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QUALIFICATIONS

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

ADMISSIONS

Singapore Bar

PROFILE

Christy LIM is a Partner in the Banking & Finance Practice.

Her main practice areas are banking, finance, security arrangement and documentation, syndicated loans, club deals, cross-border and multi-currency transactions, transferable loans, loans with embedded debt-instrument conversion options with a strong focus on acquisition/leveraged financing involving takeover offers (both mandatory and voluntary), schemes of arrangement, delisting proposals/exit offers as well as mergers and acquisitions, debt restructuring, international and cross-border financing transactions involving Singapore law, banking, financial laws and regulations. She has been involved in some of the most intricate and complex acquisition financing deals spanning various jurisdictions.

Christy graduated from the National University of Singapore and was admitted to the Singapore Bar in 1997. Christy is also a Board member of Singapore Council of Women's Organisations (SCWO).

Relevant Experience:

Significant transactions that Christy has been recently involved in include advising / acting for the following:

- Singtel Group Treasury Pte. Ltd. and Singapore Telecommunications Limited, in Singtel Group's first sustainability-linked financing of S\$750 million, being the largest Singapore-dollar denominated syndicated sustainability-linked loan in Singapore as at the date of the close of the transaction.
- A syndicate of lenders in a US\$551 million financing granted to subsidiaries of ARA Asset Management Limited, for the acquisition of a portfolio of 38 hotels under the Hyatt Place and Hyatt House franchise across 21 states in the United States. This acquisition is a significant milestone in the global expansion and diversification plans of the ARA group and marks its maiden foray into the United States property market.

- ESR Funds Management (S) Limited (the manager of ESR-REIT) and two of the financial advisers to ESR Funds Management (S) Limited, RHB Securities Singapore Pte. Ltd. and United Overseas Bank Limited, in the merger with Viva Industrial Trust by way of a trust scheme of arrangement. The merger valued Viva Industrial Trust at S\$936.7 million and created Singapore's fourth largest industrial REIT with approximately S\$3 billion in assets.
- Nesta Investment Holdings Limited in the grant of US\$4 billion term loan and revolving facilities in relation to Nesta Investment Holdings Limited's acquisition of Global Logistic Properties Limited. This deal won "Deal of the Year" and "Best Leveraged Finance Deal" at the FinanceAsia Achievement Awards, 2017, "M&A Deal of the Year: South East Asia" at The Asian Lawyer's Asia Legal Awards 2018 and "M&A Deal of the Year (Premium)" at the ALB SE Asia Law Awards 2018.
- DBS Bank Ltd., Citibank N.A., Singapore Branch and Commonwealth Bank Of Australia, Singapore Branch as the lenders in the grant of S\$99.3 million and €285 million term loan facilities to RBC Investor Services Trust Singapore Limited (in its capacity as trustee of Lendlease Global Commercial REIT) (the Borrower) to partially finance the acquisition of the (i) property known as "Sky Complex" in Milan, Italy and (ii) the property known as 313@somerset in Singapore, the IPO portfolio for Lendlease Group's first REIT listing on the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited.
- TPG Growth II SF Pte. Ltd., as shareholder, in a US\$250 million loan granted to Apollo Towers Myanmar Limited (TPG's first investment in Myanmar) in relation to the development and operations of a greenfield telecommunications tower rollout in Myanmar, the first in the country by a leading Western private equity firm.

Related Practices

- Banking & Finance
- Private Equity

Publications & Legal Updates:

- The Private Equity Review, Investing Singapore Chapter published by Law Business Research since the 2012 edition (1st to 7th editions)
- The European Lawyer's inaugural Private Equity reference book

Awards & Accolades:

Christy has been recognised as a leading lawyer in the Banking & Finance arena by *Chambers Global – The World's Leading Lawyers for Business* and by *Chambers Asia-Pacific – Asia-Pacific's Leading Lawyers for Business* since 2009. She has also been commended for her work in the Banking & Finance industry by *IFLR1000: Financial & Corporate – The Guide to the World's Leading Financial Law Firms*, *The Legal 500: Asia Pacific – The Client's Guide to the Asia Pacific Legal Profession*, *Asialaw Profiles – The Guide to Asia-Pacific's Leading Law Firms*, *Who's Who Legal: Banking* and in the areas of Banking Law and Finance Law by *Best Lawyers*. Christy was named the "Dealmaker of the Year, SE Asia" at the inaugural *Asian Legal Business (ALB) Women in Law Awards 2021*. Christy was also listed as one of the top 100 lawyers in Singapore in "2019 Asia Business Law Journal's – The A-List Top 100 Lawyers".

Quotes from Legal Publications

- "Sharp and articulate", "very clear in her thinking" due to her "depth of experience", and whose "effective negotiating style" has earned her "particular plaudits".
Chambers Asia-Pacific – Asia-Pacific's Leading Lawyers for Business
- "She knows what we want legally and commercially, and the turnaround times are quick," and "she ensures that our objectives are met and remain protected".
Chambers Asia-Pacific – Asia-Pacific's Leading Lawyers for Business
- Her "strong grasp of securities, acquisitions and debt restructurings makes her a lawyer of choice for a number of major private equity houses and investment banks" with an "ability to highlight key commercial points for clients".
Chambers Asia-Pacific – Asia-Pacific's Leading Lawyers for Business
- "Hands on", "drives deals to smooth closure", has a "savvy mix of sharp legal skills and strong business acumen" and "an impressive record in headline and complex financings".
The Legal 500: Asia Pacific – The Client's Guide to the Asia Pacific Legal Profession
- "She has proven to be a tough yet practical negotiator for her client and never failing to exceed our expectations", is a "very competent and qualified partner", "technically sound, extremely prompt in her response and is able to negotiate to close the multi-party transaction efficiently".
IFLR1000: Financial & Corporate – The Guide to the World's Leading Financial Law Firms
- "She knows banking matters well", is "seen regularly on cross-border and multi-currency deals", is "responsive and achieves client's objectives".
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