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#### Areas of practice

- Dispute resolution
- Restructuring and insolvency
- Investigations

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#### Qualification/Education

- Advocate & Solicitor, Singapore, 2015
- Bachelor of Laws (Hons), National University of Singapore, 2014

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#### Appointments/Memberships

- Member, The Law Society of Singapore
  - Member, Singapore Academy of Law
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Yi Zhang has assisted clients in various contentious matters, covering a wide range of areas such as insolvency, contract, personal data protection, intellectual property, defamation, private banking, real estate, and tort.

#### Experience

- Advising **Court appointed receivers and managers** of companies affiliated with/related to a Russian oligarch on securing assets in Singapore, Cyprus, Belize and BVI pursuant to a receivership order made in Singapore.
- Acting for one of Singapore's largest banks, **United Overseas Bank Ltd ("UOB")** in its claims for fraud and conspiracy against, amongst others, Lippo Marina Collection Pte Ltd ("**Lippo Marina**"), a property development company within the well-known Lippo Group, relating to UOB's grant of mortgage loans amounting to an aggregate sum of S\$181 million for the purchase of luxury condominium units at The Marina Collection at Sentosa Cove developed by Lippo Marina. This case included an interlocutory application involving a complex area of law pertaining to whether the fraud exception applies to prevent attribution of the knowledge of an employee who had been fraudulent and/or who had committed a breach of duty to the employer. The team also successfully argued against an appeal by the defendants before the High Court.
- Acting for a **Singapore-incorporated company and its receivers and managers** in multiple related suits before the Singapore High Court involving claims of breach of director's duties and unlawful means conspiracy.
- Acting for a **major Singapore bank** in an insolvency matter before the Singapore High Court involving a claim of more than S\$8 million against a company in the offshore marine and engineering supplies industry and successfully obtaining a judicial management order.
- Acting for a **major Singapore bank** in a scheme of arrangement application by a corporate debtor in the offshore oil and gas industry. The matter involved advising the Singapore bank on its rights in relation to certain loans guaranteed by related entities.
- Advising a **Singaporean liquidator** on possible fraudulent trading and breach of duties by former directors of the company.
- Acting for a **prominent corporate real estate company** in enforcing a corporate guarantee.
- Acting for a **leading web-hosting services company incorporated in Vietnam** in an arbitration against a US-incorporated software giant in the Singapore International Arbitration Centre.

- Acting for two **Singaporean directors** of a Singapore-incorporated bunker trading company to commence a section 216A (statutory derivative action) application under the Singapore Companies Act.
- Acting for **Freddie Koh** in a highly publicised case involving a claim on an indemnity resolution passed by the management committee of the Singapore Swimming Club. The case is now cited as the leading authority on the law on unjust enrichment and mistake in Singapore: see *Freddie Koh Sin Chong v Singapore Swimming Club* [2014] SGHC 276.
- Acting for a **major Singapore telecommunications company** in a case before the Singapore High Court involving claims, amounting to more than S\$34 million, relating to the widespread trespass of its cable network.
- Acting for an **Indonesian client** in a case before the Singapore Court of Appeal involving claims, amounting to more than US\$7.8 million, for unauthorised trading, failure to advise, and misrepresentation against a major US bank.
- Acting in a case before the Singapore High Court and the Singapore Court of Appeal involving claims, amounting to more than US\$3.7 million for fraud, breach of fiduciary duties, and breach of trust in a private banking matter.
- Acting for a **prominent hotel management company** in disputes before the Singapore High Court involving contractual interpretation and claims of infringement of intellectual property and defamation.
- Assisting in the investigations by **the United States Department of Justice and its appointed solicitors** on the Singapore branch of a major US bank, specifically on matters relating to the Personal Data Protection Act and the Banking Act.
- Acting for an **India-linked insurance entity** operating in Singapore in an arbitration in the Singapore International Arbitration Centre in a contractual dispute.
- Acting for a **UK-based art gallery** in the Singapore High Court for the recovery of art works worth more than US\$2.5 million.
- Providing expert opinion on a matter before the English High Court on agency laws.
- Advising a **US company** on their contractual negotiations with the Singapore branch of a major Hong Kong bank, specifically on matters relating to the Personal Data Protection Act, the Banking Act, and MAS guidelines.
- Acting for the **Singapore Public Trustee** (acting as litigation representative) before the Singapore Court of Appeal on the appointment of deputies under the Mental Capacity Act for an elderly member of a prominent and wealthy Singapore family.
- Acting for the **representatives of a substantial estate** in keeping intact the vast estate, and making applications in Singapore and other jurisdictions to set aside wrongful transactions and to claim what is due to the estate.
- Acting for a **prominent corporate group** in Singapore in various real estate and construction matters.