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With over 20 years' experience in the fields of Intellectual Property and litigation, Bahari built and headed a Legal 500 Tier 1 Intellectual Property, Technology, Media and Telecommunications team. Bahari also led his previous firm to debut on WTR 1000 as the Top IP Firm in Malaysia notwithstanding being a fresh entry, before joining Gan Partnership together with his teams.

Bahari is ranked a Legal 500 Leading Individual. Legal 500 described him as “undoubtedly very knowledgeable in his field of practice — his commitment, passion and enthusiasm are commendable”.

Chambers Asia Pacific who ranks Bahari as a Ranked Lawyer described him as “often engaged by leading global and domestic brands on trade mark infringement cases”, noted for his expertise in all types of IP litigation”, “particularly hands-on and very conversant with IP matters in Malaysia,” and “customer-centric approach and adaptability to economic changes”.

Asia Business Law Journal lists Bahari as one of Malaysia's Top 100 Lawyers in 2021 and acknowledges his expertise in Litigation, Intellectual Property, Licensing & Franchising, Technology, Media and Telecommunications and E-commerce, Fintech, Blockchain & Cryptos.

Due to his humble, approachable but solution driven personality, he was awarded *Commended External Counsel of the Year by In-House Community*. A natural-born litigator, Bahari brings with him years of litigation experience applied onto the field of Intellectual Property. Bahari and his teams advise on every aspect of Intellectual Property.

Bahari has been invited to speak at numerous events including talks, lectures and discussions organized by Lawasia IP, the International Malaysian Law Conference, Legal 500, Malaysian Intellectual Property Association, Asian International Arbitration Center, Institute for Democracy and Economic Affairs, University Malaya, the Malaysian Bar and State Bars.

Bahari is a qualified patent, trade mark and industrial design agent. He also sits as a Panellist at the Asian International Arbitration Centre (Domain Name Dispute Resolution). He currently serves as a member of the Group Standing Committee for Copyright (2015-2018) of the Asian Patent Attorney Association (APAA) Malaysia.

Practice Areas

- Corporate Litigation & Risk Management
- Crisis Management
- Healthcare & Life Sciences
- Intellectual Property
- Technology, Media & Telecommunications

Admission

Advocate and Solicitor of the High Court of Malaya

Languages

English, Malay, Mandarin

Qualifications

- LLM, University of Malaya
- LL.B (Hons), University of Nottingham
- Certificate in Legal Practice

Notable Matters

Some significant matters which Bahari has involved in:

- Acting for an embassy to protect the use of the country name in trademark registration to preserve the integrity and global recognition of goods or services sourced from the country.
- Manages the intellectual property portfolio of an English Premier League football club in Malaysia.
- Manages the invention portfolio of a major technology solution company in Malaysia and several jurisdictions around the world.
- Manages the local and international portfolios of intellectual property rights for numerous Malaysian entities ranging from public listed conglomerates to individuals.
- Manages the local portfolios of intellectual property rights for numerous foreign clients ranging from Fortune 500 entities to startups.
- Acted for an international arbitration centre in a domain name dispute concerning the registration of a domain using its former name.
- Acted for one of the world-leading glove manufacturers and suppliers in a high-profile action against infringers covering trademark and copyright infringement, passing off, and unlawful interference.
- Acted for the largest US-based pharmaceutical company in their worldwide proposed disposal of consumer healthcare business.
- Advised an American multinational information technology company in a technology joint venture agreement with a Malaysian company involving provision of tech services.
- Advised one of the Chinese multinational technology giants on agreements relating to intellectual property and marketing.

Notable Matters

Some significant matters which Bahari has involved in:

- Drafted a major software agreement for one of the Big Four accounting firms.
- Drafted celebrity endorsement agreements for a company in the media and entertainment industry in Malaysia.
- Obtained a trade description order for a leading Indonesian food and beverage company in a dispute concerning a novel point aspect of parallel import.
- Represented a major bank in a trademark infringement and passing off dispute.
- Represented a MNC in a multi-jurisdictional feud against an infringing product in transit.
- Represented a premium Muslim products company in a trademark infringement and passing off dispute.
- Represented an American global aerospace, defense, security and advanced technologies company in a global trademark dispute pertaining to advanced laser guided weaponry.
- Represented Malaysia's largest oil & gas company in a breach of confidential information and copyright claim.
- Represented one of the largest mobile network operators in Europe on a dispute pertaining to telecommunications laws in Malaysia.
- Represented the largest Malaysian telecommunications company in an infringement against a large multi-national manufacturer of telecommunications hardware.
- Represented world-leading German luxury car maker against counterfeit goods in Malaysia.
- Testified as an Expert on Malaysian law in foreign Courts

Awards & Accolades

Among others, Bahari has been recognised by independent rankers and client testimonials as, *inter alia*:

- *A well-respected figure in Malaysian IP circles, Yeow is an impressive litigator who is always available*
- *“Outstanding practice head Bahari Yeow’s expertise spans non contentious matters and IP disputes”*
- *“Explains complex matters in an easily understandable manner”*
- *“customer-centric approach and adaptability to economic changes.”*
- *“The intellectual property team headed by Bahari Yeow is just great! They are able to provide clients with sound advice/opinions which are not only based on the law but are relevant and adaptable to the business I am in.”*
- *“Bahari and Jian are our go-to experts for IP work in Malaysia. Approachable, responsive and provide cost-effective solutions.”*
- *“Bahari Yeow and Jian are attentive to details and will take the time to go through and ensure that the clients understand the issues, risks and mitigation solutions available. They have a very practical outlook in their views which is relatable to in-house legal solutions.”*
- *“first rate”*
- *“Bahari is a thorough, detailed and dedicated lawyer. His characteristics speak volumes too, he is always keen to engage with clients, well mannered, friendly and approachable.”*
- *“Bahari, Jian and the team are hands-on and approachable. Both Bahari and Jian are commercially and legally sound. They know what they are doing, and know the subject area including the industries very well. Both Bahari and Jian are exemplary IP litigators.”*
- *“Their teamwork is excellent. They have a stable and quality structured management system with a pool of experienced personnel. They have always been responsive and revert promptly with direct and no-nonsense, commercially conscious advice.”*
- *“Amazing work quality aside... extra careful around situations of potential conflict of interest.”*
- *“ability in capturing and distilling complex technical notions into plain language makes it easy for clients’ easy comprehension and decision-making”*
- *“resourceful, efficient, accommodating, committed and solution-driven”*

Publications



Bahari has authored/ co-authored various publications including:

- Trade Marks Act chapter of the Malaysian Civil Procedure (Sweet & Maxwell, 2013)
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- Intellectual Property, Global Comparative Guide (The Legal 500 Series, 2017)
- Intellectual Property in the Malaysian Precedents and Forms (LexisNexis)
- Media, Advertising, and Entertainment Law Throughout the World (Multilaw, 2018)
- Expert Guide — Intellectual Property (2018)
- Trademark Navigator (Lexology, 2019)
- Copyright Q&A (Chambers, 2019)
- Patent Litigation Guide (Chambers, 2019)
- Copyright Guide (Chambers, 2019)
- Trademark Guide (Chambers, 2019)
- The In-House Lawyer (Legal 500)
- Corporate Disputes Magazine - Trademark (Financier Worldwide, 2019)
- The Legal 500 Country Comparative Guides for Intellectual Property (2020 & 2021)
- Trademarks Law and Practice in Malaysia (2020 & 2021)
- Copyright Law and Practice in Malaysia (2020 & 2021)
- Patent Litigation Law and Practice in Malaysia (2020 & 2021)
- Trade Secrets 2021 Law and Practice in Malaysia