

Thivya Manokaran

Thivya is a Senior Associate in the firm's Corporate and Mergers & Acquisitions, and Real Estate Practice Groups. She read law at the University of Manchester and completed her Bar Professional Training Course at City Law School, London. She was called to the Bar of England and Wales in 2019 and was admitted as an Advocate and Solicitor of the High Court of Malaya in 2021.

With a strong foundation in both corporate law and real estate, Thivya works closely with Partners, Tay Weng Hwee and Bella Chu, assisting them in managing high-value mergers and acquisitions, as well as real estate transactions. Her practice focuses on M&A, corporate advisory, complex real estate deals and general commercial transactions.

Thivya has been involved in several notable transactions, demonstrating her ability to conduct in-depth due diligence exercises and prepare tailored transactional documentation to align with clients' strategic objectives. She regularly advises both domestic and international clients on licensing and regulatory matters across a broad range of industries, including manufacturing, insurance, plantation and pharmaceuticals, helping clients navigate legal frameworks with confidence to achieve their commercial goals.

Recognised as a "Rising Star" for Corporate and M&A by **The Legal 500 Asia-Pacific in 2024**, Thivya has been commended by clients noting her as a *'personable professional who goes above and beyond to ensure that clients obtain the results that they want'*. She has also contributed to the *Annotated Statutes of Malaysia – Companies Act 2016*, a publication by LexisNexis, in 2022 and 2023.



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Qualifications

- LLB (Hons), University of Manchester
- Bar Professional Training Course (BPTC), City, University of London
- Called to the Bar of England and Wales (Middle Temple)
- Admitted as an Advocate and Solicitor of the High Court of Malaya

Practice Areas

- Corporate and M&A
- Real Estate & Construction

Publications

- Contributing editor – *'Annotated Statutes of Malaysia – Companies Act 2016 (2022 update)'*
- Contributing editor – *'Annotated Statutes of Malaysia – Companies Act 2016 (2023 update)'*

Key Experience

- Advised a prominent Malaysian property developer on multiple real estate transactions for the acquisition of lands across various states in Malaysia, supporting its expansion into affordable property development.
- Acted for the world's second-largest processor and marketer of chicken, beef and pork, in the acquisition of land in Seremban for the construction of its first Halal manufacturing and distribution hub, including advising on the necessary licenses and approvals for its operations.
- Acted for an international pharmaceutical company in the acquisition of the entire equity interest in a Malaysia-based pharmaceutical company, bolstering its presence in the women's health and reproductive therapy sector.
- Acted for a client who is principally involved in the telecommunications industry in the successful disposal of its telecommunication towers and infrastructure, facilitating the company's strategic divestment.
- Acted for a real estate investment trust in its maiden acquisition of industrial properties, as part of its diversification strategy, with the assets leased to the related companies of the seller.