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# ALB Asia's Top 15 Litigators Methodology

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Litigation plays an important role in a law firm's suite of services and we are celebrating Asia's top 15 litigators in the February 2021 issue of the ALB magazine. Profile of cases handled, clients' recommendations, and the use of technology to minimise the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic will be taken into consideration when making an assessment.

Submissions are opened from 24 November 2020 to 15 December 2020.

We look forward to receiving your submission soon.

## HOW IT WORKS



**STEP 1**  
Download Nomination  
Forms



**STEP 2**  
Complete and submit  
form and client  
recommendations



**STEP 3**  
Client interviews begin,  
nominations are being  
evaluated



**STEP 4**  
Analyze, discuss, and  
validate findings



**STEP 5**  
Results are announced  
and published in ALB  
Asia Magazine

## How can you submit the nomination form?

The completed nomination form may be submitted by law firms or lawyers. It provides a summary of your litigation achievements. It also presents an opportunity to demonstrate why you or your firm should be ranked in our ALB Asia's Top 15 Litigators.

You may download the nomination form [here](#). It will guide you through all the relevant information required for our research and the information provided will be kept completely confidential.

## Who can submit and when?

Submissions are open to any practicing law firm / litigation lawyer.

One firm can nominate up to TWO (2) lawyers who:

1. Are admitted to practice law in Asia and
2. Have outstanding achievements in litigation case(s) either taking place in Asia or representing an Asian client overseas from 1 Dec 2019 to 1 Dec 2020.
3. Lawyers need to be permanently based in Asia to qualify. Submissions from mainland China and Australia/New Zealand will not be considered for this list.

**Submission deadline Tuesday, 15 December 2020, 6.00pm (Singapore time)**

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Our deadlines are fixed in order to allow enough time for our research team to analyze each and every submission and retrieving as much feedback as possible from the supplied recommendations.

## How to make a submission

Simply provide a clear summary of the following in our nomination form:

1. The 5 most important litigation cases in your career and in the last 12 months (1 Dec 2019 to 1 Dec 2020)
2. Provide cases you participated in and for which judgements were pronounced in the past 12 months, the information of which is available through public channels.
3. Provide a list of any significant accolades you have received from work.

## Providing client recommendations

We also require a list of referees, whom we may interview. A referee is usually a client, although it can be anyone who has experience and knowledge of your firm in that practice area over the preceding 12 months. Providing referees allows us to gather feedback on your practice. We use these interviews to understand the views and experiences of your clients and this helps to inform our decisions.

## Research

We conduct our ranking research based on several factors and considerations, all of which are assessed by our research team. Our dedicated research team will review all submissions provided and carry out the necessary interviews.

Sending across your nominations and being interviewed by ALB does not guarantee a ranking. This is only part of the research process. We also consider feedback of clients and other sources as part of the ranking process.

### 1. Online Research

- a. Verify the candidate's profile via firm's website
- b. Investigate and assess the significant litigation cases submitted by the candidate
- c. Review and analyze the cases which lawyers participated in and for which judgements were pronounced in the last 12 months which are available on public channels

### 2. Interview

Interview with clients and peers listed in the submission. This is usually done to assess client satisfaction and reputation in the industry

Details in 1 and 2 will be compiled and moved to the evaluation process.

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## Evaluation Process

After research and the verification of facts in the nomination forms, all documents will be sent to an independent internal judging panel for evaluation.

## Evaluation Criteria

- Significant cases handled in entire career
- Significant cases handled in the last 12 months
- Key clients
- New clients
- Significant accolades / third-party award or recognition
- Client recommendations and comments
- Comments from managing partner or colleague
- Cases participated in and for which judgements were pronounced\*

\*From 1 Dec 2019 to 1 Dec 2020

The evaluation is based on the following factors: 1) Difficulty of cases; 2) Litigation strategies employed by lawyers; 3) Influence of cases and the innovative nature of cases. More details are provided below.

- **Breadth:** the degree to which the work involved numerous jurisdictions, legal practice areas, parties and industries;
- **Complexity:** the degree to which the work required crucial exercise of legal expertise, business acumen or innovative solutions;
- **Impact or significance:** the degree to which clients and other stakeholders, the bench and bar, an industry or the region may be affected by the case;
- **Innovativeness:** the degree to which the work involved the application of a new concept or creative solution, process, service, program to existing systems and processes, thus improving organizational capabilities or perhaps the use of technology to minimize the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic.

## Announcement

ALB Asia's Top 15 Litigators results will be release in February 2021 issue of ALB Asia Magazine.