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Practice Areas:

Banking & Finance, Corporate Commercial, Real Estate,
Mergers & Acquisitions

Partner Profile

Karen has been in active legal practice for over 20 years since being called to the Malaysian Bar in October 1995.

Karen's primary focus is on corporate and commercial contracts and conveyancing matters. Her extensive experience in contentious matters adds to her abilities in her corporate and commercial practice. Karen is passionate in her quest for knowledge, commitment to clients, the betterment of the Bar and the legal profession, and has an ardent interest in public interest issues. She was the immediate past Honorary Secretary and Treasurer of the Malaysian Bar, and was awarded the ATC Outstanding Alumni Award in 2016.

Karen graduated with a degree in law from the University of London in 1993, and thereafter obtained the Malaysian Certificate in Legal Practice in 1994. She was admitted to the Malaysian Bar in 1995. Karen joined Chooi & Company as a partner on 1 March 2016.

Her recent notable experience include:-

Banking & Finance

- Acting as Malaysian counsel in various foreign loan transactions with Malaysian security interests and advising on the Foreign Exchange Administration Rules and Bank Negara Malaysia approval requirements
- Acting as panel solicitor to various domestic and foreign banks on their corporate and retail loans to resident borrowers
- Drafting template agreements for licensed banks in accordance with Bank Negara Malaysia requirements

Corporate Advisory

- Advising on the new Companies Act 2016 and revamping constitutions for various corporate entities
- Advising a French-based chemical company on its manufacturing plant in Kerteh, Malaysia and expansion plans
- Advising an aged care company on its development of private healthcare facilities in Semenyih, Malaysia

Mergers & Acquisitions

- Advising a German-based company which is a leading global supplier of cosmetics products on its acquisition of a majority stake in a local cosmetics manufacturing company

Professional & Work Experience

Chooi & Company, Advocates & Solicitors, Kuala Lumpur

March 2016 – **Partner, Corporate & Financial Services Department**
Present

Fatima Tan & Cheah, Advocates & Solicitors, Malacca

April 2000 – **Partner**
February 2016

Malaysian Bar

2017 – present Chairman of Ad Hoc Committee for Amendments to the Legal Profession Act

2017 – present Co-chairman of the International Malaysian Law Conference 2018

2017 – present Member of Child Rights Committee, Trades in Liberalisation of Services, Finance Committee

2015 – 2017 Secretary of the Malaysian Bar
Chair of the New Building Committee of the Bar Council

2013 – 2015 Treasurer of the Malaysian Bar

Chair of the Finance Committee of the Bar Council

2012 – 2015 Chair of the Legal Profession Committee of the Bar Council

Malacca Bar

2015 – 2016 Bar Council Representative for Malacca Bar

2012 – 2015 Chairman of the Malacca Bar Committee

1998 – 2003 Committee Member of the Malacca Bar

Multimedia University

2012 – 2017 External Industrial Advisor (Faculty of Law)

Visiting Lecturer

From 2012 Trainer, Advocacy Training Course

2015 Working Committee at the Attorney General's Chamber on Proposed Amendments to the Domestic Violence Act and Proposed Sexual Harassment Act

Publication & Recent Presentations

2017 **University of London Alumni Debate**
'Arbitration is not about just settlement, it is just about settlement.'
Panellist Speaker

2017 **LexisNexis : Practical Guide on Corporate : Financing**
Author / Contributor

2017 **Universiti Sains Islam Malaysia**
Current Issues in Legal Ethics
Speaker

2017 **Malaysian Bar: Seminars** on Overview of Conveyancing / Anti-Money Laundering and Anti-Terrorism Financing and Proceeds of Unlawful Activities / Getting Started Workshop - Speaker

2017 **Bank Negara Malaysia : Trilateral Regulatory Exchange Programme 2017**
How do Lawyers comply to AML / CFT Regulatory requirements, challenges and compliances - Speaker

2016 **International Malaysian Law Conference**
Speaker – Presentation on 'Technology & the Legal Profession

- 2016 **World Youth Foundation**
International Conference on “A Global Youth Partnership to End Child Marriage”
Panellist Speaker
- 2014-2016 **Conveyancing & Litigation Roadshow**
Johor, Penang, Perak, Pahang, Negeri Sembilan, Kuala Lumpur
- 2015 **Forum on Global Peace organised by Malacca Bar in conjunction with United Nations International Day of Peace**
(Keynote Speaker : Tun Mahathir Mohamad)
Panellist Speaker
- 2015 **Roadshow on E-Payment / Solicitors’ Account Rules 1990**
Johor, Penang, Perak, Terengganu, Pahang, Kuala Lumpur
- 2015 **Independent Police Complaints and Misconduct Commission**
Keynote Speaker
Negeri Sembilan, Melaka, Terengganu
- 2015 **Victims Advocacy: National Consultation on The Rights of Vulnerable Witnesses in Court**
Moderator
- 2014 **International Malaysian Law Conference**
Moderator in the Breakout Session entitled Reporting Obligations of Legal Advisers under the Provisions of the Anti-Money Laundering and Anti-Terrorism Financing Act 2001
- 2014 **Convention of Rights for Children: UNICEF Celebrates International Day of Children**
Keynote Speech : Making Child Rights Real for Children with Disabilities

Professional Qualifications

- 1995 **Advocate & Solicitor of the High Court of Malaya**
Admitted as an Advocate & Solicitor of the High Court of Malaya in 1995
- 1994 **Certificate of Legal Practice, Malaysia**

Academic Qualifications

- 1993 **University of London (International Programme, External)**
Bachelor of Laws (Hons)

Languages

English, Bahasa Malaysia

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