

ALB Singapore Rising Stars 2025

In the fourth edition, Asian Legal Business builds on its legacy of spotlighting Singapore's next-generation legal leaders. Recognised not just for their technical mastery but for shaping the industry's future, these standout practitioners pioneer an emerging standard where legal leadership balances wisdom with the ability to anticipate and shape client needs. The list is arranged alphabetically, and some lawyers have been featured in profiles. **List by Asian Legal Business, text by Bingqing Wang**



Larisa Cheng

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Larisa Cheng is a director at Siraj Omar LLC, specialising in complex commercial litigation and private client disputes. With nine years of experience, including six years working alongside senior counsel Siraj Omar before joining his newly established practice in 2025, she is a core member of the firm and has developed a reputation for strategic advocacy in high-stakes matters.

Admitted to the Singapore Bar in 2016 (ranking joint 4th in her cohort), Cheng combines meticulous legal analysis with practical solutions across a broad range of arbitration and litigation disputes, often with a cross-border element.

Cheng has acted in several reported cases, including representing a high-net-worth couple in appellate proceedings against their investment advisor and a former director of a fund management company in a dispute involving a private invest-

ment. Her arbitration expertise includes resisting the setting aside of an arbitral award for a building material distributor and defending an e-commerce platform in a multi-million-dollar SIAC arbitration claim.

Recently, Cheng secured the partial setting aside of an arbitral award for a chemical manufacturer in a North American distribution dispute and represented a Swiss bank in an appeal concerning gasoil sales financed by letters of credit. She also worked on an unprecedented COVID-19 business interruption claim by the owner of a hotel against its insurers, which has drawn significant media attention.

Cheng has been commended by clients for being attentive, thorough and effective. A thought leader in dispute resolution, Cheng actively contributes to legal scholarship while maintaining a robust practice. Her language abilities and experience handling matters across multiple jurisdictions make her particularly well-suited for cross-border disputes. ●