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Practice Areas:

Dispute Resolution; Constitution & Administrative Law; Public Interest Litigation.

Partner Profile

Christopher Leong is an advocate and solicitor of the High Court in Malaya of more than 27 years standing.

Christopher has extensive experience in the fields of corporate and commercial litigation, shareholders' disputes, banking litigation and insolvency. Christopher is well-versed with issues that customarily arise in litigation with cross-border elements. Additionally, he practices in the area of constitutional and administrative law, and public interest litigation.

Christopher also acts as counsel in domestic and international arbitrations, both in Malaysia and overseas. Christopher is empanelled as an arbitrator with the Kuala Lumpur Regional Centre for Arbitration.

In the field of dispute resolution, Christopher has been named as a Leading Individual/Lawyer in Malaysia by *Asia Pacific Legal 500* since 2004, *Chambers Asia* since 2009, *The Asialaw Leading Lawyer* since 2008, and is a Recommended Individual in the 2015 and 2016 editions of *Asialaw Profiles*, and a Market-leading Lawyer in its 2017 edition. He is also named in the 2014 edition of *Benchmark Asia Pacific* as a Local Disputes Star, and is listed as one of the World's Leading Litigation and Product Liability Lawyers in the Expert Guides, 2012 edition.

Christopher is the 30th President of the Malaysian Bar (2013 – 2015) and was the Chairman of the Bar Council of Malaysia (2013 – 2015), which is the governing body of the Malaysian Bar.

Christopher is currently the President of LAWASIA, the Law Association for Asia and the Pacific.

He is a member of the Taylor's University Law School Legal Profession Advisory Panel, and a member of the Board of Directors of the Institute for Democracy and Economic Affairs (IDEAS), a non-profit cross-partisan think tank foundation in Malaysia.

Christopher graduated with a Bachelor of Arts, majoring in economics and philosophy in 1984 from Monash University, Australia, and completed reading law (LL.B) at the University of Nottingham in 1988. He was called to the Degree of Utter Barrister of The Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn in 1989 and was admitted as an advocate and solicitor of the High Court of Malaya in 1990.

Other Experience

- President-Elect of LAWASIA, The Law Association for Asia and the Pacific (2015 – 2017)
- 30th President of the Malaysian Bar, and Chairman of the Bar Council of Malaysia (2013 – 2015)
- Co-chair of the Selection Committee for Foreign Law Firms and Foreign Lawyers under the Legal Profession Act 1976 (2013 – 2015)
- Member of the Legal Profession Qualifying Board under the Legal Profession Act 1976 (2013 – 2015)
- Deputy Chair of the National Legal Aid Foundation (2013 – 2015)
- Member of Executive Council of the International Centre for Law and Legal Studies (I-CeLLS), a law research and policy body initiated by the Attorney General's Chambers of Malaysia (2013 – 2015)
- Member of the Selection Committee for the appointment of Suhakam Commissioners under the Human Rights Commission of Malaysia Act 1999 (2013 – 2016)
- Member of the Board of Directors of the Institute for Democracy and Economic Affairs (IDEAS), a non-profit cross-partisan think tank foundation in Malaysia
- Member of the Taylor's University Law School Industry Advisory Panel (2012 – present)
- Panel Arbitrator with the Kuala Lumpur Regional Centre for Arbitration
- Acts as counsel for the Malaysian Bar, most recently in the Royal Commission of Inquiry which inquired into allegations of "judicial-brokering" (2008), and the Royal Commission of Inquiry into the death of Teoh Beng Hock which inquired into the death of a witness while in the custody of the Malaysian Anti Corruption Commission (2011)

Qualifications

1984	Monash University, Australia Bachelor of Arts in economics and philosophy
1988	University of Nottingham Bachelor of Laws (LL.B)

- 1989 **Utter Barrister, The Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn**
- 1990 **Advocate & Solicitor of the High Court of Malaya**
Called to the Malaysian Bar on 21 September 1990
- 1997 **Registered Trade Mark Agent**

Awards and Citations

- **Asialaw Leading Lawyers** – 2008 to 2015 editions
Leading Lawyer
- **Asialaw Profiles** – 2016, 2015 and 2014 editions
Leading Lawyer/Recommended Individual
- **Asialaw Profiles** – 2018 and 2017 editions
Market-leading Individual in the field of Dispute Resolution
- **Asia Pacific Legal 500** – since 2004
Leading Individual in the field of Dispute Resolution
- **Benchmark Asia Pacific** – 2013 edition
Local Dispute Star
- **Chambers Asia** – since 2009
Leading Individual in the field of Dispute Resolution

Publication and Presentations

- 2015 2nd International Lawyers' Forum on Access to Justice A Lawyer Issue
'The Legal Profession's Role in Ensuring Access to Justice'
German Federal Bar, Berlin, 25-28 March 2015
- 5th Access to Justice & Pro Bono Conference 2015 on Valuing Justice: How Much Justice Can We
Afford
"National Access to Justice & Pro Bono Conference"
Law Society of New South Wales and Law Council of Australia, Sydney, 17-20 June 2015
- 2013 Key Issues in International Arbitration & Commercial Litigation – the English & Malaysian
Perspectives 2013
'Litigation in Malaysia'
KLRCA and British High Commission Kuala Lumpur, 8 October 2013
- Alternative Dispute Resolution for Labuan IBFC, 2013
'Arbitration in Malaysia'
Kuala Lumpur, 3 October 2013

- 23rd Annual Meeting and Conference of the Inter-Pacific Bar Association
'Dynamic Asia – New Opportunities & Challenges for Law & Business Liberalisation of Legal Market in Asia'
Seoul, Korea, 17–20 April 2013
- 2012 3rd Asia Pacific Regional Forum Conference
'Liberalisation of Legal Practice Restriction Forum Conference'
International Bar Association, Kuala Lumpur, 25-27 November 2012
- 25th LAWASIA Conference 2012
'Liberalisation of the Legal Service Market in Malaysia'
Bali, 18-21 November 2012
- ALSA UKM Leaders Summit 2012
'Liberalisation of the Legal Service Market in Malaysia'
National University of Malaysia, 10 November 2012
- 23rd Presidents of Law Associations in Asia (POLA) Conference 2012
'Combating Human Trafficking, Drugs and Cross - Border Crimes: Challenges and Responses'
Manila, 27-29 August 2012
- Yulchon LLC & Korean Chamber of Commerce and Industry
'Arbitration and Alternative Dispute Resolution in Indonesia, Malaysia & Vietnam'
Seoul, Korea, 26 June 2012
- ASEAN Law Association 11th General Assembly
'The Asean Charter and The Asean Lawyer'
Bali, Indonesia, 17 February 2012
- 2011 Public Forum in 'Access to Justice'
'The Right to a Fair Trial'
Taylor's University, Kuala Lumpur, 6 December 2011
- Conference on Legal Education in Malaysia
'Qualifying for the Bar: Standards across the Jurisdictions'
Taylor's University, Kuala Lumpur, 29 July 2011
- 3rd Media Legal Defence – South East Asia Conference
'Media Freedom'
University Malaya, Kuala Lumpur, 27 July 2011
- 2010 15th Malaysian Law Conference
'Fraud: How to Detect, Prevent and Recover'
Kuala Lumpur, 31 July 2010
- 2007 Lexis Nexis Lecture
'Recent Amendments to Legislation on Corporate Governance'
Kuala Lumpur, 6 September 2007

- 2007 Panelist, Plenary Session, Asia Pacific Dispute Resolution Summit
 ‘Is Arbitration the Natural Choice? The Pros and Cons of Arbitration, Litigation and Dispute
 Resolution in Asia’
 Singapore, 13 June 2007
- 2006 Lexis Nexis Lecture
 ‘Winding Up a Company on the Grounds of Insolvency - Key Principles in Insolvency Law and
 Legislation’
 Kuala Lumpur, 21 June 2006
- 2006 Lexis Nexis Lecture
 ‘Challenges in Civil Procedure – Trial Preparation’
 Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, 17 August 2006
- 2001 - 2007 Ethics Lectures Series, Bar Council Malaysia
- 2003 ASEAN Law Association 8th General Assembly
 Presenter & co-author on ‘Electronic Commerce and Electronic Contracting Issues’
 Singapore, 2 December 2003
- 2003 12th Malaysian Law Conference
 ‘Access to Justice: The Present Status of this Fundamental Right in Malaysia and the Application
 of International Norms’
 Kuala Lumpur, 10 December 2003
- 2001 11th Malaysian Law Conference
 ‘National Security & Fundamental Liberties: Are the Courts Striking the Right Balance?’
 Kuala Lumpur, 8 November 2001