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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 & Risk Committee Member, *Jurong Port Pte Ltd*
- Board Member, Member of Audit Committee and Board Risk Committee, *Sembcorp Industries Ltd*
- Senate Member, *Singapore Academy of Law*
- Member, Appeal Advisory Panel of *Monetary Authority of Singapore*
- Member, Specialist Mediator Panel (Singapore), *Singapore International Mediation Centre*
- Accreditation Committee Member, *Singapore Institute of Legal Education*
- Board Member and Audit Committee Member, *Singapore Land Authority* (1 August 2018 – 31 July 2024)

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)*, 2017-2025
- *Asialaw: Distinguished Practitioner (Dispute Resolution)*, 2023 - 2024
- *The Best Lawyer: Leading Lawyer (Arbitration and Mediation)*, 2019-2024
- *The Best Lawyer: Leading Lawyer (Litigation)*, 2023-2024
- *Chambers Asia-Pacific: Ranked Lawyer (Dispute Resolution: Litigation)*, 2024-2025
- *Chambers Global: Ranked Lawyer (Dispute Resolution: Litigation)*, 2024 - 2025

Marina is a *Senior Counsel* with over 30 years of experience. She focuses on dispute resolution of civil and commercial matters as well as investigations, including those with cross-border angles 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 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 an **international group of manufacturing companies** in an action against the group's former director and CEO in the Singapore International Commercial Court. The group claimed for serious breaches of fiduciary duties, bribery and corruption, conspiracy, and diversion of a multi-million business.
- Acting for an **international property consultant** in a widely publicised dispute involving claims brought by an information technology company against the Singapore Institute of Surveyors and Valuers and various leading property consultancy firms.
- Acting for an **Indonesian group of companies** against a Swiss based multinational company in a joint venture dispute governed by the arbitration rules of the International Chamber of Commerce.
- Acting for a **Vietnamese company** against a US based multinational in an arbitration involving breaches of contract governed by US laws before the Singapore International Arbitration Centre.
- 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 **Singapore listed company** in respect of fraud committed in relation to its Indonesian subsidiary.
- 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 in the region.
- Acting for a **claimant** in an application for the judicial review of a decision to seize millions alleged to be linked to the Petrobras scandal, and in an application for the release of monies under section 370 of the Criminal Procedure Code 2010.

- Acting for 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 2000.
- Acting for a **Town Council** in three appeals concerning novel issues of whether fiduciary duties and duties of skill and care were owed and breached by town councillors, officers of town councils and the corporate entity controlled by these officers.
- 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.
- 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. The Court of Appeal upheld judgment in favour of the plaintiff after hearing arguments on a novel point of law.
- 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 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 Civil Procedure 2022, Sweet & Maxwell.*
- *Singapore Court Practice, LexisNexis Singapore.*
- *Singapore Precedents of Pleadings, Sweet & Maxwell.*
- *Commercial Litigation in Singapore, Sweet & Maxwell.*
- *Commercial Litigation in a Multi-Jurisdictional Context – Lessons from Beyonics Asia Pacific Ltd & ors v Goh Chan Peng & anor [2021] SGCA (I) 2, Lexology, June 2021.*