



Litigation finance – how it works and how it could work for insolvency cases in Hong Kong

About the topic

The objective of this seminar is to facilitate a discussion amongst senior members of the insolvency and legal professions on current issues surrounding litigation finance, including:

- An overview of the legal landscape in Hong Kong for litigation finance.
- Lessons learned from the use of litigation finance in other common law jurisdictions.
- The practical use of litigation finance in Hong Kong today for insolvencies and arbitrations.
- Will Singapore take the lead in encouraging litigation finance and will this attract legal and insolvency work away from Hong Kong?
- What can Hong Kong's insolvency community do to enhance the use of litigation finance?

An panel of experienced insolvency professionals will be discussing the topic:

- Charles D. Booth, Senior Advisor at Burford Capital and Professor of Law at the Richardson School of Law, University of Hawai'i at Manoa
- Chris Dobby, Partner, Hogan Lovells, Hong Kong
- Ashok Kumar, Director, Corporate Restructuring & Insolvency and Dispute Resolution, TSMP Law Corporation, Singapore
- Facilitator: Rupert Purser, Asia and Middle East Investments for Burford Capital, Hong Kong, and Director at Turnaround Asia

About the programme

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Date & Time	28 October 2015, Wednesday	
Venue	HKICPA training centre 27 th Floor, Wu Chung House 213 Queen's Road East, Wanchai	12:30 pm Registration <i>(Sandwiches & drinks provided)</i>
Fee	HK\$230 per person for RIF members HK\$330 per person for Non-RIF members <i>Not a RIF member? Click here to join.</i>	1:00 pm Introduction
CPD credit	1 hour (subject to actual attendance)	1:05 pm Discussion
Law Society CPD credit	Being applied for	1:50 pm Q&A
Language	English	2:00 pm Closing remarks
Competency	Insolvency*	
Rating	Intermediate/Advanced level*	
Application deadline	22 October 2015	

* Please refer [here](#) for descriptions of the various ratings and competencies.



About the speakers

Charles D. Booth is a senior advisor for Burford Capital and a professor of law at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa. Previously, he taught at the University of Hong Kong. Charles is an expert on comparative and cross-border insolvency and commercial law, best known for his work on Asian law. He has authored or co-authored over 60 publications that have been published in 11 jurisdictions. He is a frequent speaker or moderator at conferences organized by INSOL, the American Bar Association and the International Insolvency Institute. Charles is active in law reform, having served as a consultant on insolvency and commercial law projects sponsored by the World Bank, the Asian Development Bank, and the EBRD. He is a fellow in the American College of Bankruptcy, a founding member of the International Insolvency Institute, and a member of the International Academy of Commercial and Consumer Law. He graduated cum laude from Harvard Law School and summa cum laude from Yale University. He is also a Co-designer and a Co-director of the HKICPA Professional Diploma in Insolvency Course.

Chris Dobby is a partner of Hogan Lovells in Hong Kong. He has extensive experience in dispute resolution, acting for financial institutions, multi-nationals, insolvency practitioners, court appointed administrators and receivers in respect of a wide range of cross border commercial, professional negligence and fraud related disputes, investigations and asset recovery actions. In respect of insolvency, Chris has advised and acted for liquidators in respect of many substantial corporate collapses, including Hong Kong's largest corporate collapse involving creditor debt of over US\$1 billion. Chris also specialises in advising court appointed administrators in relation to collapsed securities brokerages, and assisting administrators in allocating and distributing trust property to beneficiaries.

Ashok Kumar has more than 20 years of experience in legal practice. His core practice area is in Corporate Restructuring and Insolvency and he leads this practice at TSMP, handling both the contentious and non-contentious aspects of this practice. He acts for companies, creditors, financial institutions, banks and insolvency professionals, providing advice on solutions when companies are in a distress or near distress situation and has acted for parties in many high-profile deals such as Jurong Aromatics Corporation, Bilcare Singapore Pte Ltd, Bumi Resources, Vanguard Energy, and Suntech Power. Ashok successfully argued the first reported decision in Singapore approving a funded litigation, in Re Vanguard Energy Pte Ltd. He also chaired the Sub-Committee of the Singapore Academy of Law on Litigation Funding in Insolvency Cases. Ashok has been noted as a leading lawyer in numerous publications including Chambers Global, Chambers Asia, IFLR1000, Asia Pacific Legal 500, Who's Who Legal, PLC Which Lawyer Yearbook and Best Lawyers International, in this practice area. He sits on various committees and has released various publications related to his core practice area.

Rupert Purser manages Burford's operations in Asia, based in Hong Kong. Rupert is the co-founder of Turnaround Advisors Asia and has managed numerous turnaround, litigation support, fraud investigation and expert witness assignments in Hong Kong, Asia and the Middle East. He has acted on over 100 corporate recovery cases and a number of interim, change management, risk and transactional services matters, including contract and asset valuation, novation, business hive down, M&A and capital markets. His previous employment includes serving as former AMEA head of business consulting & risk advisory, Hill International, Inc. and managing director for PwC Consulting Hong Kong of People & Change, head of corporate finance & restructuring at Baker Tilly Hong Kong and with Kroll Buchler Phillips, London (now Alix Partners). Rupert has recently completed a term as chairman of the Asia Transformation & Turnaround Association. He is a qualified engineer, chartered accountant, insolvency and transformation professional, with 27 years of experience, the last 18 of which have been in Asia and the Middle East. He has served or serves on a number of public bodies, including acting as a member of the Public Affairs Forum of the Hong Kong Government Secretariat, the Lawyers' Disciplinary Panel and the Deposit Protection Board Tribunal. Rupert has contributed to insolvency law reform in China and Hong Kong.

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- Unless the event is cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances, no refunds will be made after applications have been processed.
- Bad weather arrangement: The seminar will be cancelled if typhoon signal no. 8 or above/ black rainstorm warning is hoisted, as announced by the Hong Kong Observatory, at or after 6:30 a.m. on the date of the event. In the event of cancellation due to bad weather, the admission fee will be refunded.

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