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Private Clients

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Our Practice

Our Private Clients Practice Group is concerned with fulfilling the private needs of individuals, including the individuals behind our corporate and business clients. These needs relate broadly to an individual's family and the preservation of personal wealth to fulfil the individual's objectives.

- **Estate Planning** – Described as the art of organising your affairs in such a way that, no matter how rich or poor you consider yourself to be, you achieve your maximum potential for wealth protection and are able to enjoy it as much as possible during your lifetime, all your loved ones and dependants are properly provided for in accordance with your wishes and their needs and none of your hard earned wealth (or as little as possible) is lost in unnecessary expenses and taxes. An estate plan may be prepared at any time of your life but is more effective the earlier you start. It may include aspects of Trusts, Wills and Probate among other things.

- **Trusts** – Often used to protect assets and preserve them for the use and benefit of future generations or other beneficiaries of your choice. They have other uses, for example, in the context of wills, avoiding probate and mitigating death duties which may arise in other countries.

- **Wills and Probate** – This is not just about providing for your family or making sure the right people get the right amount after you move to the next world. It is about caring for your family now through timely planning. It is about putting the right person in charge of your property and making sure that things are as easy as possible for your family in the event of your death. It need not be too difficult nor take a lot of your time to make a will. Our fast track wills system eases the process for you, making it as painless and efficient as possible.

- **Family Offices** – Generally, a family office is an entity which assumes the day-to-day management and administration of the assets and wealth of high net worth individuals or families. Wealth preservation and growth are common objectives when establishing a family office, and clients may consider using such a vehicle to focus on the functions of investment management, tax planning, estate and succession planning, and philanthropic planning. As clients will often enter into arrangements with professional advisors for wealth management services, we work closely with our corporate practice and funds practice to advise our clients on the structure of their family office, ensuring that such arrangements achieve our clients' goals and are in compliance with Singapore law.

Practice Areas

- Estate Planning
- Mental Capacity Act Advisory
- Trusts
- Wills and Probate
- Family Offices
- Immigration
- Employment
- Conveyancing

Our Experience

Wills

- Preparing wills for individuals and advising on special requirements as may be requested
- Advising foreign clients with assets in Singapore and assisting with preparation of Singapore Wills

Trusts

- **Family Trusts -** Advised a family on setting up a family protective trust involving multi-generational beneficiaries and various bespoke distribution mechanisms.
- **Offshore Trusts** - Advising settlors in planning and setting up offshore trusts and other offshore vehicles for estate planning, asset management and wealth management.

Lasting Power of Attorney

- Advising clients on and drafting Lasting Powers of Attorney (Form 1 and 2) to provide for somebody to look after the client's assets and/or welfare should they become mentally incapacitated.
- Advising clients on the procedure and effects of having an Advance Medical Directive executed

Probate

- Acting for clients in Court applications for Grant of Probate and Grant of Letters of Administration (for deceased domiciled in Singapore, as well as foreign-domiciled deceased with assets in Singapore)
- Acting for clients to reseal a Grant of Probate or Grant of Letters of Administration obtained in other Commonwealth countries in the Singapore Courts

Quek Li Fei has been named an AsiaLaw Leading Lawyer. He has also been recognised by the Legal 500 Asia Pacific as 'a meticulous lawyer' and 'very knowledgeable in banking and finance matters'. Li Fei was nominated for inclusion in the Asia Citywealth Leaders List & was put forward to be shortlisted to receive the highly coveted Citywealth Magic Circle Awards. Li Fei was also included in the Citywealth Leaders List.

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