

Biography



Paul Ng

Head of Aviation Partner, Rajah & Tann, Asia Asia Law Firm of the Year, Asia Legal Awards 2023





Qualifications

- LLB, University of London (Queen Mary College)
- Barrister, England and Wales (Inner Temple)
- Solicitor, Supreme Court of England and Wales
- Advocate & Solicitor, Singapore
- Admitted to the New York State Bar as an Attorney

Paul Ng, heads the aviation practice at Rajah & Tann Singapore LLP. He has more than 30 years of practice experience in the Aviation and Transportation sector across three continents having worked in offices in New York, London, Shanghai and Hong Kong. Paul has helmed some of the largest, most complex and first-of-its-kind aviation transactions in the sector involving asset-backed financing and bond issuances, multi-billion-dollar aircraft acquisitions and IPOs. He also regularly advises clients on the leasing of aviation, maritime assets, rolling stock and other moveable assets, tax-based finance, Islamic finance and export credit, among others.

Paul has acted for major investors, lenders, operating and finance lessors, borrowers, lessees/ airlines and arrangers in a wide range of banking, finance, leasing and mergers/acquisition transactions in Asia, Europe, Middle East and the US.

Paul has been named "Best of the Best" Top 30 Aviation Practitioners in the world by Lexology Index. In the 2023edition of Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2023 clients have been quoted saying that Paul has the rare ability to "formulate solutions that do not just work from a legal perspective, but which are commercial and can bring a positive outcome for clients". Not surprisingly, Business Today in July 2023 listed Paul as one of the Top 10 most influential aviation finance lawyers revolutionizing the Asia-Pacific Region. Paul has been recognized by Chambers 2025 editions in its highest category of ranking of Senior Statespeople. He is the sole person recognized in that category in Singapore, and one of only two persons recognized in Asia Pacific Region for Aviation: Finance. In addition he is named as an expert in other categories across Asia.



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An esteemed player in the aviation industry, Paul is an Executive Committee member of the prestigious legal advisory panel of the Aviation Working Group consisting leading manufacturers such as Boeing, Airbus and other capital providers and lessors to the aircraft sector. He also leads its Southeast Asia Country Contact Group.

Paul is an accredited specialist mediator in transport and aviation with the Singapore International Mediation Centre. He also serves as a member of the Legal Advisory Board to the Hague Court of Arbitration for Aviation (HCAA) and in 2023, he was appointed to Co-chair of the HCAA's Meditation Standing Committee.

In 2023, Paul was invited to be a visiting Research Scholar of the University of Cambridge, Commercial Law Studies Centre and has also recently been appointed Honorary Professor at the faculty of law of the leading Russell Group university, Queen Mary University of London. Paul also serves as an Academic Fellow of the Centre of Banking and Finance, of the Faculty of Law at the National University of Singapore where he is an Adjunct Professor teaching Aviation Finance. In November 2024, Paul was invited to join the advisory board of QM-**UNIDRIOT Institute of Transactional Commercial** Law (ITCL), one of the leading centres in the world promoting the research and scholarship of transactional commercial law.

Paul has also been invited to speak at major aviation and asset finance conferences globally on issues of the day, including the largest conference for the sector, the Dublin Airfinance Conference.

Attesting to his leadership in the aviation space, Paul served as Contributing Editor of *The Legal 500*'s International Comparative Guide for Aviation for three years and is the current editor in chief for Journal of Aviation Finance and Law.

Through his time in practice, Paul has also contributed frequently to key industry periodicals in the region and internationally including *Finance Asia*, *China Law & Practice*, *Asian Legal Business*, *Airfinance Journal*, *IFLR1000*, *Corporate Jet Investor* and *Jetgala*.

Paul is often sought out for his insights on the transportation market by various government agencies across Asia, and media outlets including BBC, Channel NewsAsia, Reuters, Bloomberg and the Financial Times.

Other Memberships / Directorships

- Co-Chair of the Mediation Standing Committee of the Hague Court of Arbitration for Aviation; and member of the Legal Advisory Board.
- Accredited Specialist Mediator in Transport and Aviation, Singapore International Mediation Centre.
- Deputy Vice President (Asia), Federation Internationale de l'Automobile; and National Steward for Singapore Formula 1 Grand Prix, 2023 and 2024.
- Board of Directors of Singapore Ballet (the National Ballet Company of Singapore).
- Advisory Board of the International (Aircraft) Registry, Dublin.
- Advisory Board for the Asia Pacific Region for Air Finance Journal (the leading international journal for aircraft leasing and financing).
- Elected representative correspondent of Singapore to UNIDRIOT, intergovernmental organization for the modernization, harmonization, and coordination of private and commercial law based in Rome.