Legal Media 360 Awards Report

Thailand





Introduction

Legal awards acknowledge the market recognition of a law firm and lawyer's success, ability, effort and, above all, excellence.

While rankings consider the accumulation of a firm or lawyer's efforts year-on-year, awards represent the achievements of firms or lawyers during the past 12 months. Awards can be viewed as being more significant than rankings because being shortlisted or winning an award means a firm or lawyer is one of a very select number of parties considered to be "the best".

Legal Media 360's Awards Reports consolidate the nominations and winners of the most reputable international and regional awards, showcasing the top performers by jurisdiction.



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Methodology

Atomic awards data is categorized, and naming conventions standardized. This highlights which firms, lawyers, cases and deals are receiving the greatest recognition via a nomination/win ratio. Awards data from the following sources are used in our research:

Asian Legal Business, ALM, asialaw, Benchmark Litigation, China Business Law Journal, Chambers and Partners, China Law and Practice, India Business Law Journal, International Financial Law Review, In-house Community, Legal 500, Managing IP.

The awards period used for our research is January to December 2022.

Legal Media 360's awards analysis splits firm awards into two distinct categories: Firm awards and Case/deal awards.



Award Categories

Firm Awards

Firm awards include categories such as practice area specific awards, practice management, diversity and inclusion and firm-wide awards (such as firm of the year).

The following data is for Thailand and includes domestic and regionally-headquartered firms only.

Table 1: Top firms by highest number of firm award nominations

Firm Name	Nominations	Win	Win %
Tilleke & Gibbins	28	13	46%
Chandler MHM	14	7	50%
Weerawong C&P	14	10	71%
Kudun & Partners	7	4	57%
R&T Asia	5	2	40%
SCL Nishimura & Asahi	5	1	20%
DFDL	3	1	33%
ILCT Ltd	3	3	100%
Satyapon & Partners	3	2	67%
BH2I	2	2	100%
Domnern Somgiat & Boonma	2	2	100%
Siam Premier	2	2	100%
Silk Legal	2	1	50%
SRPP	2	2	100%
Thanathip & Partners	2	2	100%

^{*}table displays firms with 2 or more nominations only

Commentary: In 2022, a total of 26 law firms were nominated for firm related awards. 23 of these firms won awards. Tilleke & Gibbins was nominated for twice as many awards as its closest peers, Chandler MHM and Weerawong C&P. However, both these firms had better win to nomination ratios, with Weerawong C&P winning 71% of the firm awards they were nominated for.



Case/Deal Awards

Case/deal awards recognise the firms working on the most significant matters in the past 12 months.

Table 2: Top firms by highest number of case/deal award nominations

Firm Name	Nominations	Win	Win %
Weerawong C&P	4	0	0%
DFDL	2	0	0%
Chandler MHM	1	0	0%
Kudun & Partners	1	0	0%

Commentary: In 2022, only four Thai firms were nominated for case/deal related awards. Case/ deal awards mostly relate to significant cross border work and the low nomination rate suggests Thai law firms were not active in the most significant matters in the APAC region.



Lawyer Awards

In the 12 publications examined, a total of 11 lawyers from nine firms were nominated for awards. Eight male lawyers were nominated, compared with just three female lawyers.

The gender ratio of male-female lawyer nominations is 73 to 27 percent. Only two lawyers from two firms won awards.

Nomination Statistics

Table 3: Firms with the highest number of lawyer award nominations

Firm Name	Nominations
Tilleke & Gibbins	2
Weerawong C&P	2
Chandler MHM	1
DFDL	1
Kudun & Partners	1
LS Horizon	1
R&T Asia	1
SCL Nishimura & Asahi	1
Silk Legal	1

Table 4: Nominated lawyers

Lawyer Name	Firm Name	Gender
Audray Souche	DFDL	Female
Chavalit Uttasart	SCL Nishimura & Asahi	Male
Darani Vachanavuttivong	Tilleke & Gibbins	Female
Jason Corbett	Silk Legal	Male
Jessada Sawatdipong	Chandler MHM	Male
Rappinart Prongsiriwattana	Weerawong C&P	Male
Sakchai Limsiripothong	Weerawong C&P	Male
Somboon Sangrungjang	Kudun & Partners	Male
Sukontip Jitmongkolthong	Tilleke & Gibbins	Female
Supawat Srirungruang	R&T Asia	Male
Wanchai Yiamsamatha	LS Horizon	Male



Winner Statistics

Table 5: Winning firm

Firm Name	Wins
Weerawong C&P	1
Chandler MHM	1

Table 6: Winner lawyer

Lawyer Name	Firm Name	Gender
Jessada Sawatdipong	Chandler MHM	Male
Sakchai Limsiripothong	Weerawong C&P	Male



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