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THE FIRM

TKQP has a wealth of experience in handling a broad and diverse spectrum of cases. Over the years, it has earned a stellar reputation for the quality of its work so much so that its reputation speaks for itself.

Its lawyers, with varied social, ethnic and cultural backgrounds, are imbued with the same service ethic that places clients and their needs first – delivering a consistently high standard of service with a sound knowledge of local business practices.

To-date, the firm has had three Senior Counsel lead the firm. The firm's principal founder was among the first batch of lawyers to be appointed Senior Counsel in Singapore. Subsequently, Kannan Ramesh, S.C., took over the reins; under his stewardship and prior to his elevation to the bench, the firm grew further to become one of the leading legal practices in Singapore.

Today, the firm is led by Marina Chin, S.C., and Eddee Ng. Under their leadership, the firm continues to garner plaudits from clients and awards from leading independent directories.

AREAS OF PRACTICE

Dispute resolution: The firm's disputes practice comprises highly motivated lawyers who combine intellectual rigour with strategy and pragmatism to deliver legal solutions to its clients. Effectiveness and efficiency are its hallmark qualities. With its wealth of experience, this practice is frequently mandated to handle precedent setting matters. It is also well versed in the various arbitration rules published by leading arbitral bodies. Its lawyers contest both domestic and international arbitrations.

Insolvency, restructuring and investigations: The firm has a strong team of experienced practitioners who are capable of advising all types of stakeholders on the full spectrum of issues that arise from the implementation of judicial management/schemes of arrangement, liquidation of companies and complex cross-border restructuring and insolvencies, including related investigations that may arise.

Infrastructure and construction: The firm provides a range of legal support services to clients in the infrastructure and construction sectors. The nature of such services includes both transactional and dispute resolution services across most sectors of the construction industry. In this regard, our team has experience in providing end-to-end solutions from procurement, negotiation, contracting and project delivery to mediation, adjudication, arbitration and/or litigation

Corporate and commercial: The firm has experience in handling cross-border transactions and are no strangers to managing negotiations for clients at every step of the process. The team advises local and foreign investors in their commercial ventures, whether through collaboration, strategic alliances or joint ventures, acquisition of businesses and assets, and/or by way of franchise and licence agreements.

Insurance: The firm has a sizeable insurance practice group specialising in insurance litigation and advisory work. The team represents an extensive base of multi-national insurers and handle claims involving all classes of insurance and insurance related issues/disputes such as policy liability, subrogation and double insurance, public liability, product liability, personal injury, industrial all risk, professional indemnity, motor insurance, fidelity guarantees, performance bonds, contractors' all risk,



LANGUAGES

English
Malay
Mandarin
Tamil

workmen's compensation, business interruption, health and accident. It is the first law firm in Singapore to introduce the use of biomechanics experts in dealing with whiplash claims.

Real estate: The firm acts for corporations, public listed companies, statutory boards, financial institutions and property developers in the entire gamut of real estate work involving residential property, commercial complexes, industrial buildings, en-bloc sales and purchases, leases and real estate investment trusts.

Data protection: The firm's data protection team provides support on a wide spectrum of services – from compliance with data protection laws to claims arising out of data breaches. The firm assists clients in the review of legal risks and policies, drafting documentation, assessing data breaches, formulating and implementing mitigation strategies, and drafting notifications to the data protection authority and affected individuals, if need be. The firm also provides bespoke data protection training programmes to its clients.

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STAFF FIGURES

Number of lawyers : 30

DISPUTE RESOLUTION: LOCAL FIRMS

TIER 3

Tan Kok Quan Partnership is part of the Singapore dispute resolution fabric, frequently appearing in the High Court, Court of Appeal and SICC. The Singapore firm is also noted for arbitration and mediation. It acted for Sengkang Town Council in three appeals arising out of a decision relating to claims brought by Pasir Ris-Punggol Town Council against several current and former town councillors, as well as officers of the town councils. The firm represents a range of domestic corporates and financial institutions, along with a large number of high-net-worth individuals. Marina Chin SC, recently appointed senior counsel in 2022, is noted for cross-border disputes, including arbitrations and SICC cases. Eddee Ng and Paul Seah are also highly rated by the local market.

RESTRUCTURING AND INSOLVENCY: LOCAL FIRMS

TIER 3

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Counting commercial and investment banks, accounting firms and corporate enterprises among its key roster of clients, Tan Kok Quan Partnership handles a range of distressed cases, as demonstrated by its advice on the restructuring, judicial management and subsequent liquidation of Hyflux Group. Eddee Ng leads the team and has demonstrable experience in the restructuring and insolvency of distressed companies, including related investigations. Other key contacts in the group include Paul Seah and Keith Tnee.

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Alcina Chew

WORK DEPARTMENT

Dispute Resolution
Investigations

POSITION

Partner

CAREER

Alcina has assisted in various civil and commercial matters covering a wide spectrum of industry sectors such as private banking, securities, hospitality, and clubs and societies.

Alcina is the recipient of Euromoney Legal Media Group Women in Business Law Awards Asia 2020 – Rising Star Lawyer of the Year for Litigation award. She is also ranked as a Next Generation Lawyer for Dispute Resolution by The Legal 500 Asia Pacific, 2019.

LANGUAGES

English

MEMBERSHIPS

Member, The Law Society of Singapore
Member, Singapore Academy of Law
Member, YSIAC

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Laws (Hons), National University of Singapore, 2012



Marina Chin

WORK DEPARTMENT

Dispute Resolution; Insolvency and Restructuring; Investigations

POSITION

Senior Counsel; Joint Managing Partner; Co-Head of Dispute Resolution

CAREER

Marina, S.C., is one of the Senior and Founding Partners of Tan Kok Quan Partnership (TKQP). She is also the Joint Managing Partner and Co-Head of the Dispute Resolution practice.

Marina was qualified in Singapore in 1990. Prior to founding TKQP, Marina worked with Lee & Lee from 1990 to 2000 as a Legal Associate and Partner successively.

With more than 30 years of experience, Marina has advised market participants on disputes and general business matters across a broad spectrum of industry sectors in Asia.

Marina speaks and writes on a wide variety of litigation and arbitration law related topics regularly. As a testament to her expertise and the respect she commands in the legal community, Marina was invited to contribute to three important publications for litigators: Singapore Civil Procedure 2022; Singapore Court Practice; Singapore Precedents of Pleadings; and Commercial Litigation in Singapore.

Marina is the recipient of the Euromoney Legal Media Group Asia Women in Business Law Awards – Best in Dispute Resolution award. She has been ranked as a Recommended Lawyer for Dispute Resolution by The Legal 500 Asia Pacific since 2017. In addition, Best Lawyers has recognised Marina as one of the leading lawyers in the fields of Arbitration and Mediation since 2019, and in the field of Litigation for 2023.

LANGUAGES

English; Malay

MEMBERSHIPS

Board Member and Audit Committee Member, Singapore Land Authority; Member, Appeal Advisory Panel of Monetary Authority of Singapore; Member, Specialist Mediator Panel (Singapore), Singapore International Mediation Centre; Accreditation Committee Member, Singapore Institute of Legal Education; Fellow, Singapore Academy of Law; Member, The Law Society of Singapore; Notary Public; Commissioner for Oaths

EDUCATION

Postgraduate Practical Law Course, 1990 (awarded the Tan Ah Tah Book Prize)
Bachelor of Laws (2nd Class Honours, Upper Division), National University of Singapore, 1989



Eddee Ng

WORK DEPARTMENT

Dispute Resolution; Restructuring and Insolvency; Investigations

POSITION

Joint Managing Partner; Co-Head of Dispute Resolution; Head of Insolvency, Restructuring and Investigations

CAREER

Eddee is Tan Kok Quan Partnership's (TKQP) Joint Managing Partner and Co-Head of the Dispute Resolution practice. He also helms the Insolvency, Restructuring and Investigations practice.

Qualified in Singapore in 1997, Eddee commenced his legal career with Singapore law firm, Lee & Lee. He joined TKQP in 2000 and was made a Partner in 2003.

Eddee has acted for international clientele in a wide spectrum of corporate and commercial litigation cases ranging from fields as diverse as banking, telecommunications, hospitality and wealth management. He has also been engaged in some of the most significant cross-border insolvency and restructuring matters in Singapore.

Eddee's work has garnered plaudits from clients. He has been ranked as a Recommended Lawyer for Dispute Resolution, and Restructuring and Insolvency by The Legal 500 Asia Pacific since 2017. He has also been ranked in Band 3 for Restructuring/Insolvency by Chambers Asia-Pacific since 2020. In addition, he has been named as one of the leading lawyers in the fields of Banking and Finance, and Litigation in Singapore since 2014.

LANGUAGES

English; Mandarin

MEMBERSHIPS

Member, The Law Society of Singapore's Insolvency Practice Committee; Board Member, Singapore Institute of Legal Education; Member, Disciplinary Panel of the Institute of Valuers and Appraisers, Singapore; Member, Specialist Mediator Panel (Singapore), Singapore International Mediation Centre; Member, The Law Society of Singapore; Member, Singapore Academy of Law; Member, International Association of Defense Counsel; Member, International Bar Association; Member, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators; Fellow, Singapore Institute of Arbitrators; Member, INSOL International; Fellow, Insolvency Practitioners Association of Singapore; Member, SIAC Users Council

EDUCATION

Postgraduate Practical Law Course, National University of Singapore, 1996
Bachelor of Laws (Hons), National University of Singapore, 1996



Karam Singh Parmar

WORK DEPARTMENT

Dispute Resolution; Infrastructure and Construction; Data Protection

POSITION

Senior Partner

CAREER

Karam is one of Tan Kok Quan Partnership's (TKQP) Senior and Founding Partners. He is also the firm's Administration Partner.

Prior to joining TKQP, Karam worked with Lee & Lee from 1993 to 2000 and before that, with DBS Bank.

Karam generally practises civil and commercial litigation. While a significant part of his area of practice involves building and construction law, the nature of the commercial disputes that he handles is diverse and covers a wide area of the law.

On the non-contentious front, Karam regularly advises clients on various legal and regulatory issues, and on documentation such as bonds, letters of intent, guarantees, warranties, indemnities, deeds of assignment, insurance policies, the various types of building and consultancy agreements, public-private partnership projects and numerous types of commercial contracts. The contentious side of Karam's practice regularly sees him appearing in the courts of law, before arbitral tribunals or in adjudications. Karam is also active in promoting non-confrontational dispute resolution procedures where he negotiates settlements on behalf of clients and/or represents them in mediations.

Karam has been recognised as one of the leading lawyers in the fields of Construction Law in Singapore, and Arbitration and Mediation in Singapore by the Best Lawyers since 2014.

Karam was qualified in England and Wales in 1992 and in Singapore in 1994.

LANGUAGES

English

MEMBERSHIPS

Notary Public; Commissioner for Oaths; Member, The Law Society of Singapore; Member, Singapore Academy of Law; Member, Society of Construction Law (Singapore); Member, The Institution of Engineers, Singapore; Fellow, Singapore Institute of Arbitrators; Member, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators

EDUCATION

Master of Science in Construction Law and Arbitration, King's College, University of London, 1997

Postgraduate Practical Law Course, Singapore, 1994

Bachelor of Laws (Hons), University of London, 1991

Bachelor of Engineering, Civil (Hons), National University of Singapore, 1988



Paul Seah

WORK DEPARTMENT

Dispute Resolution; Restructuring and Insolvency; Investigations

POSITION

Senior Partner

CAREER

Widely recognised as one of Singapore's leading disputes practitioners, Paul has acted as lead counsel in some of the country's most important and high-profile cases in recent years. Paul also writes on a wide variety of dispute resolution related topics and has contributed to important Singapore publications for litigators.

Paul also has a speciality in insolvency and restructuring work, and has advised Singapore's leading accounting firms and financial institutions in numerous well-publicised insolvencies.

Paul has been ranked as a Recommended Lawyer for Dispute Resolution, and Restructuring and Insolvency by The Legal 500 Asia Pacific since 2017. He has also been ranked in Band 4 for Restructuring/Insolvency by Chambers Asia-Pacific since 2021. In addition, he has been ranked as a Distinguished Practitioner for Restructuring and Insolvency by Asialaw Profiles since 2021. This is in addition to Paul being recognised as a Distinguished Practitioner for Dispute Resolution for 2020, and a Leading Lawyer for Dispute Resolution, and Restructuring and Insolvency by Asialaw Profiles, 2017-2019.

Paul graduated from the National University of Singapore in 2005, and started his practice in TKQP after being called to the Bar in 2006.

LANGUAGES

English; Mandarin

MEMBERSHIPS

Director, Board of The Law Society of Singapore Pro Bono Services
Member of Complaints and Disciplinary Panel under the Public Accountants Oversight Committee
Chairperson, Living Waters Methodist Church
Member, Board of Directors of Metropolitan YMCA Singapore
Member, The Law Society of Singapore
Member, Singapore Academy of Law
Member, INSOL International
Fellow, Insolvency Practitioners Association of Singapore

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Laws (Hons), National University of Singapore, 2005



Guo Wei Siew

WORK DEPARTMENT

Dispute Resolution
Restructuring and Insolvency
Investigations

POSITION

Partner

CAREER

Guo Wei's main areas of practice include insolvency and restructuring, as well as litigation and international arbitration across a wide range of matters including shareholders, complex banking and contractual disputes.

Guo Wei is ranked as a Recommended Lawyer for Restructuring and Insolvency by The Legal 500 Asia Pacific, 2022. He has also been recognised as Singapore's Most Influential Lawyers 40 and Under by Singapore Business Review.

LANGUAGES

English
Mandarin

MEMBERSHIPS

Member, The Law Society of Singapore
Member, Singapore Academy of Law

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Laws (Hons), National University of Singapore, 2013



Keith Tnee

WORK DEPARTMENT

Dispute Resolution
Restructuring and Insolvency
Investigations
Data Protection

POSITION

Senior Partner

CAREER

Keith is an experienced disputes and insolvency lawyer who has assisted clients in a wide range of civil and commercial matters across various industry sectors. Keith was listed in 2022 as a Rising Star – Singapore by Asian Legal Business. In 2020, he was recognised in The Legal 500, Asia Pacific as “an emerging talent” and “an outstanding lawyer who is very knowledgeable, analytical and commercial”.

Keith graduated from the National University of Singapore in 2010 and started his practice in Tan Kok Quan Partnership after being called to the Bar in 2011.

LANGUAGES

English
Mandarin

MEMBERSHIPS

Member, The Law Society of Singapore
Member, Singapore Academy of Law
Member, INSOL International
Associate, Insolvency Practitioners Association of Singapore

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Laws (Hons), National University of Singapore, 2010