



# Donovan Cheah

## PARTNER

Donovan has extensive experience in dispute resolution and has represented international corporations in a wide range of matters, including commercial and civil litigation, unfair dismissal claims, international arbitrations, intellectual property disputes and judicial review proceedings.

His background in dispute resolution also allows him to effectively advise on risk mitigating actions, such as domestic inquiry preparation and anticipating potential disputes in contract negotiations. Clients have referred to Donovan as being "*highly skilled and experienced*" and have appreciated his "*excellent service, diligence, hard work and good advice*".

He was admitted as an advocate and solicitor of the High Court of Malaya in 2007. From 2007 to 2011, he was an associate in the dispute resolution and intellectual property practice group of Wong & Partners, a member firm of Baker & McKenzie.

In 2011, Donovan was appointed as the regional counsel for South East Asia of PPG Industries, one of the largest paints and coatings manufacturers in the world. In this role, he led the organisation's in-house legal services in South East Asia, supporting business units across 6 countries in the region, in addition to Australia and New Zealand. He left this role in June 2014 to establish Donovan & Ho.

Donovan is a member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, and also currently sits on the Malaysian Bar's Professional Standards and Development Committee.

## NOTABLE MATTERS

- Representing an online auction company and successfully securing a US\$6.3 million judgment against an individual for fraud and unlawful interference with business
- Representing an international oil and gas pipeline construction company in international arbitration for a claim of US\$14.5 million
- Representing an international telecommunications company and successfully recovering a RM1 million debt from a local customer
- Representing a Taiwanese manufacturer in a tenancy dispute involving industrial land in the Penang Free Trade Zone and obtaining a favourable judgment
- Representing a multinational steel-making company in a civil action for a claim of approximately RM1 million
- Representing multinational telecommunications and software companies in unfair dismissal claims filed by former employees

## PRACTICE AREAS

- Commercial Litigation
- Employment Litigation
- Employment Advisory
- Arbitration
- Intellectual Property
- Contracts

## QUALIFICATIONS

- Advocate and Solicitor of the High Court of Malaya
- Member, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators
- LLB (Hons), University of London
- Certificate in Legal Practice

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