



## Grace Chong

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Grace Chong is head of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher's financial regulatory practice in Singapore, where she leads a team of three regulatory associates. She has 'hit the ground running' since joining the firm in January 2022 and she has already made a significant impact: Gibson Dunn's financial regulatory practice was awarded "Law Firm of the Year" at the recent Regulation Asia Awards for Excellence 2022.

Grace has extensive experience on a full range of complex financial regulatory, data privacy, licensing, regulatory investigations, environmental, social and governance (ESG) implementation and technology transactions. She is a certified cybersecurity GIAC GLEG, IAPP CIPP/A/E and IAPP CIPM professional. Her talents have not gone unnoticed: Grace was awarded Privacy and Data Protection Lawyer of the Year by Euromoney's Women in Business Law Awards 2021.

She has a unique ability to bring our clients hands-on, industry experience. She is former in-house counsel at the Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS), who regularly interacts with key regulators, is closely involved in regional regulatory reform initiatives and has led discussions with regulators on behalf of the financial services industry. Further, she is a board member of ACCESS Blockchain Association and is currently leading ACCESS to draft consult responses for digital assets and a Code of Best Practices for Advertising Guidelines on behalf of the digital assets industry.

Grace also sits on the Board of the Women in Payments group and leads the ESG Working Group in AIMA. She is also a member of the Women in Practice and AML Committees of the Law Society of Singapore and has drafted regulations in relation to client due diligence for digital asset companies and innovative product offerings.

In terms of client work, she previously advised a global financial institution in relation to its role in acting as a key market participant to support the blockchain-based payment system governed by Diem Association in multiple jurisdictions. Besides general asset management licensing and a portfolio of banking and trade finance regulatory work, she is also well-known in the fintech space for her regulatory licensing expertise, in particular in relation to digital assets and financial derivatives.

Grace has advised several leading fintech companies and other firms to obtain licenses and on their launch of products and services in Asia. She also assists several gaming and tech companies on regulatory, gambling regulations, and other TMT advice in Asia.

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