

# TKQP

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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), Singapore Management University, 2014

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#### Appointments/Memberships

- Member, The Law Society of Singapore
- Member, Singapore Academy of Law
- Member, YSIAC

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#### Awards and Accolades

- *Singapore Business Review*: Singapore's 20 Most Notable Lawyers Aged 40 and Under, 2024

Rachel commenced her legal career in TKQP and has significant experience in commercial litigation, arbitration, and restructuring and insolvency.

Rachel is uniquely positioned to serve her clients. Apart from her varied experience in the private sector, she has also advised and represented various Government ministries in public law and contentious matters in her time as a State Counsel in the Attorney-General's Chambers.

Rachel is fluent in English and Mandarin.

#### Experience

##### Dispute Resolution

- Acted for a high-net-worth individual to discharge a worldwide freezing injunction, and to obtain a stay of proceedings in Singapore on the ground of *forum non conveniens*. This culminated in the Court of Appeal's decisions of *Bouvier, Yves Charles Edgar and another v Accent Delight International Ltd and another and another appeal* [2015] 5 SLR 558 and *Rappo, Tania v Accent Delight International Ltd and another and another appeal* [2017] 2 SLR 265.
- Acted for two algorithmic trading companies in a minority oppression shareholder dispute, and successfully obtained the variation of an interim injunction.
- Acted for a Thai healthcare conglomerate in a minority oppression shareholder dispute, and successfully obtained interim prohibitory and mandatory injunctions against the counterparties.
- Acted for a Singapore commodities firm in a banking dispute involving bills of exchange, and successfully resisted a summary judgment being entered against the client.
- Acted for the Vinmar Group in a claim before the Singapore International Commercial Court in connection with the collapse of a large petrochemical project in Singapore – one of the first few cases to come before the SICC.
- Acted for SATS Security Services Pte Ltd in a dispute involving Resorts World Sentosa and one of its patrons. This culminated in the High Court decisions of *Goel Adesh Kumar v Resorts World at Sentosa Pte Ltd (SATS Security Services Pte Ltd, third party)* [2015] SGHC 289 and *Goel Adesh Kumar v Resorts World at Sentosa Pte Ltd (SATS Security Services Pte Ltd, third party)* [2017] SGHC 43. The team also successfully struck out the counterparty's appeal before the Court of Appeal.
- Acted for Mdm Kwik Poh Leng, the matriarch of the Thio family, in a minority oppression dispute in relation to the conduct of the affairs of three family-owned companies. This culminated in the High Court decision of *Thio Syn Kym Wendy and others v Thio Syn Pyn and others* [2017] SGHC 169.
- Acted for the Singapore Government in litigating the issue of costs following the decision of *Mah Kiat Seng v Attorney-General and others* [2023] SGHC 14. This culminated in the High Court decision of *Mah Kiat Seng v Attorney-General and others* [2023] SGHC 52, which sets out key principles on how the costs of a litigant-in-person should be assessed.\*
- Acted for the Singapore Government in judicial review proceedings involving a decision of a compensation board.\*

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## **Arbitration**

- Acted for a commodities-trading company in an SIAC arbitration involving a dispute arising out of a back-to-back agreement with two foreign entities, and obtained an arbitral award in favour of the client.
- Acted for a large foreign mining company in the setting aside of an SIAC arbitral award before the SICC. The decision of the SICC is published in *CIP v CIQ* [2021] SGHC(I) 13.

## **Restructuring and Insolvency, Fraud and Investigations**

- Acted for the judicial managers of two Singapore companies, which were leading foundation and geotechnical engineering specialists, in conducting independent investigations into the antecedent transactions which the directors and officers were involved in.
- Acted for Warehouse Logistics Net Asia Pte Ltd, a major cold chain logistics and essential service provider, in successfully obtaining a Court-ordered moratorium, and Court-ordered scheme of arrangement.
- Acted for the judicial manager of Opus Offshore Pte Ltd, the Singapore subsidiary in a larger group that provides marine and drilling services; as well as acted 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.
- Advised Wirecard AG in relation to fraud investigations, including the tracing of funds.

## **Publication**

- Singapore chapter of *The Legal 500: Restructuring & Insolvency Country Comparative Guide*, Legalease Ltd, 2022.

\* The cases above were matters handled as State Counsel.