

Philip Fong

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“Philip Fong and a few others are all the exceptional partners.”

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Philip Fong is insightful and very good in picking up details that may not seem to have much significance at first glance.

He has vast experience and inquisitive mind.

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Biography

Philip is the Managing Partner of Harry Elias Partnership LLP and co-heads the Civil and Commercial Litigation Practice Group. He also heads the firm's Financial Crime Practice Group.

Philip's extensive experience in civil litigation includes disputes in or over contracts, shares, companies, property, professional negligence, trusts and wills. He is consistently identified as a leading business crime lawyer, having represented many clients in securities and corruption cases.

Philip's career started with the Commercial Affairs Department, the specialist enforcement agency which prosecutes white collar crimes. Philip was the first head of the agency's Anti-Money Laundering unit. Philip's advice is constantly sought on insider trading and market manipulation, regulatory compliance (directors' duties and governance) and medical malpractice. Philip has acted as prosecuting counsel for professional bodies (such as the Singapore Medical Council) against doctors and accountants. His high-profile cases in the Supreme Court include judicial reviews and challenges to collective sale agreements of condominiums.

Apart from court work, Philip handles arbitrations seated in Singapore, Hong Kong and Malaysia. Philip is a Fellow of the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators.

Philip has been highly recommended as a star name and leading lawyer by independent publications such as The Legal 500, Who's Who Legal, Asian Legal Business, Best Lawyers, Asialaw Profiles and Doyle's Guide. Philip speaks regularly at business forums and seminars on securities laws, corruption, and enforcement actions of government agencies, issues relating to directors' duties, white collar crimes and legal issues in medical practice.

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Qualifications

Bachelor of Laws (Second Class Honours, Upper Division),
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Awards & Accolades

- "Ranked Practitioner" for Arbitration and Mediation – Best Lawyers Singapore (2021-2027)
- "Ranked Practitioner" for Arbitration and Mediation – Best Lawyers Global (2021-2027)
- "Litigation Star" for White Collar Crime – Benchmark Litigation Asia Pacific (2025)
- "Leading Practitioner" for White Collar Crime & Regulatory Investigations – Doyle's Guide (2026)
- "Recommended Practitioner" for White Collar Crime & Regulatory Investigations – Doyle's Guide (2022, 2023, 2025)
- "Distinguished Practitioner" for Dispute Resolution – Asialaw Profiles (2022-2025)
- "Leading Practitioner" for Criminal Defence – Doyle's Guide (2020, 2022)
- "Client Service Excellence" – Asialaw Profiles (2020)
- "Market-Leading Lawyer" for Dispute Resolution & Litigation – Asialaw Profiles (2018-2019)

Publications

- Halsbury's Laws of Singapore Volume 14(4) Medical Negligence and Professional Misconduct (2025)

Professional Memberships | Directorships

- Fellow, Singapore Institute of Arbitrations
- Member, Singapore Academy of Law
- Member, The Honourable Society of Inner Temple
- Member, The Law Society of Singapore

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