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Geoff is the President of the Asia-Pacific Chapter of the International Academy of Family Lawyers, past Parliamentarian of the IAFL and current co-chair of its Dispute Resolution Committee. Geoff has been a fellow of the IAFL since January 2008.

Geoff is a partner and co-manages HopgoodGanim Lawyer's Family and Relationship Law practice. He is also a Priority Market Leader of HopgoodGanim's Private Client practice and the DFV Pro Bono partner for HopgoodGanim's Pro Bono practice.

Geoff has practiced in family law for over the past 36 years. Geoff's specialisation includes international family and relationship law, relationship agreements, prenuptial agreements, representation of third parties and high net worth individuals, trusts and property disputes and dispute resolution (particularly arbitration).

Geoff is recognised as a Preeminent Family & Divorce Lawyer by Doyle's Guide at both a state level from 2012-2024 and national level from 2015-2024, he was also ranked by Doyle's Guide as a Leading Family Lawyer in High-Value and Complex Property matters from 2018-2024.

Geoff was named Brisbane's Lawyer of the Year in Family Law Mediation category by The Best Lawyers™ in the 2021 edition, as well as Lawyer of the Year in Family Law category 2018 and 2020. The recognition extends with Geoff included as a leading Australian practitioner for Alternative Dispute Resolution — 2021–2024, Family Law — 2014–2024, and Family Law Mediation — 2019–2024 categories

Geoff is the legal advisor to the Australian website - <https://www.prenuptialagreements.com.au/>.

He is a Queensland Law Society Accredited Specialist (Family Law) and Arbitrator registered under Regulation 67B of the Family Law Regulations. Geoff was a lecturer at the Queensland University of Technology (1993-2005).

Geoff has prepared and presented over 190 papers on family law topics throughout his career and has been a contributing author to the Wolters Kluwer / CCH loose-leaf Services, Australian Family Law and Practice, Australian De Facto Relationships Law, and Matrimonial Property Guide and to the Queensland Law Handbook. Geoff is the author of the Australian chapter of the leading international text, International Pre-Nuptial and Post Nuptial Agreements by London based publisher Jordans in 2012.

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Yap Teong Liang was called to the Bar of England and Wales in 1991 and admitted as an Advocate & Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Singapore in 1992. In 2002, he set up his law firm specialising in Family Law.

Teong Liang has been engaged as leading counsel in both first instance and at appellate levels in the Family Division of the High Court, Appellate Division and the Court of Appeal.

He is listed as a Preeminent and Leading Family & Divorce Lawyer in the Doyle's Guide and Litigation Star for Family and Matrimonial Disputes in Benchmark Litigation Asia-Pacific 2023. From 2021 to 2024, the firm was ranked one of Singapore's Best Law Firms in Family Law in the Straits Times/Statista survey.

Teong Liang practices as a Collaborative Family Practitioner, Parenting Coordinator and is an Associate Mediator with the Singapore Mediation Centre and an Accredited Mediator with the Family Justice Courts and Regent's University, London.

He is currently the Chairperson of the Family Law and Family Rights Committee and President-Elect of LAWASIA.

He is appointed by the Chief Justice of Singapore as a member of the Family Justice Rules Committee constituted pursuant to Section 46(1) of the Family Justice Act.