

Teh Meng Teck

MANAGING PARTNER



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PROFILE

Teh Meng Teck is the Managing Partner of CTS, a firm he co-founded in 1989 and has been in practice for more than 35 years. Within that time, he has appeared regularly in all tiers of the Malaysian courts and has built a formidable reputation as a leading litigator in the realm of commercial dispute resolution.

Teh Meng Teck specialises in commercial and corporate litigation and shareholders' disputes. He regularly acts for public listed companies, private entities and ultra-high net-worth individuals in Malaysia and abroad in complex, high-value corporate and shareholders' disputes.

Notably, he is the lead instructing solicitor and strategist in a multi-jurisdiction shareholders' dispute which has spawned more than 60 separate suits and appeals to the Federal Court, the Privy Council, the Singapore Court of Appeal, and the Court of Appeal of the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court.

Teh Meng Teck has extensive experience in banking and finance litigation, with an emphasis on the recovery of conventional and Islamic debt facilities, guarantees and loan recall disputes. His portfolio of dispute resolution work includes corporate and individual insolvency practice and contentious probate matters involving inheritance disputes.

Teh Meng Teck is listed as a Legal 500 (Asia Pacific 2026) Leading Partner and a ranked Dispute Resolution litigator by Chambers & Partners Asia Pacific (2026). He has been consistently named amongst Malaysia's Top 100 Lawyers - The A List by Asia Business Law Journal's A-List Report (2020, 2021, 2022, 2024, and 2025), a testament to his continued excellence in the legal profession.

RECOGNITION



Ranked in Dispute Resolution by Chambers Asia Pacific Guide 2026



Legal 500 Asia Pacific (2026) Leading Partner



Malaysia's Top 100 Lawyers - The A List by Asia Business Law Journal's A-List Report (2025)

QUALIFICATIONS

Advocate and Solicitor

High Court of the Republic of Singapore

2001

Advocate and Solicitor

High Court in Malaya

1985

LL.M

London School of Economics & Political Science, University of London, United Kingdom

1984

Barrister-at-Law

Gray's Inn

1983

BA (Hons) Law

Manchester Metropolitan University, United Kingdom

1982

PRACTICE AREAS

- Appeals
- Banking & Finance Litigation
- Civil & Commercial Litigation
- Corporate Litigation & Shareholders' Disputes
- Restructuring, Insolvency & Bankruptcy
- Wills, Probate & Estate Planning

WORK HIGHLIGHTS

BANKING & FINANCE LITIGATION

- › Acted for a financial institution to recover Islamic financing facilities of more than RM35 million granted to its customer (*see: Malaysia Debt Ventures Bhd v Algaetech International Sdn Bhd (in receivership) & Ors [2023] MLJU 702*).
- › Acted for a company and a guarantor to dispute the recall of more than RM1 billion loan facilities by a leading commercial bank in Malaysia.
- › Acted for a publicly listed company to oppose claims by a financial institution in respect of the restructuring of a Term Loan involving 11 Lenders.
- › Acted for a borrower and its guarantors to oppose a claim by 2 financial institutions in respect of a short-term financing in excess of USD30 million.
- › Acted for various individuals of a family to oppose more than 50 suits by multiple financial institutions under financing and guarantee agreements.

CIVIL & COMMERCIAL LITIGATION

- › Acted for a financial institution at the Court of Appeal in resisting an appeal concerning the discovery of documents based on Section 43 of the Securities Industry (Central Depositories) Act 1991 ("SIDCA 1991") (*see: P G Doraisamy a/l P Gopal v AmlInvestment Bank Bhd and other appeals [2026] MLJU 919*).
- › Acted for a subsidiary of a Bursa Malaysia-listed technology conglomerate to set aside an Arbitration Award and resist the counterparty's application to amongst others, recognise the Arbitration Award.
- › Acted for a purchaser to sue for breach of contract in a sale of plantation land and obtained a Mareva Injunction and committal order against the vendor (*see: Puteh Aman Power Sdn Bhd v Bittersweet Estates (Sabah) Sdn Bhd [2012] MLJU 835; Puteh Aman Power Sdn Bhd v Bittersweet Estates (Sabah) Sdn Bhd [2012] MLJU 834*).
- › Advised a group of companies for the recovery of more than RM50,000,000.00 against 2 directors of the group of companies for unauthorised directors' fees.
- › Acted for a company suing former director and trustee of the company for an account (*see: MTD Capital Bhd v. Tan Sri Dr Azmil Khalili Dato Khalid [2019] MLJU 773*).
- › Acted for a financial institution to intervene in an action by the Trustee and various bondholders against a defaulting bond issuer.
- › Acted for an individual to oppose the registration of a foreign judgment.
- › Acted for a creditor to oppose the extension of a restraining order and a proposed scheme of arrangement.
- › Acted for a public listed company to obtain a restraining order and an order to approve a scheme of arrangements.
- › Acted for an investment bank to defend claims brought against it for alleged dealings with its rogue dealer (*see: K&N Kenanga BHD v Dato' Liew Yuen Keong [2015] MLJU 2034*).
- › Advised overseas casino operator on the recoverability of a loan granted to its guest in its London casino.
- › Acted for a company to challenge freezing of its bank accounts by Government of Malaysia under the Anti-Money Laundering, Anti-Terrorism Financing and Proceeds of Unlawful Activities Act 2011 ("AMLA").
- › Acted for a haulier against a MNC oil and gas company for breach of a haulage contract.
- › Acted for 2 individuals in a claim for breach of a joint-venture agreement and breach of trust relating to entitlements to shares in a listed company and the subsequent assessment of damages proceedings.
- › Acted for the appellant at the Federal Court ("FC") involving questions of law regarding the FC's jurisdiction to hear appeals under Section 96(a) of the Courts of Judicature Act, 1964 ("CJA") and whether strict compliance with the Rules of the Court of Appeal, 1994 ("RCA") is required when an appellant had followed an alternative procedure provided by a Court Practice Direction (*see: Megat Najmuddin Bin Dato Seri (DR) Megat Khas v Bank Bumiputra (M) Bhd [2002] 1 MLJ 385*).
- › Acted for a company suing ex-directors for breach of fiduciary duties.
- › Acted for a public listed company in a Supreme Court appeal against a building contractor to secure a ruling that the letter in dispute did not constitute a legally binding multi-million-ringgit construction contract between the parties (*see: Ayer Hitam Tin Dredging Malaysia v Y.C Chin Enterprises Sdn Bhd [1994] 2 MLJ 754*).

WORK HIGHLIGHTS

CORPORATE LITIGATION & SHAREHOLDERS' DISPUTES

- › Acted as lead instructing solicitor and strategist in a multi-jurisdiction shareholders' dispute involving more than 60 separate suits and appeals to the Privy Council, the Federal Court, the Singapore Court of Appeal and the Court of Appeal of the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court.
- › Acted for a shareholder to invalidate a corporate restructuring exercise involving a transfer of shares from a director and substantial shareholder or person connected to him based on Section 132E of the Companies Act, 1965 (*see: Foo Fatt Chuen v Axis Identity Group International Sdn Bhd & Anor [2011] MLJU 676*).
- › Acted for a shareholder in a shareholders' dispute in respect of a company with net assets in excess of RM1,500,000,000.00.
- › Acted for a public listed company to claim for the balance purchase price of the sale of shares to another public listed company.
- › Acted for a public listed company against a claim for breach of subscription and shareholders' agreement.
- › Acted for a company and its former director to oppose a derivative action and breach of fiduciary duties (*see: Leow Yin Choon & Ors (menyaman di atas pihak mereka sendiri dan kesemua pemegang saham lain SB Belts & Gears Sdn Bhd kecuali defendan-defendan yang merupakan pemegang saham SB Belts & Gears Sdn Bhd) v Tang Fook Siong & Anor [2012] MLJU 1503*).
- › Acted for a minority shareholder in an oppression action against the majority shareholders of a public company.
- › Acted for a director to oppose a claim for breach of fiduciary duties.
- › Acted for a company suing former director and trustee of the company for an account.

RESTRUCTURING, INSOLVENCY & BANKRUPTCY

- › Acted for a company to obtain an injunction to restrain the filing of a winding-up petition (Fortuna Injunction) against a creditor whose claim was disputed.
- › Acted for shareholders to appoint a licensed liquidator of the shareholders' choice instead of the opponent's choice of one from the Big 4, for a company based in Sibü.
- › Acted for financial institutions to defend their termination of facilities and appointment of Receivers & Managers in connection with the recall and termination of a RM80,000,000.00 financing facility.
- › Acted for a public listed company to oppose a winding-up Petition filed by a financial institution.
- › Acted for a shareholder to appoint a provisional liquidator of a company operating supermarkets.
- › Acted for a financial institution to wind up a borrower.
- › Acted for a judgment creditor to oppose an application by a bankrupt to discharge a bankruptcy order.
- › Acted for a judgment creditor to set aside the Director General of Insolvency's withdrawal of an ongoing public examination mid-stream (*see: RE: Goh Kah Wai; Ex-Parte: Tan Lay Lee [2006] MLJU 125*).
- › Acted for a Judgment Creditor to set aside the discharge of a Bankrupt by the DGI.

WHAT OTHERS SAY

"Meng Teck is a very capable and competent advocate with a wealth of knowledge and experience."

— CHAMBERS ASIA PACIFIC 2026

"Teh Meng Teck carries out impressive work relating to fraud and breach of contract disputes."

— CHAMBERS ASIA PACIFIC 2026

"Meng Teck Teh is a highly respected practitioner who inspires faith in his clients and fights for clear commercial objectives."

— CHAMBERS ASIA PACIFIC 2026

"Meng Teck Teh has shown incredible attention to details. He has an ability to communicate complex concepts through his vast knowledge of the law. He shows commitment and dedication through the long hours he works. He shares positive outcomes in difficult situations."

— CHAMBERS ASIA PACIFIC 2026

"He is both professional and knowledgeable. He exhibits a high level of awareness and meticulous attention to detail. He is extremely hardworking and thorough in his analysis and work."

— CHAMBERS ASIA PACIFIC 2026

"Meng Teck Teh is very bright and clever. He is a very strategic litigator."

— CHAMBERS ASIA PACIFIC 2026

"The experience and strategic thinking of Teh Meng Teck is impressive, and his experience is second to none. The team is courteous, respectful and pleasant to work with and after over 10 years working with these lawyers, I have only positive platitudes for the team and firm."

— THE LEGAL 500 ASIA PACIFIC 2025

"He is very experienced and detail-oriented, and is really on the ball, reading through documents and working late and responding even in the middle of the night."

— CHAMBERS ASIA PACIFIC 2025

"Meng Teck brings with him a wealth of experience in his field of dispute resolution. He is always ready with a solution and a way forward."

— CHAMBERS ASIA PACIFIC 2025

"To be one of Malaysia's Top 100 lawyers, you must have a very good grasp of the Malaysian legal system and incisive knowledge of the law... Meng Teck's ability in litigation and dispute resolution are among the best in Malaysia and there can be no dispute... However, Meng Teck's X Factor is his winning personality and his ability to address all the issues and concerns of the client."

— MICHAEL PALMER (DIRECTOR, QUAHE WOO & PALMER, SINGAPORE) — THE A-LIST, MALAYSIA'S TOP 100 LAWYERS 2020, ASIA BUSINESS LAW JOURNAL