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## JOANNA POH

### Practice Areas:

Shipping and Admiralty  
International Trade and Commodities  
International Arbitration  
Commercial Litigation  
Family and Probate

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## Experience

Joanna handles commercial disputes involving arbitration, litigation and mediation. She also regularly renders pre-action advice to clients as well as advice on issues involving company law, employment and insolvency law.

In relation to shipping and international trade matters, Joanna advises clients over a broad range of issues such as cargo claims, agency law, trade finance and shipping documentation, on a regular basis.

Apart from acting as counsel in litigation proceedings in the Singapore Court, Joanna has also handled arbitration proceedings on an *ad hoc* basis as well as administered proceedings under the SIAC, SCMA, HKIAC, CIETAC and LMAA.

As a former legal advisor in the Singapore office of a Swiss litigation funder prior to returning to practice in 2010, she handled litigation funding agreements, conducted due diligence on acquisition of claims and managed recovery actions for complex and multi-million dollar claims against governmental and institutional debtors in third world economies and emerging markets in Asia, Africa and the Middle-East.

Joanna is fluent in Mandarin and conversational Japanese.



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## **Significant matters**

### *Shipping and International Trade matters*

- Arbitration proceedings under the HKIAC rules in relation to a trading contract for a shipment of iron ore involving a trading subsidiary of a Chinese listed company and a Chinese stated owned entity
- Acting for a Singapore subsidiary of an Indian coal traders in a dispute for damages in the amount of US\$68 million arising from long term contracts for the supply of coal cargoes against a major Swiss commodities trading house in the High Court of Singapore
- Acting for a Singapore subsidiary of a Chinese listed company in an emergency arbitration under the SIAC rules arising from a claim for payment arising from the sale and purchase of a cargo of coals with damages in the region of US\$4 million
- Acting for an Indian commodity trader in an SIAC arbitration against a Hong Kong trader for breach of a sale and purchase contract arising from the ban of export of iron ore from the State of Karnataka, India
- Litigation involving a claim for conversion of cargo representing the Indian cargo owners
- Representing Korean shipowners in relation to the wrongful arrest of their vessel in the High Court of Singapore
- Representing ING Bank in respect of the arrest of vessels in Singapore in respect of claims arising from the collapse of OW Bunkers
- Defending owners of a VLCC as counsel against a claim by stevedores for injuries sustained on board the vessel during discharging operations in the High Court of Singapore
- Representing a contractor of a FPSO conversion project in the investigations carried out by the authorities and shipyard arising from an incident resulting in the death of a workman on board the FPSO
- Acting for liquidators of a local shipping company in respect of the sale of a project cargo vessel



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### *Commercial Disputes*

- Representing a Chinese gaming company and its founding director in a claim by a joint venture partner for alleged breaches of fiduciary duties and breaches of the joint venture agreements involving damages exceeding USD 5 million
- Representing an investment fund in litigation proceedings involving a Singapore listed company and its subsidiary in the recovery of losses incurred in an investment against an Indonesia company and its shareholders, including the tracing of assets worth over USD 10 million
- Representing client in a complex set of litigation and arbitration proceedings surrounding the feuding shareholders of an offshore support services company spanning over six years involving issues of fiduciary duties of company directors, common law derivative actions and shareholders' buyouts

### **Appointments/Memberships**

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