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## ABOUT KELLY

Kelly practices corporate and commercial litigation and arbitration.

She handles a wide range of disputes relating to commercial contracts, director/shareholder fights, infrastructure projects, private equity investments, trusts, and enforcement of arbitral awards. She has acted for prominent clients at all levels of the Singapore Courts as well as in domestic and international arbitrations.

In addition, Kelly advises on regulatory issues. She has handled matters involving the Competition & Consumer Commission of Singapore and the Commercial Affairs Department, including investigations conducted by these authorities. She also regularly conducts internal investigations as well as externally driven compliance reviews for clients.

Kelly has advised and acted for high net worth individuals as well as private and listed companies in the telecommunications, financial services, oil and gas, rail, hospitality and leisure, and manufacturing sectors.

## EXPERIENCE

Some of the matters in which Kelly has acted include the following:

### **Largest trust case in Singapore involving disputed assets estimated to be worth US\$600 – US\$800 million**

- Successfully acted for members of the De La Sala family in the largest trust case heard in Singapore, involving disputed assets estimated to be worth between US\$600 to US\$800 million.

### **US\$50 million private equity investment dispute**

- Successfully represented a leading private equity firm in a complex investment dispute. The amount in dispute exceeded \$50 million. The dispute involved an international arbitration under the SIAC Rules, a parallel Singapore High Court action and enforcement proceedings.

### **US\$600 million investment dispute over the creation of a coal-based power plant**

- Acting for foreign entities in a high-value international arbitration concerning a dispute over the creation of a coal-based power generation plant. The value of parties' claims is estimated to be in excess of US\$600 million.

### **Billion dollar injunction proceedings involving oil rigs**

- Acted for directors and shareholders of an oil-drilling company in injunction proceedings concerning the control of entities owning rigs worth in excess of a billion dollars.

### **Cross-border dispute over a supply agreement**

- Successfully represented an Indonesian company in a supply agreement dispute, and obtained an SIAC arbitral award against a Malaysian company.

### **Multi-million dollar dispute over defects in a luxury property**

- Obtained a favourable Court of Appeal decision for a high net-worth individual in a high-profile multi-million dollar dispute over defects in a luxury property.

### **Charge under Workplace Safety and Health Act**

- Acted for a company which had been charged under the Workplace Safety & Health Act and was facing a possible fine of S\$250,000. A favourable outcome was obtained for the company after representations were made.

## **Investigations and regulatory matters**

- Acted for a foreign bank and its Singapore branch in high-profile investigations by the Commercial Affairs Department and Monetary Authority of Singapore into suspected money-laundering transactions involving a foreign state-owned investment vehicle.
- Acted for a high-level banking executive in an investigation commenced by the Monetary Authority Singapore as part of an international probe on money-laundering.
- Conducted a comprehensive internal audit into the hotel operations business of a listed company in Singapore from a competition law perspective. Also designed a competition law compliance framework and conducted competition law training for the hotel's employees.

## **MEMBERSHIPS**

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