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Qualifications

- Advocate and Solicitor, High Court of Malaya (2019)
- Certificate in Legal Practice (2018)
- Bachelor of Laws (Honours), University of London (2016)

Languages

- English
- Malay
- Chinese

Practice Areas

- Capital Markets
- Corporate / M&A
- Commercial
- Regulatory Compliance

Laurel specialises in the areas of capital markets, corporate transactional matters and corporate mergers and acquisitions with a proven track record advising a wide range of clients from public listed entities to emerging start-ups. Her core practice includes equity fund-raising, restructurings and strategic corporate exercises. She delivers tailored legal solutions to support clients' commercial goals, regularly advising on restructuring initiatives, corporate governance improvements, and complex transactions involving mergers, acquisitions, and joint ventures, offering a seamless, full-service approach to corporate legal needs.

In the capital markets scene, Laurel has acted for a range of stakeholders in initial public offerings, post-listing compliance matters, and secondary fundraising exercises such as private placements and rights issues. She is well-versed in navigating Bursa Securties' regulatory landscape and has also served as Malaysian counsel for companies pursuing listings on overseas exchange, including Nasdaq.

In M&A transactions, Laurel provides strategic, end-to-end legal support from deal structuring and negotiation, to managing legal due diligence, regulatory approvals, and deal closing. Her experience combines technical precision with commercial sensibility, enabling her to steer clients through high-stakes acquisitions, disposals, joint ventures, and internal reorganisations with confidence and clarity.

The corporate practice of the firm was recognised by IFLR1000 and Asian Legal Business in 2023 and 2024 as a leading Corporate and M&A firm in the APAC region

Experience

- **SkyWorld Development Berhad**
  Advised on its joint development with Penang Development Corporation and PDC Properties Sdn Bhd, involving an estimated gross development value (GDV) of RM13 billion. The project entails the creation of over 35,000 affordable housing units in Penang, marking a transformative milestone in Malaysia's affordable housing landscape.

- **Paragon Union Berhad**
  Advised on its acquisition of a 51% equity interest in Metahub Industries Sdn Bhd via its wholly-owned subsidiary, Paragon Metal Sdn Bhd, for a total consideration of RM51 million. The acquisition was satisfied through the issuance of new ordinary shares in Paragon Union Berhad.

- **WF Holding Ltd**
  Acted as Malaysian counsel to WF Holding Ltd, a Malaysia-based fibreglass manufacturer, in connection with its pre-IPO restructuring and subsequent successful listing on Nasdaq.

- **Cross-Border Group Restructuring**
  Advised on the internal restructuring of a multinational group specialising in offshore and onshore pipeline services. The restructuring exercise involved subsidiaries incorporated in multiple jurisdictions, including Abu Dhabi, France, the British Virgin Islands, and the Cayman Islands.

- **LEAP Market IPO – HealthTech firm**
  Acted as legal due diligence solicitor for the initial public offering of a digital healthcare platform operator on the LEAP Market of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad.

- **ACE Market IPO – Engineering Solutions Provider**
  Acted as legal due diligence solicitor for the listing of a design and engineering firm providing solutions for critical facilities — including data centres, cleanrooms, manufacturing floors, laboratories, and healthcare facilities — on the ACE Market of Bursa Malaysia.

- **Transfer Listing from LEAP to ACE Market – Ladies Brand Retailer**
  Acted as legal due diligence solicitor in relation to an exit offer and subsequent transfer listing from the LEAP Market to the ACE Market for a company principally engaged in the design, marketing, and retail of women's footwear, handbags, and accessories.

- **Main Market PLC – Subsidiary Disposal and ESOS Implementation**
  Advised a Main Market-listed property development and plasticware manufacturing company on the disposal of its 100% equity interest in a subsidiary (1,666,665 shares) for RM21.47 million, and the implementation of an Employees' Share Option Scheme (ESOS) involving up to 15% of its issued ordinary shares.

- **Main Market PLC – Land Acquisition via Share Issuance**
  Advised a company listed on the Main Market, principally involved in metal processing, property development, and investment holding, on the acquisition of three parcels of land for RM28 million via issuance of 114,285,600 shares at RM0.245 per share.

- **ACE Market PLC – Equity Acquisition with Profit Guarantee**
  Advised an ACE Market-listed company, engaged in biomass material manufacturing and mattress production, on its acquisition of a 51% equity stake (1,020,000 shares) in a target company for RM28 million via issuance of 65,116,279 new shares at RM0.43 each, together with a profit guarantee arrangement.

- **ACE Market PLC – Hybrid Land Acquisition**
  Advised the same ACE Market-listed biomass and mattress manufacturer on its acquisition of 137 parcels of land for a total consideration of RM14.26 million, satisfied through a combination of RM7 million in cash and issuance of 77,348,836 shares at RM0.43 each.

- **ACE Market PLC – Corporate Regularisation Exercise**
  Advised a property development and investment trading company listed on the ACE Market on a series of corporate proposals comprising a 10-to-1 share consolidation, a debt settlement exercise involving RM29.59 million via the issuance of 177,552,700 irredeemable convertible preference shares and 207,145,090 new ordinary shares.

Membership

- Member, Malaysian Bar