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Praised as having “very wide vision”, Ms Kala Anandarajah, Head, Competition & Antitrust and Trade Practice, is a leading lawyer, cited as amongst the Best of the Best, a Commended External Counsel of the Year 2016 by the In-house Community, an Asia Legal Award 2017 nominee, named “Singapore Best Competition & Antitrust Lawyer” by Best Lawyers 2015, cited as a Band 1 Trade Lawyers by Chambers Global, cited by the Who’s Who Legal as a leading Corporate Governance lawyer, cited in Top 100 Women in Antitrust in the World by GCR, a winner of Euromoney Women in Business Law Awards for Competition in 2014 and 2015, and conferred the Public Service Medal (PBM) by the President of Singapore.

A pioneer in competition and trade in Singapore/region, Kala has been involved in major cartel/abuse investigations, cross-border mergers/notifications, leniency applications, plus dawn-raids, complaints, counselling and compliance. On trade, Kala is active in advising on export controls, WTOs, FTAs, trade agreements, permits & licensing, anti-dumping & safeguards, customs, customs valuations & duties, and product liability amongst others. She has had numerous firsts in both competition & trade, always at the cutting edge. Her work also extends to regulatory, including crafting the Airport Competition Code and working on the Brunei Telco-Media Convergence laws. Chambers Asia notes her “solid, can-do attitude and excellent client management skills... is top-notch in competition law matters and is very good at working out a strategic solution to a legal problem.... one of the few practitioners who is truly at the cutting edge...”. AsiaLaw Leading Lawyers says “Kala is the complete package for all competition issues in ASEAN.”

Kala sits on several boards including the Building & Construction Authority and the Singapore Institute of Legal Training. Kala is also currently the Deputy Chairman of the Workplace Safety & Health Council. Kala is very widely written.