.

Anand Karthigesu

LLB (Hons), London

Admitted to the Singapore Bar in 1985.

Qualified as a solicitor in England and Wales, Anand Karthigesu started practice with Cooma Lau & Loh and M. Karthigesu before joining TRC in 1988. He provides legal advice on corporate and commercial law, contract law, wills, ship financing, employment related issues and general litigation.

Sayana Baratham

LLB (Hons), Bristol
LLM, King's College (London)
Barrister, Gray's Inn

Admitted to the Singapore Bar in 1990.

Sayana Baratham worked with Arthur Loke & Partners and Wong Yoong Tan & Molly Lim before joining TRC in 1995. His main practice areas are in banking and security documentation and general commercial work as well as civil litigation.

Zahara Bakar

LLB (Hons), NUS

Admitted to the Singapore Bar in 1990.

Zahara Bakar practised at first in litigation and conveyancing, but now specialises in intellectual property and commercial law, advising on matters such as copyright, trademarks, patents, research commercialisation and technology start-ups. She continues to work in the areas of conveyancing and landlord and tenant law.

Sugidha Nithi

LLB (Hons), NUS

Admitted to the Singapore Bar in 1989.

Sugidha Nithi practised with Assomull, Pereira & Partners before joining TRC from 1990 to 1991. The Tolaram Group then engaged Sugidha as Legal Counsel in Nigeria, where she handled corporate work and oversaw litigation matters from 1991 to 1992. She re-joined TRC in 2001 practising in the areas of company and commercial law, insolvency, family law, contract law, employment law and civil litigation.

Burton Chen Nan Chung

LLB (Hons), NUS

Admitted to the Singapore Bar in 1994.

Burton Chen has been at TRC since his pupillage, becoming a partner in 1999. His main area of practice is commercial and civil litigation. He has acted in cases involving banking, company law related matters, insolvency, defamation, sale of goods, landlord and tenant negligence, employment law and general contractual matters.

Chew Kei-Jin

B.A. Cantab

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Barrister, Middle Temple

Admitted to the Singapore Bar in 1994.

Chew Kei-Jin joined TRC in 1995. His principal areas of practice are commercial law, company law, insolvency, landlord and tenant law, building construction, contract-related issues and general litigation.

M K Eusuff Ali

LLB (Hons), NUS

Admitted to the Singapore Bar in 1999.

Eusuff Ali has been with the firm since his pupillage. His main area of practice is commercial and civil litigation. He is also a member of the Civil Practice Committee of the Law Society of Singapore.

Moiz Haider Sithawalla

LLB (Hons) (Nottingham)

Barrister-At-Law (Middle Temple)

Admitted to the Singapore Bar in 2000.

Moiz Sithawalla has been with the firm since his pupillage. His main area of practice is commercial and civil litigation. He also sits on the Sports Committee of the Law Society and is the Convenor of the Law Society Legal Eagles cricket team. He is currently pursuing an MBA at the National University of Singapore.