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### QUALIFICATIONS

National University of Singapore (LL.B. Hons.)

### ADMISSIONS

Singapore Bar

## PROFILE

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Joel CHNG is a Partner in the Restructuring & Insolvency and Special Situations Advisory Practice.

His main areas of practice are litigation and arbitration, involving banking and commercial transactions, corporate and shareholder disputes, restructuring and insolvency. On the restructuring and insolvency front, Joel acts for corporate debtors, turnaround professionals and investors.

Joel was placed on the Supreme Court's Young *Amicus Curiae* 2013 list, and was appointed *amicus curiae* in *Kee Lek Choan v PP* (MA No. 8 of 2014) and *Mohammed Ibrahim s/o Hamzah v PP* ([2015] 1 SLR 1081) (where a three-Judge coram of the High Court commended him for having provided "invaluable assistance").

Joel is a volunteer with the Criminal Legal Aid Scheme. Reported matters in this regard include *PP v Haliffie Bin Mamat* [2015] SGHC 224 (where the High Court commended the defence for being "well-prepared and thorough in presenting the defence") and *Haliffie Bin Mamat v PP* [2016] 5 SLR 636.

Joel is a contributing author to the 2016 edition of *Lexis Practical Guidance Singapore - Dispute Resolution* and the 2015 edition of the *Singapore Precedents of Pleadings*.

Joel is currently a tutor for the Insolvency and Negotiations modules and an advocacy trainer in the preparatory course for the Singapore Bar Examinations run by the Singapore Institute of Legal Education.

Joel graduated from the National University of Singapore on the overall Dean's List, and was awarded the Peter English Memorial Prize for being the best student in Criminal Law, and the Law Society Book Prize. Joel is admitted to the Singapore Bar.

### Relevant Experience:

Matters of significance in which Joel has been involved in include acting/advising for the following:

- Takashimaya Singapore Ltd in its dispute with Ngee Ann Development Pte Ltd over the proper construction of the parties' agreement for rent review.
- Crest Capital Asia Pte. Ltd. and several funds under its management to recover approximately S\$55 million owed under various facilities; acting for the liquidator of an insolvent subsidiary of a public-listed Indian company on matters arising out of the liquidation and representing the subsidiary in a High Court Suit involving complex multi-million dollar claims against its Indian parent company and directors.
- A bank in an SIAC arbitration against a collateral management company for breach of contract and/or negligence in respect of pledged goods.
- The court-appointed receivers and managers of Airtrust (Singapore) Pte. Ltd. which is in the business of oil and gas logistics services, oil well maintenance, steel fabrication and construction, in various proceedings involving allegations of breaches of directors' duties, transnational fraud, money laundering and tax evasion in the region of S\$100 million.
- Hyflux Ltd in its US\$2.3 billion restructuring.
- EMAS Chiyoda Subsea Limited and its subsidiaries on their cross-border restructuring of debt in excess of S\$1 billion.

### Related Practices

- China
- Restructuring & Insolvency
- Special Situations Advisory