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Dawn is consistently ranked as a leading tax and private client/wealth lawyer by various legal publications including Chambers High Net Worth (HNW) Guide, International Tax Review Women in Tax Leaders Guide and the Legal 500 Asia Pacific. She was named "Private Client Lawyer of the Year" at the 2018 Asia Legal Awards by The Asian Lawyer, and named "Women in Wealth Management" at the 2018 and 2020 WealthBriefingAsia Awards.

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She has collaborated on several guides and publications including LexisNexis Practical Guidance - Tax, where she co-authored the Taxation in Malaysia: Overview, Taxation of Trustees and Trust Funds, Automatic Exchange of Information and Succession Laws in Malaysia articles.

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Anna advised individuals/families in wealth disputes across multiple jurisdictions, including Taiwan, Bermuda, BVI, London and the US. The legal issues cover trusts, inheritance laws, corporate governance and change of control/succession of business. She also advised local and multinational corporations in resolving disputes, commencing legal proceedings and commercial arbitration (including ICC, HKIAC, ICDR/AAA and LCIA arbitrations) in Taiwan, the US, Germany, Italy, Malaysia, Hong Kong, the UK, Canada and Bermuda.

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Lisa's practice focuses on private wealth management and estate planning for high-net worth individuals. She advises financial institutions, independent trustee companies and family offices on matters in relation to their operations and businesses, as well as trust planning and restructuring. She also advises on Hong Kong tax, stamp duty and charity law issues. She works closely with different jurisdictions to formulate advice on cross-border issues.

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Ryutaro Oka has significant experience in the finance, trade, energy and manufacturing industries, where he has developed and maintained good client relationships. He regularly advises on complex international tax issues, working extensively with colleagues in the US, UK, Netherlands, China, Singapore and Thailand. Mr. Oka is a frequent speaker on international tax issues, having been invited to speak on international taxation and cross-border private equity investments at events sponsored by the Association of Taxation Analysis, among others. Prior to joining the Firm in 2006, Mr. Oka was a tax director at Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu's Tokyo office, where he advised on international tax issues. Mr. Oka is fluent in English.

Mr. Oka's main practice focus is cross-border M&A taxation. In this connection, he routinely advises on overseas holding company schemes, including the formulation of worldwide tax-efficient acquisition structures, tax due diligence issues, as well as other international taxation matters. He advises as well on the structure of international PE funds and hedge funds. Mr. Oka also advises large family owned companies, and provides succession planning strategies for the founding owners of those companies. Additionally, Mr. Oka handles general taxation matters, including organizational restructuring, and advises regarding Japan's consolidated taxation system.

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John has been a partner at Baker McKenzie for almost 20 years, and head of the tax group for most of that time. John has held a variety of global, regional and local management roles and is a former member of the Firm's Management Committee. John is widely recognised as one of Australian leading tax lawyers, including in various editions of the Australian Financial Review's Best Lawyers, Chambers Asia Pacific, APL 500, Euromoney's International Tax Review's World Tax and the Tax Directors Handbook and was last year's Lawyers Weekly Tax Lawyer of the Year. He writes and teaches broadly, and is currently a lecturer in the Sydney University LLM program and a writer for Thompson's loose leaf income tax service and the author of BNA Buchanan Ingersoll PC's Tax Management: Business Operations in Australia. He is also the head of the Firm's Structured Assets group in Australia, which incorporates the Tax, Financial Services, Commercial Real Estate and Hotels, Resorts & Tourism groups.

John's focus is on the tax aspects of corporate and debt restructures, M&A, spin-offs, takeovers, funds and unwinding structured finance transactions. He also deals with the Australian Tax Office (ATO) on a regular basis: in the context of private and class rulings, settling outstanding tax liabilities, industry risk reviews and tax policy initiatives.

"His reputation plus a strong presence in the funds and cross-border investment space has enabled him to be the advisor of choice for multi-jurisdictional restructures and other forms of cross-border investments." (Euromoney's International Tax Review's World Tax, 2016)

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Enoch has advised on both regional and Singapore tax issues. His focus is mainly on advising high net worth families on their tax, trust and estate planning issues. Enoch also works with financial institutions to advise on tax and legal issues related to services and products high net worth families and individuals, as well as more general issues, including advice on compliance for automatic exchange of information.

Enoch also advises clients on tax structuring and planning advice including advising on and assisting companies to apply for various tax incentives and advice on indirect taxes (such as goods and services tax and stamp duty).

Enoch has also advised on various tax issues in Hong Kong, including corporate tax, and tax disputes brought before the Hong Kong Inland Revenue Board of Review and the courts of Hong Kong.

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Tjen Wee has been recognised by The Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2022 in the Construction category as "…a genuine construction specialist, particularly in disputes but also handles a significant proportion of front-end work" and praised by a client in the same guide as "…very able, experienced, approachable, friendly, prompt and efficient in all his dealings – for litigation, arbitration, adjudications and in negotiations."' In the 2019 edition, sources state that Tjen Wee is a "highly intelligent and strategic thinker."

Tjen Wee was also named by Singapore Business Review as one of the most influential lawyers under 40 in 2019.