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OVERVIEW

Joan Lim-Casanova is a partner and she is a member of the Commercial Disputes practice. She has more than 15 years of experience in international dispute resolution and does both litigation and arbitration that arise from diverse subject matters such as trusts, insurance, infrastructure, and renewable energy.

She has acted for clients in different sectors such as construction, investment, banking, and commodities. Joan also regularly acts for and advises Chinese private and state-owned entities to manage and avoid disputes in Asia (including Singapore, China, Indonesia, and Vietnam).

Joan has been consistently recognized by *The Legal 500 Asia Pacific Guide* as a Rising Star and Next-Generation Partner. She takes a keen interest in the client's business and clients have commended that Joan has a “good grasp of the commercial realities” and “complete mastery of all the facts and events.”

Prior to joining the firm, Joan has served as a partner at a Singapore law firm which was in a formal law alliance with a Magic Circle firm.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Prior to joining the firm, Joan served as a partner at a Singapore law firm where she focused her practice in dispute resolution, with emphasis on commercial litigation and arbitration. Joan regularly advised Chinese private and state-owned entities to avoid disputes in Asia (including Singapore, China, Indonesia, and India).

Joan has handled a wide range of matters involving applicable laws that arise from diverse subject matters such as trusts, insurance, infrastructure, power generation, and renewable energy. She also has experience with aerospace, banks, consumer goods and retail, education, intermediary brokers, oil and gas, Sovereign wealth, wealth management, and private banking.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Recognized by *The Legal 500 Asia Pacific*
  - Next Generation Partner for Dispute Resolution in Singapore, 2026

- Recommended Lawyer for Dispute Resolution in Singapore, 2026
- Next Generation Partner for Dispute Resolution: Local Firms in Singapore, 2023-2025

- Recognized by Expert Guides as a Rising Star for Commercial Arbitration

PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- Provides pro bono advice and representation
- Conducts advocacy and mooting classes for students

EDUCATION

- LL.B., National University of Singapore, 2006

ADMISSIONS

- Bar of Singapore

LANGUAGES

- Chinese (Mandarin)
- English

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP *POWERED BY HUB*

- January 2026, January 2026 Accolades
- October 2025, Jurisdiction Entanglements in International Arbitration: Perspectives and Lessons From Different Jurisdictions
- 17 June 2025, Arbitration World: The Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC)–Part 1
- 17 June 2025, Arbitration World: The Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC)–Part 2
- October 2024, No Faith in International Arbitration: A Comparative Discussion of the Nature and Application of the Principle of Good Faith in Arbitrations Conducted Under Common Law and Civil Law
- June 2023, Arbitration World
- 26 January 2023, Singapore International Commercial Court Issues: Model Clause for International Arbitration-Related Litigation

NEWS & EVENTS

- 14 January 2026, K&L Gates Recognised in *The Legal 500 Asia Pacific* 2026
- 15 January 2025, The Legal 500 Recognises K&L Gates In 2025 Asia Pacific Edition
- 17 January 2024, The Legal 500 Recognises K&L Gates in 2024 Asia Pacific Edition

AREAS OF FOCUS

- International Arbitration
- Commercial Disputes
- Insurance Recovery and Counseling

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Defended a Chinese state-owned entity in a SIAC arbitration against claims of alleged breach of contract to build several coal-powered plants in Indonesia.
- Acted for a large Chinese MNC in a SIAC arbitration for breach of a Put Option Agreement.
- Advised a Singapore listed company on its investments in Chinese companies and management of disputes in China.
- Advised several international stakeholders on several disputes worth more than a hundred million against multiple counterparties arising from the construction of offshore wind farms.
- Acted in a complex high value litigation for breach of trust over disputed assets.
- Acted for family offices to recover assets from errant directors.
- Acting for various international companies in arbitrations involving issues such as breach of a sale and purchase agreement, assessment of damages, etc.