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#### Areas of Practice

- Dispute Resolution
- Investigations
- Employment

#### Qualification/Education

- Advocate & Solicitor, Singapore, 2013
- Bachelor of Laws (Hons), National University of Singapore, 2012

#### Appointments/Memberships

- Member, The Law Society of Singapore
- Member, Singapore Academy of Law
- Panellist, Law Society Neutral Evaluation and Determination Scheme, Financial Industry Disputes Resolution Centre (LSNEDS-FIDReC Scheme) (2024 – 2026)
- Panellist, Law Society Neutral Evaluation and Determination Scheme, Consumers Association of Singapore (LSNEDS-CASE Scheme) (2024 – 2026)
- Mentor, Women in Practice Group Mentoring Programme (2022 – 2024)
- Member, Middle Category Committee of the Law Society of Singapore (2026)

#### Awards and Accolades

- *The Legal 500 Asia Pacific*: Recommended Lawyer (Dispute Resolution), 2025 – 2026
- *Euromoney Legal Media Group Women in Business Law Awards Asia 2020* – Rising Star Lawyer of the Year for Litigation
- *The Legal 500 Asia Pacific*: Next Generation Lawyer (Dispute Resolution), 2019
- *Singapore Business Review*: Singapore's 20 Most Influential Lawyers Aged 40 and Under, 2017

Alcina is a disputes lawyer with a practice focused on complex commercial matters, contentious private wealth matters and employment. She acts in high value and often sensitive disputes involving financial institutions, shareholders and directors, family-owned businesses, high-net-worth individuals and senior executives. Her experience includes disputes involving fraud, conspiracy, breaches of fiduciary duties, trusts and beneficial ownership, and employment matters.

She has been described as “very thorough, efficient, dedicated, and a star of the future” (*The Legal 500 Asia Pacific*, 2019) and “renowned for her meticulous attention to detail and her ability to navigate complex commercial disputes with innovative solutions, making her a trusted adviser for high-stakes cases”.

#### Commercial disputes and investigations

- Acting for **United Overseas Bank Limited** in its claims for fraud and conspiracy against Lippo Marina Collection Pte Ltd, a property development company within the well-known Lippo Group, relating to mortgage financing of more than S\$181 million for the purchase of luxury condominium units at Sentosa Cove. See: [United Overseas Bank Ltd v Lippo Marina Collection Pte Ltd and others \[2022\] SGHC\(A\) 38](#).
- Acting for a BVI company and its Malaysian principal in a claim against **Credit Suisse AG (“CS”)** and **Luckin Coffee Inc (“Luckin”)** for losses sustained on investments in and/or based on securities issued by Luckin transacted through the claimants’ accounts with CS: see [Interactive Digital Finance Ltd and another v Credit Suisse AG and another \[2023\] SGHC 198](#).
- Acting for the **Vinmar Group** (a global petrochemical business) in a claim before the Singapore International Commercial Court (“SICC”) in connection with its investment in Jurong Aromatics Corporation, which operated one of the world’s largest aromatics plants in Singapore until its collapse – one of the first few cases to come before the SICC.
- Acting for the **Beyonics Group**, an **international precision manufacturing business**, in an action before the SICC. The claim was against the group’s former director and CEO for serious breaches of fiduciary duties, bribery and corruption, conspiracy, and diversion of a multi-million dollar business: see [Beyonics Asia Pacific Ltd and another v Goh Chan Peng and another \[2022\] 1 SLR 1](#).
- Advising **representatives of a corporate monitor appointed by the US Department of Justice** over a multinational commodities conglomerate on regulatory and data protection issues in connection with the conduct of monitorship work in Singapore.

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## Publications

- Co-author, *Civil Practice in Singapore and Malaysia, Issue 97 (December 2025), Chapter X: Amendment*
  - *How to Conduct a Retrenchment Exercise, Lexology, September 2021.*
  - *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.*
  - *No Oral Modification Clauses – Food for Thought, Lexology, May 2021.*
  - *COVID-19 and Legal Considerations for the Hospitality Industry, April 2020.*
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## Private wealth and family disputes

- Acting for a **widow** and **eldest daughter** in a dispute against the deceased's three other children relating to the beneficial ownership of funds in joint accounts which, until the deceased's passing, were jointly held by the deceased, his widow and eldest daughter. The matter involved novel issues of law on whether banking terms providing for the beneficial interests of the account holders should be regarded as conclusive. See: [\*Khoo Phaik Eng Katherine v Khoo Phaik Ean Patricia\* \[2023\] SGHC 314.](#)
- Acting for the **Court-appointed deputies** of an elderly high-net worth individual in respect of her property and affairs. Subsequent litigation was commenced arising out of the Court of Appeal's finding that the youngest daughter and son-in-law had unduly influenced the octogenarian into setting up a BVI trust. This involved complex issues of law such as whether undue influence can give rise to a cause of action in its own right, *res judicata* and issue estoppel. See: [\*BLI v BLM and another\* \[2020\] 4 SLR 494.](#)
- Acting for the matriarch of the Thio family in a dispute over approximately S\$1 billion of family-owned assets. The Thio family owns one of the largest dairy products businesses in South-East Asia through their company, Malaysia Dairy Industries Pte Ltd, which produces well-known brands such as Vitagen, Marigold, HL Milk, Peel Fresh, Cowbell, Lady General, King of Kings and Double Happiness. See: *Thio Syn Kym Wendy and others v Thio Syn Pyn and others* [2017] SGHC 169.

## Employment

Alcina advises and represents employers and senior executives on contentious and advisory employment matters, with particular experience in senior executive departures, restrictive covenants, employee mobility and post-termination obligations.

- Acting for a C-suite executive of a global biotechnology company in relation to his departure, including negotiations concerning post-termination restrictive covenants.
- Acting for a senior executive of a leading venture capital firm in connection with his departure from the firm, including advice on his continued participation in fund-level profits and carried interest.
- Acting for and advising a private bank on breaches of non-solicitation obligations arising from employee departures.