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**Areas of practice**  
Dispute resolution

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**Qualification/Education**

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

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**Memberships**

- Member, The Law Society of Singapore
  - Member, Singapore Academy of Law
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Rachel has assisted in various contentious matters, covering a wide range of areas such as contract, commercial law, tort, real estate, probate, construction, and insurance.

**Experience**

- Acting for **one of the parties** accused of defrauding Mr Dmitry Rybolovlev, a Russian Oligarch and owner of AS Monaco Football Club, of some US\$1 billion from the purchase of numerous masterpieces, including works by Picasso, Monet, Rothko and Da Vinci. The team successfully obtained the discharge of a worldwide Mareva or freezing injunction that had been previously obtained against the client, and also obtained a stay of proceedings in Singapore on *forum non conveniens* grounds. Two landmark Singapore Court of Appeal judgments were released on this matter – one reshaping the law on worldwide freezing injunctions, and the other on *forum non conveniens*. This complex cross-border dispute has been publicised and followed all over the world. This matter has garnered the *Asialaw Asia-Pacific Dispute Resolution Awards 2016's* Matter of the Year award.
- Advising **Wirecard AG** in relation to fraud investigations and tracing of some €1.9 billion which was discovered to be missing from its balance sheet in June 2020.
- Representing **Vinmar Group** in a claim before the Singapore International Commercial Court ("**SICC**") in connection with the collapse of a large petrochemical project in Singapore – one of the first few cases to come before the SICC.
- Acting for and advising the **judicial manager of Opus Offshore Pte Ltd**, the Singapore subsidiary in a larger group that provides marine and drilling services; as well as acting for the **joint provisional liquidators of Opus Offshore Ltd** (the parent company of Opus Offshore Pte Ltd) in proceedings in the High Court of Singapore.
- Acting for and advising **Warehouse Logistics Net Asia Pte Ltd**, a major cold chain logistics and essential service provider, in successfully obtaining a Court-ordered moratorium, as well as in its ongoing restructuring.
- Acting for the **judicial managers** of an Indian construction firm, Punj Lloyd Pte Ltd, and Sembawang Engineers and Constructors Pte Ltd in the high-profile judicial management of these two companies.
- Acting for the **liquidators** of Punj Lloyd Pte Ltd in the compulsory liquidation of the company.
- Assisting the **judicial managers** of two building and construction companies in investigating certain alleged questionable transactions in these companies.

- Represented **SATS Ltd**, a large publically listed company, in a dispute involving Resorts World Sentosa and one of its patrons that was widely followed by both the local and international press. The team successfully litigated SATS's case before the High Court and struck out the counterparty's appeal before the Court of Appeal.
- Represented **Mdm Kwik Poh Leng**, the matriarch of the Thio family, in a dispute over approximately S\$1 billion of family-owned assets. The Thio family is one of the largest dairy products businesses in South-East Asia through their company, Malaysia Dairy Industries Pte Ltd, which produces well-known brands such as Vitagen, Marigold, HL Milk, Peel Fresh, Cowbell, Lady General, King of Kings and Double Happiness.
- Acting for a **victim of online harassment and cyber-bullying** and successfully obtaining protection order under the Protection from Harassment Act 2014. It is noteworthy that the team was granted leave by the State Courts of Singapore to effect service of Court papers via Instagram instant messaging on the respondents.
- Acting for a **multi-national health and electronics technology company** in a dispute involving claims relating to the construction of its flagship building in Singapore.
- Acting for **United Overseas Bank Limited ("UOB")** in its claims for fraud against, amongst others, a property developer company within the Lippo group, relating to UOB's grant of mortgage loans amounting to an aggregate sum of S\$181 million for the sale and purchase of luxury condominium units at The Marina Collection at Sentosa Cove developed by the Lippo entity. 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.
- Advising a **prominent tertiary institution** in a contractual dispute.