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Brief Bio – Mr Joel Chng

Mr Joel Chng is a Partner at WongPartnership LLP 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, and restructuring and insolvency. On the restructuring and insolvency front, he 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 two cases. He is also a volunteer with the Criminal Legal Aid Scheme and has been appointed defence counsel for accused persons before all levels of the Singapore Courts.

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*. He is also a facilitator for the Insolvency and Negotiations modules, and an Advocacy trainer, in the Part B programme run by the Singapore Institute of Legal Education.

When he is not in Zoom meetings, Joel attempts to cycle, run and swim (poorly) on a semi-regular basis. The lack of progress does not deter him from dreaming of participating (and surviving) in a triathlon someday.

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. He was also awarded the Law Society Book Prize.

Cases of Interest

- Acting for Takashimaya Singapore Ltd in its dispute with Ngee Ann Development Pte Ltd over the proper construction of the parties' agreement for rent review.

- *Kee Lek Choan v PP* (MA No. 8 of 2014) (amicus curiae appointment).
- *Mohammed Ibrahim s/o Hamzah v PP* [2015] 1 SLR 1081 (amicus curiae appointment).
- *PP v Haliffie Bin Mamat* [2015] SGHC 224 and *Haliffie Bin Mamat v PP* [2016] 5 SLR 636.
- 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.
- Acting for a bank in an SIAC arbitration against a collateral management company for breach of contract and/or negligence in respect of pledged goods.
- Acting for 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.
- Acting for Hyflux Ltd in its US\$2.3 billion restructuring.
- Acting for EMAS Chiyoda Subsea Limited and its subsidiaries on their cross-border restructuring of debt in excess of S\$1 billion.
- Acting for the judicial managers of Xihe Holdings in its restructuring.