

Eugene Chan

Of Counsel

Family and Divorce



Biography

Eugene is trusted by clients for his ability to navigate sensitive family disputes with empathy and clarity. Known for his balanced approach, he is committed to delivering practical solutions and, where possible, amicable outcomes that safeguard his clients' long-term interests.

He specialises in the full spectrum of family and matrimonial law, including contentious divorce and nullity proceedings, custody, care and control, access disputes, maintenance for spouses and children, division of matrimonial assets, family violence matters, relocation applications, and cross-border disputes such as international child abductions.

An advocate of therapeutic justice, Eugene focuses on helping clients achieve practical and sustainable outcomes with minimal acrimony. He frequently represents clients in alternative dispute resolution, including both private and court-directed mediations, where his goal is to preserve relationships while resolving disputes effectively. Eugene is a Singapore Mediation Centre (SMC) Accredited Mediator.

In addition to contentious work, Eugene has extensive experience advising on non-contentious matters such as pre-nuptial and post-nuptial agreements, deeds of settlement, deeds of separation, and other family-related agreements.

Eugene has acted for clients at all levels of the Singapore courts, including as lead counsel in matters before both the Family Court and the Family Division of the High Court. His broad experience across litigation and advisory work enables him to provide clear, strategic guidance and strong advocacy for clients navigating complex and sensitive family matters.

Experience

- Acted for the mother in resisting an appeal against the handover time in a shared care and control arrangement in a highly contentious matter. The High Court dismissed the appeal and agreed with the mother that the father had not complied with the procedural rules in order to exercise his rights of appeal. The High Court further agreed with the mother that there was no basis for the handover time to be varied as the skewed apportionment of time the father was seeking was not in the children's best interests. (XBV v XBU [2025] SGHCF 7)
- Acted for the father and successfully obtained orders for shared care and control for a 5-year-old child diagnosed clinically with autism spectrum disorder. The Court found that there has been attempts to alienate the child. (XCR v XCS [2025] SGFC 64)

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- Acted for the wife in a marriage of 36 years, where the High Court agreed with the wife to return the value of around S\$2.4 million (being losses arising from loans that the husband had extended to a third party) back into the matrimonial pool of assets for division.
- Acted for the wife in a marriage of 39 years, where the wife was awarded 65% of the pool of matrimonial assets. The High Court drew substantial adverse inference against the husband and agreed with the wife that the husband had shown a degree of financial irresponsibility in how he managed his finances given the large quantities of debt he chalked up during the marriage.
- Acted for the mother and obtained maintenance for the child under her care in a split care and control arrangement. While the Court at first instance dismissed the mother's claim for backdated maintenance, the mother's appeal to the High Court was allowed. (URS v URT [2019] SGFC 7)

Awards & Accolades

- Recommended Lawyer – Doyle's Guide Leading Family and Divorce Lawyers (2024-2025)
- Rising Stars – Doyle's Guide Leading Family and Divorce Lawyers (2023)

Professional Memberships | Directorships

- Member, Singapore Academy of Law
- Member, The Law Society of Singapore

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