

ALB North Asia's Top 15 Litigators 2023

While the economic recovery faces multiple challenges as the pandemic gradually started to fade away, increased disputes risk remains a major concern with the emerging issues of supply chain disruptions, digital transformation, evolving ESG considerations and more.

As one of the most dynamic and fastest growing regions in the world, the legal landscape of North Asia has continually evolved in response to such demands and changing circumstances, where some of the best lawyers in the markets have delivered outstanding performance.

ALB is pleased to launch our **North Asia's Top 15 Litigators 2023**, to be announce in the **ALB Asia Magazine's February 2023** issue. The ranking celebrates the leading litigators and most impactful disputes across the region of North Asia.

Profile of cases handled, clients' recommendations, the use of technology and innovation will be taken into consideration when making the assessment. ALB will draw information from the nominations provided, interviews, editorial resources, and market feedbacks to identify the top 15 litigators in the North Asia region.

We look forward to receiving your nominations soon.

Submissions are now open until 21 November 2022.

HOW IT WORKS

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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 North Asia's Top 15 Litigators 2023**.

You may download the nomination form accordingly. 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 litigators.

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

1. Lawyers need to permanently be based and practice law in the North Asia region (**Hong Kong, Japan, Macau, South Korea and Taiwan**)
2. Have outstanding achievements in litigation case(s) either taking place in the region or representing a client in the region overseas from **1 Oct 2021 to 1 Oct 2022**.
3. Submissions from mainland China **will not** be considered for this list.

Submission deadline Monday, 21 November 2022, 6.00pm (Singapore time)

Our deadlines are fixed in order to allow enough time for our research team to conduct thorough verifications, retrieve recommendations and implement careful analysis on each submission

How to make a submission

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

1. Top 5 most significant cases in the candidate's career.
2. Top 5 most significant cases handled in the last 12 months.
3. Up to 5 of candidate's key clients.
4. Up to 5 new clients wins in the past 12 months.
5. Significant accolades the candidate has received for work in the form of public recognition, awards etc.
6. Any certifications, participation in bar and/or professional activities

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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 the candidate's work 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.

Clients' statements are referred to in the first instance and referees are only contacted should ALB require additional information regarding the matters included in the submission.

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 if necessary

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

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 throughout the candidate's career

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- 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 colleagues
- Cases participated in and for which judgements were pronounced*

*From 1 Oct 2021 to 1 Oct 2022

The evaluation is based on the following factors: 1) Degree of difficulty; 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 cases involved numerous jurisdictions, legal practice areas, parties and industries;
- **Complexity:** the degree to which the cases 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 cases;
- **Innovativeness:** the degree to which the cases 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 North Asia's Top 15 Litigators results will be released in February 2023 issue of ALB Asia Magazine.