PROFILE

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ABOUT MOHAN

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

ACCOLADES

Chambers Asia-Pacific
Restructuring/Insolvency 2026 – Band 4 for 9 consecutive years

Chambers RANKED IN Asia-Pacific 2026 Mohan Gopalan

"He's well liked and very clever when it comes to restructuring/insolvency matters."

"Mohan Gopalan consistently provides excellent services in helping clients navigate successfully through complex restructuring matters."

"He provides excellent advice and representation in assisting companies achieve their restructuring goals successfully."

"He is good in execution and delivering results."

"He is an excellent lawyer who is an important member of the team."

Chambers noted that Mohan *"has a broad practice acting for a full range of clients on debt restructuring and investments".*

He 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."*

He has a broad practice acting for a full range of clients on debt restructurings. A source praised Mohan, saying he *"has done very well and is working on big deals".*

Asia-Pacific Legal 500
Restructuring & Insolvency 2026 – *Next Generation Partner* for 10 consecutive years

NEXT GENERATION PARTNER Legal500 ASIA PACIFIC 2025

"*Blossom Hing, Chan Wei Meng, and Mohan Gopalan—I always have been impressed with the first-rate quality of their work and their dedication to helping their clients work through and emerge from difficult times."*

A *"rising star with a lot of depth".*

"Highly recommended."

A *"great and highly dependable counsel"* that is *"technically very knowledgeable".*

"I always have been impressed with the first-rate quality of [his] work and [his] dedication to helping [his] clients work through and emerge from difficult times."

IFLR1000: The Guide to the World's Leading Financial Law Firms
Restructuring & Insolvency 2026 – Highly regarded for 2 consecutive years, previously Rising Star Partner for 4 consecutive years and Rising Star for 3 consecutive years

IFLR 1000 RISING STAR PARTNER 31ST EDITION

Lexology Index
Restructuring & Insolvency 2025 – Thought Leader, previously Leading lawyer for 4 consecutive years

National Leader
Southeast Asia: Restructuring & Insolvency 2025 – Recommended lawyer for 5 consecutive years

Asialaw Leading Lawyers
Restructuring & Insolvency 2026 – Distinguished Practitioner, previously Rising Star for 7 consecutive years

Benchmark Litigation Asia-Pacific
Insolvency 2026 – Future Star for 8 consecutive years

Best Lawyers International: Singapore
Insolvency and Reorganisation Law 2027 – Endorsed individual for 4 consecutive years

IFLR Asia Future Leaders
Identified as one of the next generation influential lawyers working within Corporate Finance in 2021

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)

IFLR Asia Awards 2016
Rising Star, Restructuring

EXPERIENCE

Debt restructuring matters that Mohan has been involved in include:

- **Hin Leong Trading** – Advised the informal steering committee of lenders in the insolvency of Hin Leong Trading, formerly one of Asia's top oil traders.
- **Pacific International Lines** – Advised Heliconia Capital Management (part of Temasek Holdings) on its US$600m investment as part of the restructuring of Pacific International Lines, the largest shipping carrier in Southeast Asia and 12th largest in the world.
- **Hyflux** – Advised the Public Utilities Board and the National Environment Agency on Hyflux-related desalination and waste-to-energy plants in the context of Hyflux's insolvency.
- **Floatel** – Advised Keppel on the restructuring of its associated company Floatel, which owns and operates floating hotels for the offshore industry.
- **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.

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* [2018] 5 SLR 125.

APPOINTMENTS

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

PUBLICATIONS

- "The Restructuring of Berlian Laju Tanker" (2016) 1 *INSOL World* 20
- "Creditor Schemes of Arrangement and Dissenting Creditor Protection" (2018) 30 *Singapore Academy of Law Journal* 902
- "Two things lenders should know about schemes of arrangement in Singapore" (2018) *Butterworths Journal of International Banking and Financial Law* 511

- "The Moratorium under Sections 210(10) and 211B of the Companies Act" [2019] *SAL Practitioner* 2