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ABOUT MOHAN

Mohan specialises in insolvency and debt restructuring and regularly advises debtors, creditors and insolvency office-holders on transactional and litigation aspects of insolvency and debt restructuring matters.

ACCOLADES

Chambers & Partners
Restructuring/Insolvency
2019 – Up and Coming,
previously Associates to watch



Mohan is noted by sources for his experience of both transactional and contentious mandates in this space.

“He’s a very, very good lawyer, one of the up-and-coming guys in the restructuring space.”

IFLR1000: The Guide to the World’s Leading Financial Law Firms

Restructuring and Insolvency
2020 – Rising Star for 2 consecutive years



IFLR Asia Awards 2016

Rising Star, Restructuring

Asia Pacific Legal 500
Restructuring and Insolvency
2019 – Next Generation
Lawyer for 3 consecutive years



Asialaw Leading Lawyers
Restructuring and Insolvency
2020 – Rising Star



Singapore Business Review
Singapore’s most promising
legal luminaries aged 40 and under
in 2017 – Listed lawyer

Global Restructuring Review
‘40 Under 40’ – Listed lawyer (2016)

EXPERIENCE

Debt restructuring matters that Mohan has been involved in include:

- **Berlian Laju Tanker** – Advised the Indonesian shipping company PT Berlian Laju Tanker Tbk in a restructuring of over US\$2 billion of debt, implemented using the scheme of arrangement process in Singapore as well as PKPU proceedings in Indonesia, Chapter 15 process in the United States and consensual arrangements with certain creditors. This transaction was named the *Restructuring Deal of the Year* at the IFLR Asia Awards 2016 and *Insolvency Deal of the Year* at the Asian Lawyer Emerging Markets Awards 2016.
- **Pacific Andes** – Advised the debtor companies on a US\$2.5 billion worldwide restructuring involving scheme of arrangement proceedings in Singapore. This transaction was named *Finance Deal of the Year (Restructuring and Insolvency)* at The Asian Lawyer Asia Legal Awards 2017 and won the *Asialaw Asia-Pacific Dispute Resolution Award 2017 – Matter of the Year* at the Asialaw Asia-Pacific Dispute Resolution Summit 2017.
- **Swissco** – Advising a bank lender on its loans to the Swissco group, an oil and gas service provider, which is currently under judicial management in Singapore.
- **Technics** – Advising a bank lender on its loans to the Technics group, an oil and gas service provider, which is currently under judicial management in Singapore.
- **Seacastle** – Advised the agent and a bank lender on the restructuring of US\$300 million in vessel-backed syndicated loans to the Seacastle group, which owns and operates container ships.
- **Punj Lloyd and Sembawang Engineers** – Advising a syndicate of lenders on their loan to the construction companies Punj Lloyd and Sembawang Engineers, which

are both currently under judicial management in Singapore.

- **Bilcare** – Advised the judicial managers of Bilcare Singapore, a manufacturer of high-end pharmaceutical packaging, on the restructuring of its debts of approximately US\$90 million. The restructuring involved transferring Bilcare's business and assets to a new investor and using the proceeds to repay debt, under consensual arrangements with creditors and a scheme of arrangement under Singapore law.

Mohan has also been involved in several landmark court cases in the field of insolvency and restructuring, including *Media Development Authority of Singapore v Sculptor Finance (MD) Ireland Ltd* [2014] 1 SLR 733, *BNY Corporate Trustee Services Ltd v Celestial Nutrifoods Ltd* [2014] 4 SLR 331 and *Re Pacific Andes Resources Development Ltd* [2016] SGHC 210.

APPOINTMENTS

- Member, Insolvency Practice Committee, Law Society of Singapore
- Instructor, Legal Skills Programme, National University of Singapore Faculty of Law

PUBLICATIONS

- The Restructuring of Berlian Laju Tanker, *INSOL World*, 2016(1), 20-22