Tan Hui Qing

Partner

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Biography

Hui Qing is a Partner in the Family and Divorce Practice Group. As a family law specialist, Hui Qing has dealt with complex family law and matrimonial disputes which involve cross-border jurisdiction and forum issues, relocation, and foreign assets. Hui Qing has also been involved in a number of international child abduction cases under The Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction. Apart from litigation, Hui Qing's practice also substantially involves other forms of dispute resolution, including mediation and Collaborative Family Practice, amongst others.

Experience

Acted for clients in a number of international child abduction cases under The Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction 1980 ("Convention"), including the following cases:

- A case where the High Court addressed the defence of consent under Article 13(b) of the Convention (**TUC v TUD** [2017] SGHCF 12)
- A case which an application for a return order under the Convention was referred to the Court of the country of habitual residence under Article 15 of the Convention for a determination that the retention of the child was wrongful within the meaning of the Convention (unreported decision in 2018)
- A case which dealt with wrongful removal of a child from The Netherlands to Singapore, which was upheld on appeal to the High Court Family Division (**VAA v VAB** [2019] SFGC 92)

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Experience

Acted for clients in a number of cases regarding applications for relocation of a child to another jurisdiction, including the following cases:

- A case where the Court considered the weight to be placed on the National Service obligations of the child in determining whether to allow a relocation to the UK (**UFZ v UFY** [2018] SGHCF 8)
- A case where the Court allowed a relocation upon a request by a mother to pursue an employment opportunity in the UK (**ULA v UKZ** [2018] SGHCF 19)
- A case which involved a relocation application during the Covid-19 pandemic (**UYK v UYJ** [2020] 5 SLR 772)
- VPG v VPF [2021] SGHCF 18, where the High Court considered the immigration status of the parties and child as a relevant consideration in a relocation application

Acted for a client in a case where the High Court determined the issue of a stay of proceedings due to forum non conveniens and the factors to be considered where the proceedings relate to the welfare of the child (**TDX v TDY** [2015] 4 SLR 982)

Acted for clients in the following cases in relation to financial issues consequent to a divorce:

- A case where the Court of Appeal determined whether an anti-suit injunction ought to be granted to prevent a spouse from applying to the English High Court for financial relief consequent to a divorce after the Singapore Court had already deal with the issue of division of matrimonial assets upon the grant of a divorce. (**VEW v VEV** [2022] SGCA 34)
- A case where the Court of Appeal determined whether a gift or inheritance may lose its character as such and be regarded as a matrimonial asset (**CLB v CLC** [2023] SGCA 10)

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Awards & Accolades

- "40 Under 40 Asia List" – LexisNexis Awards 2026
- "40 Under 40 Southeast Asia List" – LexisNexis Awards 2026
- "Recommended Lawyer" - Doyle's Guide: Leading Family & Divorce Lawyers in Singapore (2024-2026)

Publications

- Co-Authored an article, "Therapeutic Justice in Practice: Reflections from the Bar", published in The Singapore Law Gazette, in 2026
- Co-Authored an article on, Financial provision after an overseas divorce: the approach in other countries, in 2019
- Co-Authored a chapter on Relocation of Children in Law and Practice of Family Law Practice in Singapore, a publication by Sweet & Maxwell in 2022
- Case Comment on The Expanded Definition of Matrimonial Asset to Give Effect to a Spouse's Intention, CLC v CLB [2023] 1 S:R 1260, [2023] SAL Prac 17, 10 October 2023
- Case Comment on The Role of Conduct in the Award of Maintenance and Costs Orders, WUP v WUQ [2024] SGHCF 15, [2024] SAL Prac 15, 31 July 2024

Professional Memberships | Directorships

- Collaborative Family Practitioner, Singapore Mediation Centre Panel
- A Family Mediator and Associate Mediator, Singapore Mediation Centre Panel
- A Family Mediator, Singapore Law Society Mediation Scheme Panel
- Co Vice-Chairperson of the Law Society Family Law Practice Committee, Singapore
- Exco Member, Singapore Association of Women Lawyers (SAWL)
- Member, Board of Trustees, SAWL Scholarship Fund
- Member, Singapore Academy of Law
- Member, The Law Society of Singapore

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