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Adeline Wong heads the Tax, Trade and Wealth Management Practice Group of Wong & Partners and chairs the Asia Pacific Tax Practice Group of Baker McKenzie. She has over 30 years of experience in the area of corporate tax planning, advisory, audit and investigation work.

Adeline was recently awarded Indirect Tax Practice Leader of the Year at the International Tax Review Asia Pacific Awards 2022 and inducted in the Hall of Fame for Tax by Legal 500 Asia Pacific. Her practice was named the Tax and Trusts Law Firm of the Year by the Asian Legal Business Malaysia Law Awards in both 2020 and 2021. She is ranked as a Band 1 practitioner by Chambers Asia Pacific for Tax and by the Chambers High Net Worth Guide for Private Wealth Law. Clients commend her as "a leading tax lawyer" and a "standout name in the private wealth market in Malaysia" in the Chambers guides. The International Tax Review also ranks Adeline as a Highly Regarded practitioner in the areas of Tax Controversy and Indirect Tax.

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Allen Tan is the head of the Tax, Trade and Wealth Management practice in Baker McKenzie Wong & Leow. He has extensive experience working on both international and local tax issues, with a special focus on the regional tax aspects of the transactions that he is involved in. Allen's clients include Global Fortune 500 multinational corporations and major Singapore conglomerates. He is recognised as a leading lawyer for his tax controversy and corporate tax work in many leading legal and tax directories including International Tax Review, Chambers Asia Pacific and Legal 500 Asia Pacific. Allen was also named the Asia Tax Practice Leader of the Year 2018 by International Tax Review.

Allen focuses on tax issues arising from corporate and supply chain reorganisations, foreign direct investments, cross-border planning/restructuring, transfer pricing, mergers and acquisitions, private equity fund structuring, tax controversies (both domestic and cross-border), as well as indirect and transfer taxes. In recent years, Allen has also been actively engaged in tax policy work, both in Singapore and internationally.

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Dawn Quek is a leading tax and private client lawyer in Singapore with more than two decades of experience in corporate tax and international tax planning. She is the Head of the Wealth Management practice in Singapore and is the Asia Pacific representative on the Firm's Global Wealth Management Steering Committee. She works with ultra high net worth families and their family offices on international tax planning, estate and succession planning, family governance, and philanthropy.

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 "Tax Attorney of the Year" at the International Tax Review Awards 2024, "Private Client Lawyer of the Year" at the 2018 Asia Legal Awards by The Asian Lawyer, and "Women in Wealth Management" at the 2018 and 2020 WealthBriefingAsia Awards.

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Kate Alexander is a partner in Baker McKenzie's Corporate Tax Department in London and is Chair of our Global Technology, Media & Telecoms Industry Group. Kate is a solicitor, chartered accountant and chartered tax adviser with over 25 years' experience advising clients on their tax matters.

Prior to joining the Firm, she spent seven years as a partner at a Big Four accounting firm.

Kate has particular expertise in advising technology companies in relation to all aspects of their cross-border tax structuring. She regularly assists multinational companies with the design of their global holding, financing, intellectual property and supply chain structures. She has worked closely with many clients on strategic projects in this space helping them navigate the complexity of applying different tax regimes across the world.

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Mr. Barrage regularly advises US corporations operating overseas and foreign corporations and individuals operating and investing in the United States on a broad range of international tax issues. Among other industries, Mr. Barrage's practice focuses on the software and high-technology, pharmaceutical and life sciences, and the shipping (container and cruise line) industries.

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He focuses on advising domestic and international companies on tax issues, international tax planning, reorganizations, transactions and tax audits on international matters.

He represents clients in various industries, including platforms and e-commerce, software, blockchain, payments, life sciences, retail and hospitality.

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Tom Brennan is an experienced economist with more than 13 years of transfer pricing and international tax experience in the United Kingdom and Australia. He focuses on transfer pricing and regularly works with Baker McKenzie's Australia Tax Team.

Tom has worked with a range of clients across a number of industries including technology and communications, finance, defence and aerospace, mining and oil, consumer products and real estate.

He has extensive experience in the design, implementation and defence of tax efficient business models, in a range of jurisdictions. He has worked with a number of multinationals to develop transfer pricing solutions, which are commercially aligned and practical to implement. Tom also advises on intra-group financing, including thin capitalisation, withholding taxes and consideration of relevant anti-avoidance legislation.

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Simone Bridges is the Head of Tax in the Australian office of Baker McKenzie. Her extensive technical knowledge and experience on complicated matters makes her one of Australia's most sought tax lawyers specialising in cross border and international tax issues especially in a controversy context. She is known as a tax technician with the right demeanour to help clients navigate disputes with Australian tax and revenue authorities. She is consistently ranked as 'Highly Regarded' and a 'Women in Tax Leader' by the International Tax Review and a 'Next Generation Partner' by Legal 500.

Simone has significant experience in representing clients in tax disputes and tax audits with Australian tax and revenue administrations, particularly involving anti-avoidance assertions.

Her technical expertise is also reflected in her role as a University teaching academic and guest lecturer. She is also a contributor to global and local tax publications including Thomson Reuters, CCH and Bloomberg Tax.

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Over the years, Pierre has advised and represented taxpayers in various major tax disputes in Hong Kong. He also advises charitable institutions on their establishment and governance.

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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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Ken has more than 30 years of experience practicing in the areas of IT, telecommunications, intellectual property, trade and commerce, and competition law matters. He routinely assists clients, mostly governments and multinational corporations, in large-scale procurement, outsourcing and regional transactions, and provides sound advice on privacy and e-commerce matters.

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Prior to joining Baker McKenzie, Peggy was a Certified Public Accountant and has continued to hold this certification after joining the Firm. With over four years of in-house experience, she provides practical counsel on banking and corporate operations. Her dual background in accounting and law enables her to address both the financial and legal aspects of client needs.

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For nearly twenty-five years, Erik has advised advising multinational corporations — both US and foreign-based — on all aspects of the taxation of international structures and cross-border transactions and operations. He represents clients in various industries, including online services and e-commerce, software, manufacturing, retail, payments and fintech, and life sciences.

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Sirirasi has considerable experience in providing tax advice for M&A and corporate restructuring, conducting health check from a tax perspective, providing tax advice for employment benefits (including equity-based compensation programs), providing tax advice for cross-border transactions, and advising on general tax planning.

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Jaclyn Ho has over 10 years of experience and specialises in solving the tax needs of multinational corporations and Singapore-headquartered companies across various industries globally and regionally.

She is adept at complex tax transformations to help clients unlock and maximise long term value, and achieve sustainable and tangible benefits, in tandem with business current and target operating models.

Jaclyn has extensive and deep experience in unlocking corporate synergies across the spectrum of tax-related services that Baker & McKenzie offers. Whether it is an international tax issue, restructuring strategies and implementation, intellectual property planning, M&A, or tax incentive negotiations with the relevant authorities, Jaclyn is a trusted advisor to her clients with her practical, sophisticated, innovative, and tailored solutions.

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Camila provides tax and corporate advice on internal revenue taxation, value-added tax, documentary stamp and capital gains tax, transfer pricing, and tax planning for corporate structuring and spin-offs. She handles tax assessments before the Bureau of Internal Revenue, various local government units, and courts of law. She also assists in obtaining confirmatory tax rulings and applications for tax treaty relief under various international double taxation treaties.

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Brendan also has in recent years expanded into regional and global work with multinationals on major mergers and acquisitions, to develop integrated and tax-efficient supply chain structures and defend against tax audits and assessments in China and across the Asia Pacific region. While China remains very much at the core of his practice, Brendan works on a variety of multi-jurisdictional deals and matters on behalf of his clients.

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Chambers Asia Pacific ranked him as a Band 4 practitioner for Tax in 2024, having previously listed him as Up & Coming for Tax from 2021. In the Chambers guide, clients commend him for having " good knowledge and insights on tax-related disputes in Malaysia" and that he is "very persistent in achieving results and is helpful for clients wanting to understand the pros and cons of the legal actions involved." He is also named as a Leading Individual for Tax by Legal 500 Asia Pacific with clients commending him on his "excellent technical knowledge" and ability to "successfully deliver on promises."

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Mr. Lipeles advises US-based multinational corporations in connection with international tax planning and global tax projects. He also represents taxpayers in tax aspects of mergers and acquisitions. For instance, Mr. Lipeles represented a coalition of taxpayers before the Internal Revenue Service requesting and ultimately obtaining changes to the proposed Bausch & Lomb regulations. Mr. Lipeles works with a wide variety of industries, ranging from high tech and biotechnology firms in the Silicon Valley to traditional manufacturing and entertainment companies.

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Ludmilla advises German and foreign clients with respect to national and international tax, corporate law and tax controversy issues. Her practice focuses on tax advice in connection with M&A transactions and corporate restructurings as well as with the implementation of employee benefits programs. She also advises high net worth individuals, families and global financial institutions on cross-border tax and trust structuring, asset protection and multijurisdictional investment structures.

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Kristine Anne obtained her Doctor of Law degree from the Ateneo de Manila in 2005. She is cited as a Next Generation Partner in Tax by the Legal 500 Asia Pacific for 2020 to 2023. More recently, she has been named highly regarded lawyer for General corporate tax, and Women in tax by ITR World Tax 2023.

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She has advised clients on matters relating to direct tax planning, corporate tax advice, general tax planning and advisory, and tax compliance. Her practice also extends to tax litigation where she has assisted and advised multinational companies with regards to tax disputes before the courts and tax tribunals.

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Chambers Asia Pacific ranked her as a Band 4 practitioner for Tax in 2024, having previously listed her as Up & Coming for Tax in 2021. In the Chambers guide, clients commend her for "always being reliable in providing professional feedback." Krystal is further recognized as a Women in Tax Leader and a Highly Regarded practitioner by International Tax Review. She is also named as a Leading Individual for Tax by Legal 500 Asia Pacific since 2023.

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Vinh is an award-winning practitioner, recently recognized by the ITR World Tax as Highly Regarded Practitioner in the categories of Indirect and Tax Controversy (2022) as well as a Leading Lawyer for Taxation in Legal 500 Asia Pacific (2022). He is the sole ranked lawyer in Spotlight Table for Tax in Vietnam by Chambers Asia Pacific (2022).

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