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BACKGROUND

Senior Counsel are selected, pursuant to section 30 of the Legal Profession Act, Cap 161, by a Selection Committee. Appointment as Senior Counsel is an accolade given to those who possess outstanding ability as advocates, extensive knowledge of the law and the highest professional standing.

Persons holding office as Solicitor-General and Attorney-General are appointed Senior Counsel pursuant to sections 30(7) and 30(8) of the Legal Profession Act. Senior Counsel who are appointed to a judicial office (other than as a judge of the Supreme Court) will cease to use the Senior Counsel designation for the period of service in judicial office.

Senior Counsel appointed as a judge of the Supreme Court will cease to use the designation altogether (unless he is appointed Attorney-General).

The list of Senior Counsel can be found at:

<https://www.sal.org.sg/Services/Appointments/Senior-Counsel/Directory>.

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MR KELVIN POON KIN MUN SC (潘健文), 47

Deputy Managing Partner & Head, International
Arbitration

Rajah & Tann Singapore

Kelvin Poon is the one of two Joint Deputy Managing Partners of Rajah & Tann Singapore LLP. He also heads the firm's International Arbitration practice group.



Described as “a standout arbitration practitioner” and a “deep thinker with a solution-oriented approach to strategizing”, Kelvin has represented clients in a broad range of construction, commercial and insolvency disputes before the Singapore courts and in numerous arbitrations.

Kelvin is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators. Kelvin is a member of the Selection Committee of the ICC's Singapore Arbitration Group. He is also a member of the ICC Commission for Arbitration and ADR. Kelvin sits as an arbitrator and is on the Panel of Solicitors for Disciplinary Tribunals.

Kelvin is the Chairperson of Morning Star Community Services, an Institute of Public Character. He is also a member of the School Management Committee of the St Gabriel's Schools.

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MR WONG WOON KWONG SC (黄文光), 40

Senior Director, Crime Division

Attorney-General's Chambers

Woon Kwong graduated with a Bachelor of Law (Honours) from the National University of Singapore in 2007. He was admitted as an advocate and solicitor of the Supreme Court of Singapore in 2008, and entered into legal practice with Baker & McKenzie Wong & Leow, practising in the field of intellectual property.



Woon Kwong joined the Singapore Legal Service in 2009 and was appointed a Deputy Public Prosecutor and State Counsel. He is presently a Senior Director in the Sex Crimes Cluster of the Crime Division, Attorney-General's Chambers. He supervises a team of prosecutors and leads prosecutions and appeals across the entire spectrum of crimes, including serious sexual crimes, homicide and capital drug offences. He will be appointed as a Deputy Chief Prosecutor with effect from 1 April 2023. Concurrently, Woon Kwong holds the appointment of Deputy Head in the Advocacy Group, in which capacity he represents and advises the State in, amongst others, constitutional and administrative law matters.

Aside from litigation, Woon Kwong has been heavily involved in law reform projects in the Attorney-General's Chambers, including the changes to the mandatory death penalty regime in 2012 and amendments to the Criminal Procedure Code, Penal Code and Misuse of Drugs Act. He is the co-author of the Criminal Procedure, Evidence and Sentencing chapter for the SAL Annual Review of Cases and the subject editor for the SAL Practitioner Journal (Crime), and has been a facilitator for the Criminal Litigation module in the Preparatory Course leading to Part B of the Singapore Bar Examinations for over 10 years. He is the proud father of three young boys.

