



## Michael Soo

Partner

Michael Soo is a Barrister at Law, Gray's Inn and an advocate and solicitor of High Court of Malaya and the Supreme Court of Singapore.

Michael is the President of Asian Patent Attorneys Association, Malaysia and the Vice President (International) of the Asian Patent Attorneys Association (APAA). He is also a member of the Bar Council's Intellectual Property Committee since its establishment in 2002. Previously, Michael was the past President of the Malaysia Intellectual Property Association (MIPA). He was also a member of the Copyright Law Review Ad-hoc Committee under the Attorney General's Chambers, Malaysia.

He has practised exclusively in all areas of intellectual property (IP) law with emphasis on enforcement and civil litigation for more than 40 years. He has appeared as a lead counsel in a number of infringement and passing-off actions before the High Court, Court of Appeal and Federal Court (formerly known as Supreme Court). In addition to advisory and litigation work in all areas of IP law, Michael has concluded numerous settlement negotiations involving IP rights leading to amicable resolution of disputes. He has on many occasions been asked by potential litigants or their legal counsel to provide a non-binding opinions as an informal guideline or basis for settlement negotiations

Michael Soo is a panelist of domain name dispute resolution administered by Asian International Arbitration Centre in Kuala Lumpur and a Domain Name Dispute Panelist of HKIAC, where he has adjudicated on a number of domain name dispute cases. He is active in several international professional organisations including International Trademark Association (INTA), APAA and Inter-Pacific Bar Association. He was the chair of INTA Asia Pacific sub-committee of geographical indications for more than once.

Michael has presented various papers on IP law in conferences including the 12th Commonwealth Law Association Conference and seminars and conferences organised by World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO). He has lectured on copyright and design law for the Patent Agent Examination since its inception in 1997 and on IP law at the Institute of Judicial and Legal Training (ILKAP), of the Prime Minister's Department, Malaysia.

Michael also regularly contributes articles and updates on IP in leading magazines.

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#### Qualifications

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#### Practice Areas

- Intellectual Property
- Copyright and Design Law
- Trademark
- Information Technology (IT) Law