



Capability Statement



INTRODUCTION

Nine Yards Chambers is a Singapore law firm.

Each of our four directors, Nichol Yeo, Clement Julien Tan, Qua Bi Qi and Allan Tan are recognised names in their respective fields.

Our lawyers are specialists in litigation and transactional work. With their proven track record, our lawyers are consistently recognised in leading legal rankings and industry awards.

Our litigators are experienced in high-stakes disputes and crisis management. They regularly appear before all levels of the Singapore courts.

Our corporate lawyers are veterans in the boardroom. They are skilled at the negotiating table, as well as rendering advice to navigate complex issues.

We provide our clients service, clarity and assurance during the legal process. Both the process and the outcome are important to us. We adopt transparent pricing and believe that the focus should be on achieving results. Our ethos is that our clients should feel that we are effective in discharging our duties and fair in billing.

We act for discerning clients who value clarity and results. Our clients value us for our focused and pragmatic advice, active involvement of our senior lawyers and our ability to move matters strategically forward. We take on work where we can act decisively and make an impact. Efficiency is important to us in building a working relationship with our clients.

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PRACTICE AREAS

Disputes

Crisis Management
 Contentious EGMs and General Meetings
 Directors' Duties
 Injunctions and Freezing Orders
 Investment and Debt Recovery
 Company and Commercial Disputes
 Shareholders' and Oppression Claims
 Trusts Disputes
 White Collar and Regulatory Defence

Non-Contentious Work

Corporate Restructuring
 Family Offices
 Fundraising
 IPO (Initial Public Offerings) and RTO (Reverse Takeovers)
 Mandatory General Offers
 Joint Ventures
 Mergers and Acquisitions
 Regulatory and Compliance
 Trusts
 Variable Capital Companies and Fund

OUR CIVIL LITIGATION PRACTICE

The bulk of our practice is in complex civil and commercial disputes involving governance, shareholder, and employment issues. Our practice is recognised by its deep experience in urgent injunctive relief, asset preservation, and crisis-driven litigation. We take pride in having precision and speed in our litigation work. Our clients trust us to manage sensitive disputes decisively and with commercial judgment.

KEY CONTACTS

Nichol Yeo, Director

Nichol is the founder of the Firm. He is a sought-after litigator.

Clement Julien Tan, Director

Clement is a seasoned litigator who regularly takes on complex and high stakes briefs. He brings to his clients a depth of experience as a former District Judge and his past involvement in complex commercial matters.

Qua Bi Qi, Director

Bi Qi is highly regarded by her clients and peers at the Bar as a reliable advocate for her clients. She regularly conducts trials in the Supreme Court and State Courts.

OUR COUNSEL

Nicholas Leong

Nicholas is experienced in lead counsel work. He manages litigation from the commencing of proceedings up to trial. He handles civil and matrimonial disputes.

Eugene Lim

Eugene is a civil litigator focused on complex commercial disputes and urgent injunctive relief.

OUR ASSOCIATES

Andrew Ong

Andrew is experienced in trial work and alternative dispute resolution. He practices civil, criminal and matrimonial work.

Wee Guang Hui

Guang Hui is dual-qualified and is admitted to the Singapore Bar and in the England and Wales. He practices civil litigation across a wide spectrum of matters, from investment recovery to shareholder disputes.

Suriya Priya

Priya takes on criminal and civil litigation work. She is experienced with trial work in open court and interlocutory hearings in chambers.

Some of our notable cases are set out below:

January 2026: Claim of Right Against Self-Incrimination to Resist Pre-Action Discovery

Successfully invoked the privilege of self-incrimination against a court application for pre-action discovery in a high-profile cryptocurrency case.

November 2025: Successfully struck out a claim by multiple claimants, including foreign claimants, for a share in a private residential property

Successfully struck out a claim for a share in a private residential property, or a share in the sale proceeds of the property. Involved complex arguments involving sections 3 and 23 of the Residential Property Act 1976, the use of the *Vandepitte* procedure, and trust over choses in action.

October 2025: Successfully resisted the striking out of a company's originating application to invalidate a notice of EGM

Represented a company in an originating application to invalidate a notice of EGM. Successfully defended an application to strike out the originating application, both at first instance and on appeal and went on to obtain a favourable judgment in invalidating the EGM notice.

August 2025: Injunction Against EGM of an SME

Argued and obtained an urgent injunction that was obtained at short notice (within 24 hours) to restraining the holding of an EGM of a SME. This maintained the Board control of the SME.

June 2025: Defending a claim for an account of monies allegedly held on resulting trust and common intention constructive trust

Represented the executrix of an estate sued in her personal capacity in defending a claim for an account of rental monies from a coffeeshop. Involved arguments on resulting trust and common intention constructive trust.

May 2025: Successfully obtained a Worldwide Mareva Injunction for S\$ 1.7 million

Successfully obtained a worldwide Mareva injunction for S\$ 1.7 million in a claim by the executrix of an estate. The claim involves allegations of breach of fiduciary duties, resulting trust, undue influence and unconscionability.

March 2025: Successful Appeal Against Striking Out Order

Applied for and struck out a claim for fraudulent misrepresentation involving an ex-director of an SGX listed company. Went on to successfully defend the striking out order on appeal.

January 2025: Contested Worldwide Mareva Injunction in Excess of S\$ 100 million

Instructed as counsel for a worldwide Mareva injunction arising out of matrimonial proceedings. The assets involved exceeded the sum of S\$ 100 million.

Enforcement of a Non-Standard Guarantee Obligation

Successfully claimed for damages against the guarantor for a settlement agreement. The guarantee imposed a unique obligation – instead of the usual wording where the guarantor has to pay on the debtor’s behalf, the guarantor had to find a third party to pay on the debtor’s behalf instead.

Mainboard ListCo – Striking Out ‘Golden Parachute’ Claims

Represented a Mainboard ListCo in defending claims brought by one of its ex-executive directors. Successfully raised and argued a novel point of law, on the operation of section 168 of the *Companies Act* barring ‘golden parachute’ payments. This led to the removal and reduction of a substantial quantum of the plaintiff’s claim.

Worldwide Mareva Injunction to Aid Setting Aside of Gifts

Successfully obtained a worldwide *Mareva* injunction against a defendant who obtained gifts and transfers of more than S\$ 8 million, to freeze assets in Singapore and Malaysia. Worked with instructed counsel and professional experts at trial, on questions of resulting and constructive trusts, mental capacity, and authenticity of signatures.

Anti-Suit Injunction Leading to Discontinuance of Singapore Litigation

Represented a Catalyst ListCo involved in litigation in multiple jurisdictions involving (amongst others) conspiracy claims. Successfully applied for and obtained an anti-suit injunction in Singapore. This led to the discontinuance of the Singapore litigation and a positive award of costs.

Estate Seeking Recovery and Account of Assets

Represented the estate of a deceased mother in high-value litigation involving claims founded on express trust, resulting trust and common intention constructive trust, to seek an account of the deceased’s assets from the deceased’s children, and to recover these assets for the estate.

Estate Defending Claims of Resulting & Common Intention Constructive Trusts

Took on instructions on an urgent basis and at short notice to represent the estate of a deceased, in resisting claims of resulting and common intention constructive trusts. Successfully defended all claims for significant stakes in a high-value commercial property purchased by the deceased, to deny the claimants any beneficial interest in the property.

OUR CORPORATE AND COMMERCIAL TRANSACTIONS PRACTICE

Nine Yards Chambers LLC advises on corporate and commercial matters where ownership, control, and governance are in issue. We work closely with clients on transactions and advisory matters that require careful navigation of shareholder dynamics, regulatory obligations, and board-level decision-making.

Our practice is particularly trusted in situations of corporate tension or transition — whether arising from minority concerns, management disputes, or structural deadlock — delivering clear, commercially grounded solutions with an emphasis on long-term stability and risk management.

KEY CONTACTS

Allan Tan, Director

Allan heads the Firm's corporate practice. He has more than 3 decades of experience in securities law, transactional and compliance work. He advises companies at every stage, from angel investment and commercial agreements to IPOs, post-listing transactions, and acquisitions.

Karen Pok

Karen is an experienced corporate lawyer. She is regularly instructed as lead transaction counsel for mergers and acquisitions, compliance and regulatory issues.

OUR ASSOCIATES

Poh Chee Eng

Chee Eng is capable of both contentious and transactional work. He offers holistic representation and advice to our clients. He advises on acquisitions, joint ventures, and regulatory compliance.

Some of our notable cases are set out below:

Catalist ListCo – Hostile EGM

Successfully acted for a group of minority shareholders to convene an EGM of a Catalist ListCo under section 177 of the *Companies Act*. Worked alongside counsel for other groups of shareholders in resisting an application for an injunction to restrain the convening of the EGM and allegations of deficiencies in convening of the intended EGM whilst dealing with restrictions of SGX-imposed Notices of Compliances. Ultimately convened the intended EGM to pass resolutions to remove and appoint directors for control over the ListCo.

OUR GENERAL PRACTICE

Our general practice includes disputes involving financial exposure, family and personal relationships, and regulatory or criminal risk, where outcomes often extend beyond purely legal considerations.

We act in matters involving mediation advocacy, complex matrimonial disputes, fund-related disputes, white-collar investigations, and debt recovery, adopting a pragmatic approach that prioritises resolution where possible and firm, disciplined representation where required.

KEY CONTACTS

Diana Chin

Diana heads the Firm's matrimonial and private client practice. Her wealth of experience is evident in her skills in mediation and alternative dispute resolution. She is a Notary Public and Commissioner for Oaths.

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7 August 2025: Succeeded in application for striking out, discovery and interrogatories.

Succeeded in striking out/ redacting without prejudice correspondence sent before the commencement of divorce proceedings that were exhibited in the Affidavit of Assets & Means. Succeeded in application to request for Discovery and Interrogatories as opposing party refuses to provide standard particulars in Affidavit of Assets & Means.

May 2025: Appeal Against a Murder Conviction on the Partial Defence of Sudden Fight

Represented an accused person convicted of murder under Section 300(c) of the Penal Code on appeal. Involved in the arguments on the defence of sudden fight.

AWARDS

Straits Times' Singapore's Best Law Firms

We have been listed as one of Singapore's Best Law Firms for three consecutive years in 2024, 2025 and 2026.

Benchmark Litigation: Asia Pacific

We have been ranked under Benchmark Litigation: Asia Pacific as a top-tier firm in Dispute Resolutions in 2025.

ALB Southeast Asia Law Awards 2024

Nine Yards Chambers LLC was recognised as a finalist in the "Rising Law Firm of the Year" category.

AsiaLaw Rankings

We have received positive reviews and mentions in AsiaLaw rankings, with commentators noting our practical solutions, timely responses, and effective communication.

Recognition of Individual Lawyers

Our Nichol Yeo has received individual recognition, including:

- ✚ Recognised as one of [LexisNexis® 40 UNDER 40 2023](#).
- ✚ Recognised as [Benchmark Litigation Asia Pacific's Future Star 2025](#).
- ✚ Recognised in the [ALB Asia 40 Under 40 2024](#).
- ✚ Recognised as a [Notable Practitioner in the AsiaLaw Rankings](#).
- ✚ [Straits' Times Singapore Top-Rated Lawyers \(Top 20\)](#).

PUBLICATIONS

Lexology 2026 ed.

Our directors, Nichol Yeo, Clement Tan and Qua Bi Qi published a guide on Complex Commercial Litigation in Singapore on Lexology. The guide can be found at this [link](#).