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Areas of practice

- Dispute resolution
- Insolvency and restructuring
- Investigations

Qualification/Education

- Advocate & Solicitor, Singapore, 1990
- Postgraduate Practical Law Course (awarded the Tan Ah Tah Book Prize), 1990
- Bachelor of Laws (Hons), National University of Singapore, 1989

Appointments/Memberships

- Board Member and Audit Committee Member, Singapore Land Authority
- Member of the Specialist Mediator Panel (Singapore), Singapore International Mediation Centre
- Notary Public
- Commissioner for Oaths
- Member, The Law Society of Singapore
- Member, Singapore Academy of Law

Awards and accolades

- Euromoney Legal Media Group Asia Women in Business Law Awards 2016 – Best in Dispute Resolution
- *The Legal 500 Asia Pacific*: Recommended Lawyer (Dispute Resolution), 2017-2020
- *The Legal 500 Asia Pacific*: Recommended Lawyer (Restructuring and Insolvency), 2019
- *The Best Lawyer*: Leading Lawyer (Arbitration and Mediation), 2019-2021

With more than 30 years of experience, Marina has advised market participants on disputes and general business matters across a broad spectrum of industry sectors in Asia.

Experience

- Acting in a longstanding corporate dispute over assets worth in excess of US\$160 million involving various individuals and companies in various jurisdictions.
- Acting in a widely publicised dispute involving claims brought by an information technology company against the Singapore Institute of Surveyors and Valuers and other leading property consultancy firms.
- Acting for a **major foreign bank** to claim S\$54 million as well as to assert the bank's rights over equipment purchased for S\$52 million and used in a major infrastructure project.
- Acting for a **major international hotel chain** in relation to claims in excess of US\$30 million arising from the aborted acquisition of a hotel in Bangkok.
- Acting for a **major export and import bank** in relation to its claim against a Singapore listed company.
- Acting for **one of the largest shipping companies** in its claim against fraudulent employees of its Singapore subsidiary, including securing a worldwide Mareva Injunction to freeze assets up to the value of US\$30 million as well as an Anton Piller order to preserve evidence.
- Acting for a **Singapore listed company** in respect of fraud committed in relation to its Indonesian subsidiary.
- Acting for **majority shareholders of a Singapore listed company** in its dispute with the minority.
- Acting for and advising a **creditor** in the winding up of a debtor company and successfully challenging the debtor's company application to implement a scheme of arrangement instead; acting for the **liquidators** thereafter in arbitration proceedings commenced by the debtor company to claim in excess of S\$16 million and to defend a counterclaim of more than S\$8.7 million.
- Acting for a **defendant** in a dispute between him and a joint venture partner on the division of profits after selling investment properties for more than S\$60 million. Marina succeeded in defending the claim, and on appeal, the Court of Appeal affirmed the decision, holding that the suit was an abuse of process: see *Lim Geok Lin Andy v Yap Jin Meng Bryan* [2016] SGHC 234, and *Lim Geok Lin Andy v Yap Jin Meng Bryan* [2017] SGCA 46.

- Acting for a **plaintiff** in a complex case where there was a dispute on whether the fire broke out in the plaintiff's or the defendant's property, and the cause of the fire was unknown. Following a nine-day trial in which many witnesses including fire experts and personnel from the Singapore Civil Defence Force were cross-examined, Marina obtained a favourable judgment for 100% of the quantum claimed by the plaintiff: see *Te Deum Engineering Pte Ltd v Grace Electrical Engineering Pte Ltd* [2016] SGHC 232. The defendant then filed an appeal. The Court of Appeal, after hearing the appeal, accepted our arguments on a novel point of law, and upheld the decision: see *Grace Electrical Pte Ltd v Te Deum Engineering Pte Ltd* [2017] SGCA 65.
- Acting for an **international group of manufacturing companies** against a former director and CEO over issues of bribery and corruption, conspiracy, diversion of a multi-million business and serious breaches of fiduciary duties: see *Beyonics Technology Ltd and another v Goh Chan Peng and others* [2016] SGHC 120, and *Goh Chan Peng and others v Beyonics Technology Ltd and another* [2017] SGCA 40.
- Acting for an **Indonesian group of companies** against a Swiss based multinational company in a matter that has been referred to arbitration in Singapore and conducted in accordance with the arbitration rules of the International Chamber of Commerce.
- Acting for a **Vietnamese company** against a US based multinational in an SIAC arbitration involving breaches of contract governed by US laws.
- Acting for **liquidators** in relation to a major fraud and conspiracy involving subsidiaries in various jurisdictions in South East Asia and tax havens.
- Acting for a **minority shareholder** in a derivative action for the benefit of the company based on a multi-million fraud involving the timber industry operated through numerous subsidiaries.
- Represented a **claimant** in an application for the judicial review of a decision to seize monies totalling US\$14 million, and in an application for the release of monies under section 370 of the Criminal Procedure Code (Cap 68, 2012 Rev Ed).
- Represented a **claimant** in proceedings commenced pursuant to section 29, read with paragraph 7(1) of the Third Schedule, of the Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Act (Cap 190A, 2001 Rev Ed).
- Appointed by the Court of Appeal of Singapore as the independent legal adviser to **representatives of a substantial estate**.
- Acting in numerous matters involving **property law** including **landmark cases**.
- Acting in **landmark cases** on issues of **defamation law**.

- Acting in a **landmark case** on matrimonial assets under **family law**.
- Acting in matters involving **competition law**.
- Acting for the **Public Trustee** (in her capacity as litigation representative) to make submissions before the Court of Appeal for appointment of deputies under the Mental Capacity Act on behalf of a high net-worth individual.

Publications

- *Singapore Court Practice*, LexisNexis Singapore.
- *Singapore Precedents of Pleadings*, Sweet & Maxwell.
- *Commercial Litigation in Singapore*, Sweet & Maxwell.