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Finest Lawyers

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Preface

Welcome to the 2006 edition of *Asialaw Leading Lawyers*.

Asialaw Leading Lawyers is a directory of the finest corporate and commercial lawyers in the Asia-Pacific region – as judged by their clients and fellow legal practitioners.

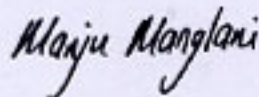
It is based on an extensive survey in which corporate counsel and other legal and business professionals were invited to nominate the best legal practitioners in 21 key areas of corporate and commercial law. Full details of the methodology are given on page VI.

This publication contains the names and contact details – and in many cases detailed biographies – of almost 700 legal practitioners who stood out in the survey. All of the lawyers listed in *Asialaw Leading Lawyers 2006* have been nominated and endorsed by their clients and peers in the legal profession. Their recognition relates to the quality of their work in one or more specific practice areas over the past year.

In addition to the complete list of endorsed lawyers, *Asialaw Leading Lawyers 2006* contains editorial commentaries on the survey results in each practice area. Based on interviews with many of the professionals who participated in the survey, the editorial commentaries provide analyses of the achievements of many of this year's Leading Lawyers as well as a concise round-up of the key developments in each practice area.

We trust that *Asialaw Leading Lawyers 2006* will be an authoritative resource for those responsible for procuring legal services in the Asia-Pacific region, as well as a useful guide for anyone with a professional interest in Asia's legal landscape.

As always, Asia Law & Practice welcomes your feedback on any part of this publication. We would like to express our sincere gratitude to everyone who participated in the survey and offer our congratulations to all the Leading Lawyers of 2006!



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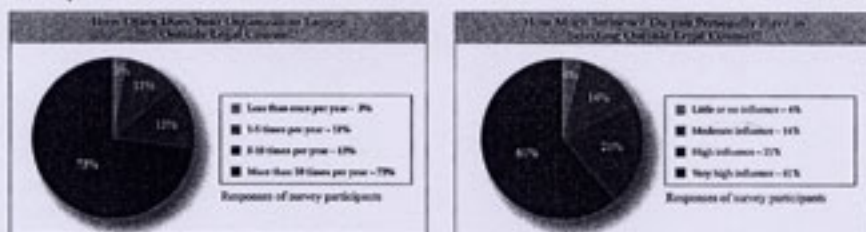
Methodology

Asialaw Leading Lawyers 2006 is based on one of the largest surveys of the legal profession in the Asia-Pacific region.

More than 16,000 nomination forms were sent to in-house counsel, corporate executives and lawyers at regional and international firms. Respondents were invited to nominate individual lawyers who have excelled in one or more of the following fields of legal practice over the past year: Banking; Capital Markets & Corporate Finance; Competition & Anti-trust; Corporate Governance; Dispute Resolution; Energy & Natural Resources; General Corporate Practice; Insurance & Reinsurance; Intellectual Property; Islamic Finance; IT, Media & Telecommunications; Labour & Employment; Mergers & Acquisitions; Project Finance; Real Estate & Construction; Regulatory & Government; Restructuring, Insolvency & Bankruptcy; Securitization & Structured Finance; Shipping, Maritime & Aviation; Taxation, and Venture Capital & Private Equity.

More than 2,500 individual nominations were received.

In addition to nominating lawyers, respondents to the survey were asked to specify how often they engage outside legal counsel and how much influence they personally hold in the selection of external legal counsel. The results are as follows:



When the survey closed, respondents were sent follow-up questionnaires, asking them to elaborate on the reasons for their nominations and provide examples of deals or cases in which the nominated lawyers had demonstrated exceptionally high standards of work. In-depth interviews were also conducted with many respondents and some of their comments and opinions are summarized in the editorial overviews at the start of each chapter.

All responses were screened for bias and added up to reveal the total number of nominations received for each lawyer. Only the top-scoring lawyers qualified for inclusion in *Asialaw Leading Lawyers 2006*.

Details of all qualifying lawyers are contained in the directory sections at the end of each chapter. In addition, many qualifying lawyers have chosen to include their professional biographies in the book.

The next edition of *Asialaw Leading Lawyers* will be published in June 2007. It will be based on an entirely new survey that will be conducted in February and March 2007. For more information on any aspect of *Asialaw Leading Lawyers*, please email: editorial@asialaw.com.