

Selina Yap

Senior Associate

Dispute Resolution
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Biography

Selina has been representing multi-national corporations, financial services institutions, developers, and high-net-worth individuals on a range of contentious matters. She has extensive experience representing clients as first or second chair in litigation and arbitration matters often concerning multi-million figures. Her work spans across the globe, including in Mainland China, Germany, Hong Kong SAR, Japan, Kazakhstan, Macau, the Netherlands, Singapore, South Korea, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and United Arab Emirates.

Selina has advised clients in English, Mandarin Chinese, and Korean. She most recently attained her LL.M. (Master of Laws) from Columbia Law School in New York. Other than her role at Harry Elias Partnership, she has worked at the Sabin Center for Climate Change Law as a Legal Extern, the New York State Supreme Court as a Judicial Extern and at the World Intellectual Property Organisation as a Legal Consultant.

Experience

- Represented a client in a contentious case involving issues of trust and breaches of fiduciary duties where the properties include Singapore's 1st elected President's conserved property worth over US\$76 million and other family companies.
- Represented a Netherlands-based company in SIAC arbitration and court proceedings for in claims of over US\$63 million relating to breaches of contract.
- Represented an employee against a listed German multi-national software corporation in employment-related claims.
- Advised parties based in Hong Kong and Mainland China in contemplated SIAC arbitration proceedings with claims worth over US\$10 million for alleged breaches of a Stock Loan Agreement.
- Advised co-founder of AI-based software development company valued at around US\$1.8 billion in dispute regarding breaches of fiduciary duties.
- Defended a director of a Singapore group of companies with a combined company value of over S\$10 million in a minority oppression suit.

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Publications

- Columbia Journal of Transnational Law, "Could Singapore's New Mandatory Climate-Related Disclosure Rules Set a New Pattern in Southeast Asia?", available at <https://www.jtl.columbia.edu/bulletin-blog/could-singapores-new-mandatory-climate-related-disclosure-rules-set-a-new-pattern-in-southeast-asia>
- Sabin Center for Climate Change Law, "Climate Change in the Courts: A 2024 Retrospective", available at https://scholarship.law.columbia.edu/sabin_climate_change/240/

Professional Memberships | Directorships

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

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