

Charles Ho

Partner

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Biography

Charles is a practitioner with deep expertise in litigation and dispute management, restructuring and insolvency, as well as wills and probate. He regularly represents banks, financial institutions, real estate investment trusts, property developers, as well as major commercial landlords in a broad spectrum of civil and commercial litigation. His practice spans various industry sectors including real estate, banking and finance, asset management, and corporate advisory. He is known for delivering practical and commercially sound advice tailored to clients' business objectives and litigation risk profiles.

Charles has acted in a wide range of complex disputes before the Singapore courts and in arbitration. He has extensive experience advising and acting for institutional creditors in matters involving asset recovery, enforcement of securities, debt restructuring and insolvency. His work in this space includes acting in contested scheme, judicial management, and winding up applications, as well as advising on cross-border enforcement and recovery strategies. In the real estate space, Charles regularly advises and acts in relation to landlord-tenant disputes, defects liability claims. He also advises MCSTs and managing agents in relation to strata governance and condominium disputes, including matters arising under the Building Maintenance and Strata Management Act.

He is also experienced in regulatory and white-collar matters. Charles has been instructed in sensitive internal investigations and enforcement actions involving allegations of corporate misconduct, fraud, and corruption. This includes representing clients under investigation by regulatory authorities such as the Corrupt Practices Investigation Bureau, and advising on compliance with statutory obligations. He also acted in cases concerning breaches of directors' duties and fiduciary obligations and also regularly advises on employment-related disputes, including cases involving the enforcement of non-compete / restraint of trade clauses and the misuse of confidential information.

Experience

- Acting for and advising a bank in respect of the appointment of receivers over the assets of a debtor (which is a specialized local developer with a Class 1 General Builder Licence), and the debtor's application for a pre-scheme of arrangement interim moratorium, including an application for the bank to be carved out of the moratorium.

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Experience

- Advising and acting for a commercial landlord in respect of applications commenced by a tenant and its group of companies for the Court to restrain proceedings against them to enable the tenant to propose a compromise or an arrangement between the tenant and its creditors. This involved approximately 200 creditors across the tenant's group of 5 companies, and an application by the landlord to be carved out from any moratoria granted by the Court in the tenant's favour.
- Advised a franchiser of an international food and beverage brand on cross-border insolvency issues involving its franchisees.
- Advising a leading local private healthcare provider in relation to an employment dispute with a former director involving the alleged breach of non-competition and non-solicitation clauses as well as unauthorized disclosure of confidential information.
- Acted for a company in the business of TV programming and broadcasting communications in respect of winding up proceedings commenced against it.

Awards & Accolades

- "Singapore 30 most influential lawyers under 40"
- Singapore Business Review 2022

Publications

- Co-author of Adjudication and Insolvency: Interface of two statutory regimes affecting the construction industry, published in Lexis Nexis Legal News 5 March 2025 (<https://www.lexisnexis.co.uk/legal/news/adjudication-insolvency-interface-of-two-statutory-regimes-affecting-the-construction-industry>)
(also published in INSOL International Restructuring Alert)

Professional Memberships | Directorships

- Member, Singapore Academy of Law
- Member, The Law Society of Singapore

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