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ASIA-PACIFIC

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INTRODUCTION

Benchmark Litigation is the only publication on the market to focus exclusively on dispute resolution. Since its inception in 2008, the Benchmark brand has grown dramatically and garnered industry-wide accolades as the definitive hub for in-depth analysis of the players shaping the dynamic practice of litigation. In keeping with Benchmark's sharp rise in popularity, its publishing staff increasingly aims to respond to the demands of its audience.

The Asia-Pacific guide officially launched in 2018, with a dedicated team located in Hong Kong and actively researching the market on the ground.

We exclusively cover the litigation and disputes markets and aim to provide law firm and lawyer rankings on the market's most important cases and firm developments across the region.

WHY TAKE PART?

Guaranteed editorial coverage in the guide

Accurate and in-depth representation of your firm's activities

Exposure to our global readership at world's most significant corporations and financial institutions

No cost involved

Jurisdictional practice area categories

The new ranking categories for this year's research are indicated like this **New category**.

Australia – Class action, Commercial and transactions, Government and regulatory, Intellectual property

China – Commercial and transactions, Construction, Government and regulatory, Insolvency, Intellectual property, International arbitration, Labour and employment, **Technology and telecommunications**

China and Hong Kong SAR (International firms) – Commercial and transactions, Construction, Family and matrimonial, Insolvency, Intellectual property, International arbitration, Private client, **Shipping**, White-collar crime

Hong Kong SAR (Domestic firms) – Commercial and transactions, Family and matrimonial, **Labour and employment**, Insolvency, Intellectual property, Private client, White-collar crime

India – Commercial and transactions, Competition/antitrust, Construction, Government and regulatory, Insolvency, Intellectual property, International arbitration, **Labour and employment**, Tax, White-collar crime

Indonesia – Commercial and transactions, Insolvency, Intellectual property, Labour and employment

Japan – Commercial and transactions, Intellectual property, International arbitration, **White-collar crime**

Malaysia – Commercial and transactions, Competition/antitrust, Construction, Intellectual property, Labour and employment, Shipping, Tax, White-collar crime

New Zealand – Commercial and transactions, **Construction**, **Intellectual property**

Philippines – Commercial and transactions, Government and regulatory, **Intellectual property**, International arbitration, Labour and employment, Tax

Singapore – Commercial and transactions, Construction, Family and matrimonial, Insolvency, Intellectual property, International arbitration, **Labour and employment**, Private client, Shipping, White-collar crime

South Korea – Commercial and transactions, Competition/antitrust, Construction, Insolvency, Intellectual property, International arbitration, Labour and employment, Product liability and recall, Tax, White-collar crime

Taiwan – Commercial and transactions, Intellectual property, **Labour and employment**, White-collar crime

Thailand – Commercial and transactions, Government and regulatory, Intellectual property, Labour and employment, Trade and customs

Vietnam – Commercial and transactions, Construction, Energy, Intellectual property, **International arbitration**, Labour and employment

HOW TO TAKE PART

To take part in our research simply:

- Download our [**RESEARCH FORM**](#)
- Complete the form(s)
- Upload them to our [**ONLINE SUBMISSIONS HUB**](#)
- Upload your client referees via our [**CLIENT REFEREE PORTAL**](#)

DO NOT USE THE FORM AND LINKS FROM THE PREVIOUS YEARS. THE FORM AND LINKS ARE MADE FOR EACH RESEARCH CYCLE AND IS UPDATED EACH YEAR.

For each jurisdiction, you may submit either one Research form or multiple forms for specific dispute resolution practice areas (e.g. commercial and transactions, competition, international arbitration, white-collar crime etc).

We strongly suggest you group each practice area case highlights if you are submitting one research form e.g. a group of commercial and transactions case studies, then a group of insolvency case studies, then a group white-collar crime case studies. Rather than scattering the case studies here and there, making it difficult for researchers to locate each practice area highlights.

If you wish, you can provide additional information/documents and case highlights for individual practice area categories in support of your main submission.

RESEARCH GUIDELINES

Research form

- Firms need only submit one research form for each jurisdiction they submit for, however, if you wish you can provide additional information and case highlights for individual practice area categories in support of your main submission.
- Please mark **confidential information** in **RED** and **indicate clearly** if the case is wholly or partially confidential (if partially, please specify what elements). Any information given may be published, except where indicated.
- Provide up to **20 case highlights per practice area**, listing in order of importance or significance. You may provide more than 20 cases if you wish.
- Case highlights must be **ongoing or completed within the last 12 months**.
- Clearly indicate practice area(s) for each case highlight.
- Try your best to fully complete the form by filling in all required information. Remember to include reasons why the case is important or significant.
- Do not adjust or alter the format of the research form. Do not delete any question or section in our research form.
- Do not capitalise or highlight the text. Keep the contents concise and to the point.
- Please nominate a maximum of three cases per practice area to be considered for a potential award. All the submitted firms will be considered for the next Benchmark Litigation Asia-Pacific awards.
- Please include your firm's name and jurisdiction (and practice area) when saving your research form. The suggested format is ***FirmName_Jurisdiction_BMAP2021***. If you are submitting by practice areas, save as follows: ***FirmName_Jurisdiction_PracticeArea_BMAP2021***.
- Please make sure all your research forms are **fully completed** and are **correct** versions. We cannot guarantee any corrections or amendments to what you first submitted will be implemented.

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Client referees

- There is **NO LIMIT** on the number of client referees you can submit.
- The portal allows up to 50 referees per submission. If you wish to submit more, you are welcome to submit more than once.
- All client referees that are submitted will be contacted.
- All client information provided will be treated as **confidential**.

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Lawyer survey

Our **Lawyer Survey** is a quick and easy way for lawyers to tell us about their practice and promote their credentials.

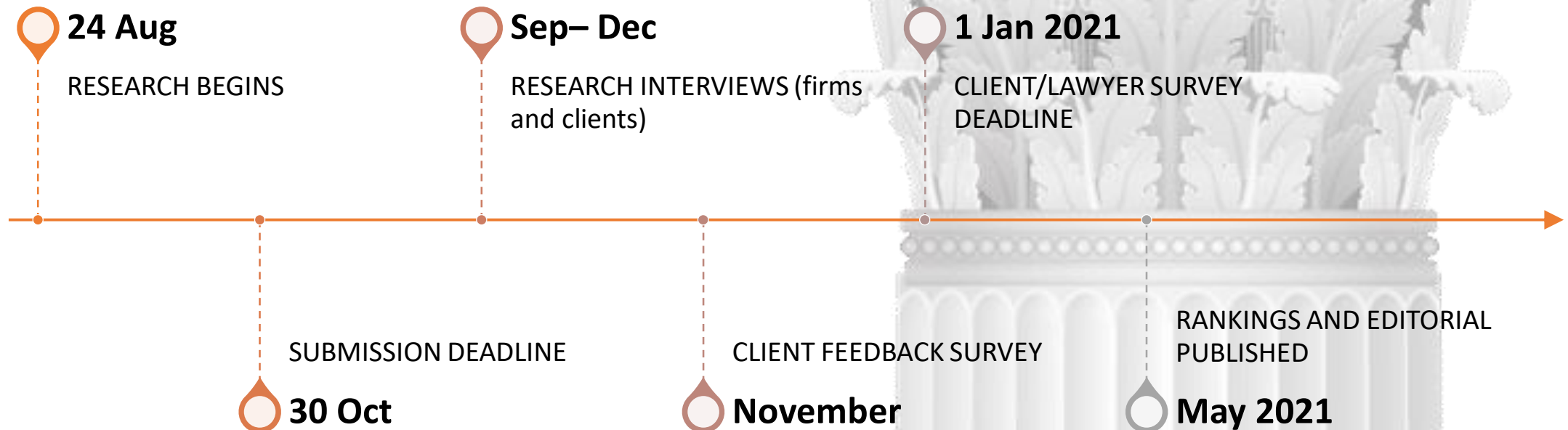
It is a key factor in helping us determine our *Stars* list of ranked lawyers.

Lawyers can also provide feedback on our existing lists of ranked firms and individuals as well as make awards nominations.

The survey is open to all disputes lawyers.

[TAKE THE LAWYER SURVEY](#)

RESEARCH TIMELINE



Benchmark Litigation Asia-Pacific Awards

The Benchmark Litigation Asia-Pacific Awards decisions are mostly based on the data submitted through the annual directory research. All the submitted firms will be considered for the Benchmark Litigation Asia-Pacific 2021 Awards.

Do not forget to nominate cases for the awards in the research form. We allow maximum THREE cases to be nominated per practice area. Firms can nominate confidential cases for the awards. Firms are also welcome to send supplementary documents pertaining to the awards.

Any material submitted to us as part of our annual research will be taken into account for the awards but firms and lawyers also have the opportunity to make nominations or submit additional case examples through the [Awards Nomination](#) survey. Lawyers will have direct access to this link from the LAWYER SURVEY.

Benchmark Litigation CHINA

Benchmark Litigation China is a regional guide that focuses on Chinese disputes market across different cities and provinces.

In this first edition, we will cover five major cities/provinces: **Beijing, Shanghai, Guangdong, Zhejiang, Jiangsu and Western China (Chongqing and Sichuan).**

Ranking categories: Commercial disputes, International arbitration, Compliance: government and regulations, Construction and real estate, and Intellectual property.

The Benchmark China research will be conducted in Mandarin.

Firms are advised to submit research forms for Benchmark Asia-Pacific – NATIONAL RANKINGS – in English, submitting the most significant cases at the national level.

For Benchmark China, firms are advised to submit by different offices. For example, if a firm wants to be considered for Shanghai ranking, the firm must submit cases handled by Shanghai office and the lawyers based in Shanghai. The rankings will be based on the work handled by each office.



Q&A

Frequently asked questions answered below:

How does Benchmark differ from Chambers or other competitors?

- Benchmark focuses exclusively on dispute resolution and litigation. This allows us to provide a much more in-depth analysis of the market. Benchmark is also editorially driven, rather than statistically driven, and strives to avoid being over-inclusive. We aim to cover only firms and litigators that are of an elite status.

How much influence do we have over our ratings vs. the external market?

- Firms are encouraged to tell their story via our research form and through interviews. We then measure the firm's input against the feedback we receive via studying the market. If our studies are in harmony with the firm's assertions, we weight them equally. If there is an extreme disparity between the firm's views and a pronounced percentage of the market, we will provide greater weight to the market consensus.

If we participate, are we guaranteed to get rated and/or have commentary?

- All firms who submit and can prove they are doing notable work in the relevant practice areas will receive some form of editorial coverage, however we do not guarantee rankings or lawyer ratings.

When/how do you contact client referees?

- We contact all client referees provided to us via email and invite them to take part in an online client survey. The survey asks clients about the firms they use, why they use them, what they use them for and how long they have been using them. The information provided by clients is confidential though we do publish non-attributed client quotes in the guide.

Do you only rate those of partner level?

- We primarily rank partners but outstanding associates and senior associates are recognised in our 'future stars' lawyer rating category.

We're a small boutique firm – what chance do we stand against the big brand name firms in your ratings?

- Because Benchmark focuses exclusively on disputes, which is often the focus for specialist firms in the market, smaller firms stand a very good chance of being just as highly rated as large corporate firms, and in some cases even more highly rated.

Is Benchmark "pay-to-play"? If I don't support the project financially do I still get rated?

- Benchmark is absolutely not "pay-to-play." Firms cannot pay to appear in the guide, and can only be rated if the market deems them worthy of consideration.