

PROFILE



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Qualifications

LLB (Hons), The University of Manchester (2008)
Graduate Diploma in Singapore Law, National University of Singapore (2009)
Advocate & Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Singapore (2010)
Accredited Mediator (2019), Collaborative Family Law Practitioner (2018), Singapore Mediation Centre
Accredited Mediator, Singapore International Mediation Institute (2020)
Fellow, International Academy of Family Lawyers (2021)

Language
English

SHU MEI
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ABOUT SHU MEI

Shu Mei is a sought-after advocate and a trusted advisor to the modern family.

With a niche practice in private client and family disputes, Shu Mei appears regularly as advocate at all levels of the Singapore Courts on all matters affecting the family including division of matrimonial assets, maintenance, family violence, complex custody and international relocation, as well as trust and property disputes.

As an accredited mediator, and an accredited Collaborative Family Practitioner, she strives to find common ground even in the most complex of cases in negotiations and mediations, whether as an advocate or a neutral.

She has expertise drafting and negotiating prenuptial, postnuptial, financial arrangement and parenting agreements between family members, and has experience litigating such arrangements and agreements as well.

Shu Mei was appointed a Fellow of the International Academy of Family Lawyers (IAFL) in 2021. IAFL is a worldwide association of practicing lawyers who are recognized by their peers as the most experienced family law specialists in their respective countries. She was appointed to the Board of Governors of the International Academy of Family Lawyers (IAFL) in 2023. In 2024, she was admitted to the prestigious Private Client Global Elite directory, for her expertise in international private client and family disputes.

Shu Mei is adept at dealing with clients' international family disputes, involving multiple jurisdictions. She has provided legal expert opinions to assist the Courts in various jurisdictions including England and Wales, India, Australia, Hong Kong and New Zealand.

Shu Mei is also a Certified Digital Assets Advisor (CDAA) and has used her knowledge and expertise to resolve complex family disputes involving uncovering cryptocurrency and other forms of digital assets.

Shu Mei's formative experience is rooted in commercial litigation and international arbitrations. She has acted for corporations under SIAC, ICC, CIETAC, UNCITRAL and DIAC rules and is a member of the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators.

Shu Mei speaks regularly about family law, private wealth, valuation of businesses, dispute resolution and mediation at local and international conferences.

She is also the co-author of various academic articles and practitioner guides both locally and internationally.

EXPERIENCE

Some of the matters Shu Mei has acted in are:

- Represented a Singaporean client in negotiating a prenuptial agreement with her now-husband, who is from one of the wealthiest families in a Southeast Asian nation. The majority shareholder and management of one of the largest publicly traded holding companies in this nation (net worth more than US\$2 billion) were involved, and the majority of the assets in dispute settled under trusts.
- Advised various Swiss family members who are beneficiaries of a fund (exceeding US\$ 3 billion), settled under a Singapore law trust, regarding their concerns about the conduct of the trustee under Singapore law, and negotiated the removal and replacement of the trustee, to the satisfaction of all parties.
- Represented a Father in a long-running High Court case over a minor child wherein complex psychiatric and psychological evidence was admitted successfully to prove a case of parental alienation, resulting in the successful reunification between father and child after 8 years of estrangement.
- Successfully acting for an Indian tech billionaire in his cross-jurisdictional proceedings, including his divorce and international child abduction proceedings involving Singapore, India, and US.
- Successfully acted for a Singaporean property developer in his contested divorce proceedings, which led to his Wife's claim (filed on the basis of his alleged unreasonable behaviour) being dismissed with costs, after a 5-day trial involving multiple witnesses .
- Successfully acting for family members (current and former spouses, children) in family violence proceedings, involving elements of psychological and emotional abuse.

ACCOLADES

The Legal 500 Asia Pacific

Private Wealth and Family Law 2025 – Recommended lawyer for 3 consecutive years

- *"Hoon Shu Mei is an outstanding advocate for her clients' interests and is always top of the list when we need to refer a matter to a family lawyer in Singapore."*

- *"Hoon Shu Mei is the lawyer we consistently recommend and work with for matters involving prenuptial and postnuptial agreements with ultra-high net-worth clients. She is sensitive, incisive and yet very collaborative."*
- *"Hoon Shu Mei is my first choice for referrals of Singapore family matters and is also my first port of call when I need recommendations for family lawyers in other jurisdictions, maintaining as she does, an extensive network of specialists around the world."*

Singapore Business Review

Recognised as Singapore's 30 most influential lawyers aged 40 and under

Asian Legal Business SE Asia Law Awards

Matrimonial and Family Law Firm of the Year 2021, 2022 and 2023

Shu Mei is part of the team that won the Matrimonial and Family Law Firm of the Year Award for handling some of the most complex, cross-border and intricate matrimonial and family law matters for three years in a row.

Chambers High Net Worth

Singapore: Family/Matrimonial: High Net Worth 2025 – Band 1 (3 consecutive years)

Singapore: Family/Matrimonial: High Net Worth 2022 – Up and Coming

- *"She is my star and go-to person when it comes to Singapore family law, including divorce and inheritance matters."*
- *"She always prioritises client interests and is very pleasant to deal with."*
- *"She is incredibly commercial and I have been impressed with her. She is very savvy and works with some of the wealthiest families here."*
- *"Shu Mei is good at keeping clients calm and not letting proceedings get carried away. She tops our referrals list because she does not only the financial side, but also children issues and relocation."*
- *"She is extremely professional, and she cares strongly for clients. Shu Mei tirelessly works on amicable solutions and clients are always happy with her work."*
- *"Her work and thinking is of a very high quality. She listens and always hits her committed timelines. She's immensely professional and also a joy to work with."*
- *"Shu Mei is stellar and very professional. She is a rising star."*
- *"Shu Mei is an up-and-coming lawyer who is experienced in family-related legal matters. Her practice encompasses asset distribution for high net worth couples going through divorce in addition to custody and relocation matters."*

Benchmark Litigation Asia-Pacific

Family & Matrimonial 2025 – Litigation Star; previously Future Star for 3 consecutive years

Identified as one of the Top 40 Under 40 lawyers in 2025 for 2 consecutive years

- *"She takes time to really understand her clients' needs and objectives and helps her clients to avoid unnecessary conflicts without giving up ground."*
- *"Shu Mei is a dedicated and tenacious litigator who is not averse to using alternative dispute resolution mechanisms like mediation to explore and achieve an amicable resolution. She is well regarded in her practice area and can be relied on to give sound advice."*

- *“She Knows her law, is passionate about advancing her client's interests, but is also open to alternative dispute resolution mechanisms and resolving matters amicably without compromising her client's positions or concerns.”*
- *“Professional, knowledgeable, understanding, organised and personable.”*

Law.com

Listed in the Private Client Global Elite Directory 2025, among the world's leading private client professionals

Doyle's Guide

Family Law in Singapore 2025 – Leading Lawyer for 3 consecutive years

Family Law in Singapore 2022 – Recommended Lawyer

Citywealth Leaders List

Top 100 International Private Client Litigation Lawyers 2023 – Recommended

Top 50 Private Client and Family Legal Heroes 2022 – Recommended

Family and Matrimonial 2021 – Recommended Lawyer for two consecutive years

Top 100 Private Client Lawyers 2021 - Recommended

- A client commended Shu Mei for *being “knowledgeable and thorough”*. The same client added that she *“provided calm and sure guidance with her reassuring and articulate personality and style. Very professional and to the point.”*
- Another source shares: *“Shumei has been nothing but professional... she is not a typical legal adviser... she is all about work ethics and helping others. Besides offering knowledge, she is genuinely concerned and assuring and a blessing to work with. Highly recommend her to anyone looking to find resolution and a peace of mind.”*
- A client says: *“Shu Mei represented me in matters related to a highly contentious divorce proceeding that involved several jurisdictions. It was quickly evident through working with her that she is knowledgeable, experienced and respectful. During the process she was very responsive and spent time to help me navigate all the issues and ensured that I understood the legal implications and potential risks involved in any actions so that I can make an informed decision. This included acting on my behalf to research and explore legal implications in other jurisdictions so that we have a comprehensive resolution. She conducted herself in an utmost professional manner, and clearly explained each step of the process to me. Her legal skills, expertise, efficiency and empathy are instrumental when navigating the difficult decisions often involved in family law proceeding.”*
- *“Shu Mei was experienced and held her client's hand and was able to reach a quick resolution to resolve the matter globally. She will seek a practical outcome and resolve the matter effectively for the client.”*

Straits Times Singapore's Best Law Firms Survey

Shu Mei is part of the Family Law team awarded 5 Stars for 4 years in the Singapore's Best Law Firms 2026 survey, and 4 Stars in the 2025 survey by Singapore's largest circulating broadsheet, The Straits Times, and international research company, Statista.

Spear's 500

Recommended Family Lawyer 2024

APPOINTMENTS/MEMBERSHIPS

- Asia Pacific Chapter Delegate, International Academy of Family Lawyers
- Fellow, International Academy of Family Lawyers
- Member, Singapore Institute of Arbitrators
- Accredited Mediator, Singapore Mediation Centre, Singapore International Mediation Institute
- Collaborative Family Practitioner, Singapore Mediation Centre
- Member, International Academy of Collaborative Professionals
- Assessor, Panel of Assessors for COVID-19 Temporary Relief, Ministry of Law Singapore
- Member, Law Society of Singapore Family Law Practice Committee 2020 - 2023; Member, Organising Committee of Family Law Conference 2019, 2021, 2023

PUBLICATIONS

- Randolph Khoo and Hoon Shu Mei are the co-authors to the Singapore chapter of the leading international jurisdictional textbook on family law, "Family Global Guide", published by Thomson Reuters and Practical Law UK (2020 – 2024 ed.)
- Contributed to Singapore chapter titled, "Crypto in Trusts and Foundations" (1st ed, 2024, pending publication)
- Contributed to chapter titled "Trusts and Divorce" in *Family Law in Singapore* (2nd ed., in publication)
- Nandakumar Ponniya & Hoon Shu Mei, chapter titled "*Commencement of Arbitration*", Arbitration in Singapore: A Practical Guide (1st ed., 2014)