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Welcome Address

Andrew Heng
Managing Partner
Baker Tilly (Malaysia)

Andrew Heng is the Group Managing Partner of Baker Tilly (Malaysia). He also sits on the Baker Tilly International Board and is the Baker Tilly International APAC Regional Chair.

He holds a Master's in Business Administration from the University of Manchester and a Bachelor's Degree in Commerce and Law from the University of Western Australia.

Andrew is not only a Chartered Accountant of the Malaysian Institute of Accountants (MIA) but was also admitted as an Advocate & Solicitor of the High Court of Malaya. He is both a registered Auditor with the Malaysia Audit Oversight Board, as well as an approved Liquidator under the Malaysian Companies Act 2016.

As with all aspiring accountants, Andrew started his career in Audit & Tax. Eventually, he found his specialisation in Corporate Finance, Liquidation, Receivership and Forensic & Litigation Support.

Andrew's 25 years of experience and industry exposure includes property development, construction, restoration of abandoned housing and schemes, scrap metal recycling, hotels, underwater aquarium aquatic business, mining, timber, plantations, retail and manufacturing.

Together in Restructuring: Opening Thoughts

Kumar Jai
Managing Partner
Corporate Recovery & Restructuring
Baker Tilly (Malaysia)

Kumar Jai has a Bachelor's Degree in Commerce (Accounting & Finance) from Curtin University, Western Australia.

He is a Chartered Accountant of the Malaysian Institute of Accountants, a Licensed Liquidator under the Ministry of Finance of Malaysia, and a Chartered Global Management Accountant of the Association of International Certified Professional Accountants (CIMA).

Kumar has more than 18 years of experience in Corporate Restructuring, Insolvency, Forensics Investigations, Corporate Recovery, Corporate Rescue Mechanisms and Litigation Support Services.

He has managed various insolvency assignments in liquidation, receivership and advisory work for distressed companies and managed other assignments such as formulation of Schemes of Arrangement, Debt Restructuring, Judicial Management and Monitoring Accountant roles. Some major insolvency assignments undertaken in Malaysia have included Transportation, Monorail, Oil and Gas, Property Development and Construction, Manufacturing, Resort and Hotel Management, Port Management, Revival of Abandoned Housing Developments, Plantation, Palm Old Mill and several others.

Kumar also handled legal matters in relation to the Construction Industry Payment and Adjudication Act 2012 ("CIPAA") proceedings and Arbitration proceedings. Kumar has acted as a special advisory for Bank Negara Malaysia in a matter related to Anti-Money Laundering, Anti-terrorism Financing and Proceeds of Unlawful Activities Act 2001 (AMLA).

SESSION 1:

Corporate Rescue in Malaysia: The New Playbook Following the 2024 Amendments

Anoopal Kaur
Partner
Corporate Recovery & Restructuring
Baker Tilly (Malaysia)

Anoopal is an approved Insolvency Practitioner registered with Malaysia's Ministry of Finance under the Companies Act 2016, and a Partner, Corporate Recovery & Restructuring at Baker Tilly Malaysia.

Over a career spanning more than 18 years, she has built deep expertise in corporate recovery and restructuring, forensic accounting, and litigation support. Her insolvency practice covers the full spectrum of the field of liquidation, receivership, corporate voluntary arrangements, judicial management, schemes of arrangement, and debt restructuring carried out for companies across a wide range of industries, including property development, construction, manufacturing, food and beverage, retail, IT, maritime logistics, provident funds, legal partnerships, and safety training centres.

Anoopal has achieved several notable milestones. She helped secure a successful settlement through Singapore's Commercial Mediation Scheme and served as Judicial Manager for a property management company whose statement of proposal was approved by its creditors. She also led Malaysia's first successful Corporate Voluntary Arrangement, which resulted in a full return to creditors.

Professionally, Anoopal is a Chartered Accountant with the Malaysian Institute of Accountants, a Fellow Certified Practicing Accountant with CPA Australia, and a Licensed Insolvency Practitioner under the Ministry of Finance. She holds a Bachelor of Commerce from Murdoch University, Perth.

Beyond her practice, she chairs the Women in Business Committee at CPA Australia's Malaysian Division (2025–2026) and is a Founding Member and Co-Chair of the Malaysian Chapter of the International Women's Insolvency and Restructuring Confederation (IWIRC).

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Nik Syahril Nik Ab Rahman embarked on his legal career after graduating with a Bachelor of Laws (LL.B Hons.) from Universiti Teknologi MARA. He subsequently advanced his academic foundation by earning a Master of Laws (International Commercial Law) from the University of Kent, United Kingdom, and is currently a PhD Candidate at University of Malaya.

Following his pupillage at Messrs. Shearn Delamore & Co. in 2006, he qualified as an Advocate and Solicitor of the High Court of Malaya. As a highly versatile Legal Officer within the Judicial and Legal Service, he has developed extensive expertise across appellate advocacy, prosecution, litigation, advisory, insolvency, and legal aid.

Notably, his expertise in insolvency is deeply rooted in his prior service at the Malaysian Department of Insolvency (MdI), where he served with distinction as a Senior Federal Counsel from 2009 to 2014. His broader distinguished trajectory encompasses key roles across apex government institutions, including serving as Federal Counsel and Deputy Public Prosecutor at the Attorney General's Chambers, Deputy Public Prosecutor for the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission, and Assistant Treasury Solicitor at the Ministry of Finance. Demonstrating a strong capacity for leadership, he also served as the Director of the Department of Legal Aid and the Director of the National Legal Academy.

Nik Syahril
Pengarah Insolvensi, Bahagian Dasar & Perundangan
Jabatan Insolvensi Malaysia

Mark Ho
Managing Partner
Chellam Wong

Graduate of Uni of Warwick England, member of Middle Temple, UK and called to the Bar in Malaysia , UK and Singapore. Close to a 100 reported decisions spanning a career of over 30 years.

Specialise in the area of Insolvency and Corporate Restructuring and Arrangements. Landmark Federal Court case of [2014] 1 CLJ 161 Francis Augustine Pereira v. Dataran Mantin Sdn Bhd & Ors And Other Appeals where the issues of classification of creditors in a scheme of arrangement and how a class of creditors could be preferred and be an exception to “undue preference” and the pari passu rule, was established.

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Kwong Chiew Ee is a Partner at Rahmat Lim & Partners. She is part of the firm's Restructuring & Insolvency practice group, which was ranked in the Global Restructuring Review 100 (GRR) list in 2024 and 2025 as one of the world's leading law firms for cross-border insolvency and restructuring matters. Her practice spans a mixture of contentious and non-contentious restructuring and insolvency work and commercial disputes with a conflict of laws/private international law dimension. Her most recent R&I experience include acting for Vantris Energy Berhad (formerly Sapura Energy Berhad) in one of Malaysia's largest debt restructurings, acting for Bina Puri Holdings Berhad in its scheme of arrangement, representing minority unsecured creditors in the KNM Group Berhad schemes, advising Vyaire Medical on the sale of its Malaysian assets as part of its US Chapter 11 restructuring, and advising the restructuring of the Malaysian subsidiary of the UK-based Venator group as part of the group's UK administration process.

Chiew Ee is the first Malaysian-qualified practitioner admitted as an INSOL Fellow and she currently serves on INSOL International's Asia Advisory Council. She is listed in Lexology Index (formerly Who's Who Legal) - Southeast Asia 2026 for Restructuring & Insolvency. She has been recognised as a Recommended Lawyer in Dispute Resolution in The Legal 500 Asia Pacific, where she was noted for being "very knowledgeable about the law, particularly on insolvency issues." She won the Lexology Client's Choice Award 2025 for Restructuring & Insolvency and was named in Asian Legal Business' Asia 40 Under 40 in 2022.

Kwong Chiew Ee
Partner
Rahmat Lim & Partners

Alvin Tang
Partner
Alvin Tang Law Office

Alvin Tang is a UK-qualified barrister with 27 years of experience in dispute resolution. Alvin is a sharp-witted litigator who works on legal disputes like a radical architect on his masterpiece. Specializing in complex shareholder and insolvency disputes, he has appeared as counsel in all superior courts and arbitration proceedings. He has represented a diverse range of clients, including listed companies, regulatory bodies, liquidators/ receivers and managers, and high-net-worth individuals. Alvin is actively involved in judging moot competitions and speaks at forums over a variety of legal topics. He also contributes to international legal publications and has been involved in advocacy training. Away from the office, Alvin enjoys a good single malt whiskey over a game of pool.

SESSION 2:
Reviving Abandoned Projects: How Rescue & Restructuring Tools are Saving Distressed Projects

Kumar Jai has a Bachelor's Degree in Commerce (Accounting & Finance) from Curtin University, Western Australia.

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Farah Shuhadah Razali
Partner
Rosli Dahlan Saravana Partnership

Farah is a Partner in the Dispute Resolution practice with over 18 years' experience advising local and international clients on high-value corporate and commercial disputes. Her practice focuses on corporate insolvency and restructuring, commercial recovery, shareholder and governance disputes, and litigation involving distressed businesses, projects and assets. She regularly advises corporations, financial institutions, insolvency practitioners and shareholders on disputes arising from corporate distress, fraud, breaches of fiduciary duty and contractual defaults, as well as asset recovery and enforcement strategies.

Farah also has significant experience in land, projects and development disputes, including matters involving land acquisition, planning and development, and challenges to decisions by public authorities. Her public and administrative law practice includes judicial review, particularly where commercial, regulatory and public interest considerations intersect. Her broader disputes experience includes claims involving defamation, conspiracy, trespass, nuisance and negligence. Farah has appeared as counsel and co-counsel at all tiers of the Malaysian courts and has been involved in numerous reported decisions. She has also acted in commercial arbitrations and mediations.

Dato' Jayaselan is a highly experienced public administrator with a career spanning over 30 years in the Malaysian civil service. He holds a Master of Management Studies in Project Management from the University of New South Wales, Australia, and a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Communication from Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia.

His extensive experience includes serving as the Deputy Director General (Operational) and Under Secretary for Strategic Secretariat and International Relations. Notably, he has spearheaded the development and monitoring of the National Housing Policy and managed significant housing subsidy programs such as MyDeposit and MyHome. He is a specialist in Quality Management Systems, having successfully implemented TQM and ISO 9001 certifications across various ministries, including the Ministry of Defence. His distinguished service was recognized with the Darjah Sultan Ahmad Shah Pahang (D.S.A.P) in 2021 and the Johan Mangku Negara (J.M.N) in 2017.

Dato' Jayaselan A/L Navaratnam
Penasihat Teknikal Menteri KPKT
Jabatan Perumahan Negara

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Claudia Cheah
Partner
Skrine

Claudia Cheah is a Partner at Skrine, where she heads the firm's Banking & Finance Litigation and Restructuring & Insolvency Practice Groups, as well as the firm's China Desk. She has over 27 years of experience advising and representing financial institutions, insolvency practitioners, creditors and debtors in complex restructuring, insolvency and commercial disputes. Claudia is the Asia Regional Co-Director of the International Women's Insolvency & Restructuring Confederation ("IWIRC"), and a founding member and past Co-Chair of the IWIRC Malaysia network. She has contributed to leading Malaysian insolvency publications, including Law and Practice of Corporate Insolvency in Malaysia (2019) and Restructuring and Insolvency: A Commentary (2023), and is the Consulting Editor of Insolvency Act 1967: An Annotation (2025). Recognised for her commercial insight and technical expertise, Claudia is a regular speaker at industry conferences and seminars, where she shares practical perspectives on evolving restructuring and insolvency issues.

SESSION 3:
Creditor Power: Strategic Enforcement, Exit and Recovery

Lim Litt obtained his Bachelor of Accountancy from the University of South Australia. He is a member of the Malaysian Institute of Accountants and a Licensed Liquidator.

Lim has more than 20 years of experience in Corporate Finance and Corporate Insolvency assignments and hands-on experience as Adviser to debt-ridden companies, especially in formulating scheme of arrangements and conducting informal debt restructuring schemes.

Lim has been involved in various corporate assignments, such as administration of Special Administration companies appointed by Pengurusan Danaharta National Bhd, turnaround operations, corporate restructuring exercises, insolvency and receivership assignments. Further, he has extensive knowledge and experience in corporate advisory, including being advisor to small and medium enterprises for their initial public offering exercises, amongst others, for formulating schemes for reverse takeover exercises. He has also acted as advisor for mergers and acquisition activities in Malaysia, having acted for the buyer and/or seller side.

Lim Litt
Partner
Corporate Recovery & Restructuring
Baker Tilly (Malaysia)

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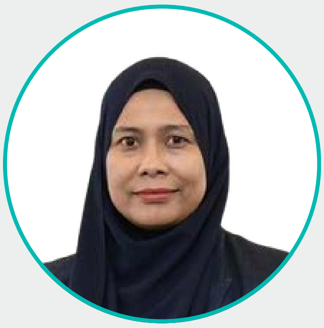

Zalina Osman
Acting Group Head,
Recovery & Asset Management
Chief Execute Officer
SMEB Asset Management

Since 2017, Zalina has led SME Bank's Rehabilitation and Recovery team, pioneering a holistic approach to business recovery that goes beyond financial restructuring. Through business assessments, strategic interventions, stakeholder engagement, and tailored solutions, she has helped distressed businesses regain stability and achieve sustainable growth.

Under her leadership, the Rehabilitation and Recovery function has become a proactive, transformation-driven platform that helps SMEs navigate challenges, preserve business value, and achieve sustainable recovery. She believes recovery is not just about resolving financial distress, but rebuilding businesses for long-term success.

With her extensive expertise, Zalina was appointed Chief Executive Officer of SMEB Asset Management Sdn Bhd, a subsidiary of SME Bank, in 2022. In this role, she was responsible for managing the Bank's distressed assets and recovery execution. Through strong leadership and effective asset resolution strategies, she successfully led the disposal of the subsidiary's remaining distressed assets by 2025.

Following the merger of Bank Pembangunan Malaysia Berhad, SME Bank, and Export-Import Bank of Malaysia Berhad (EXIM Bank), Zalina was subsequently appointed to lead the Group Recovery team, where she continues to drive recovery strategies and initiatives across the Group.

Zalina continues to champion a new perspective on recovery: one that focuses not only on asset resolution, but on restoring business potential, creating value, and transforming challenges into opportunities for sustainable success.

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Syed Fadzil graduated from the International Islamic University Malaysia with a Bachelor of Laws (LL.B) (Second Class Upper Honours) and was admitted to the Malaysian Bar in May 2000. He joined the Firm as an Associate in the same year and currently heads the Firm's Litigation Department.

Syed Fadzil specialises in Corporate Banking and Islamic Banking law. He is also a qualified Syarie Counsel in the Federal Territory (Wilayah Persekutuan), having been admitted in April 2010. His practice encompasses a broad range of corporate banking matters, including advising financial institutions on receivership, insolvency, debt restructuring, and recovery strategies. He regularly acts for the Corporate Banking Recovery Centres of numerous financial institutions in complex litigation and enforcement proceedings. Throughout his career, Syed Fadzil has appeared in numerous significant cases involving Islamic banking, insolvency, and banking recovery matters, earning recognition for his extensive experience and expertise in these areas.

Syed Fadzil
Partner
Sidek Teoh Wong & Dennis

Natalia Izra
Partner
Azmi & Associates

Natalia Izra Nasaruddin is a Partner in the Dispute Resolution Practice Group of Azmi & Associates, with over two decades of experience in civil and commercial litigation. Called to the Malaysian Bar in 2003, she has built a distinguished practice representing financial institutions, corporations, government-linked entities, and individuals in complex disputes spanning banking, commercial, land, probate, fraud, and tort claims. Prior to joining Azmi & Associates, she was a Partner at Zul Rafique & Partners and has practised with several of Malaysia's leading law firms.

Throughout her career, Natalia has appeared as lead and co-counsel at all levels of the Malaysian courts, including the High Court and appellate courts, advising clients on high-stakes and strategically significant disputes. She is particularly recognized for her work involving financial institutions and commercial litigation, areas closely aligned with insolvency and restructuring-related proceedings. Her expertise and contributions to the legal profession have received industry recognition, including being named Commended External Counsel 2024 by the In-House Community. The Dispute Resolution practice group that she leads at Azmi & Associates has also been highlighted by The Legal 500.

In addition to her litigation practice, Natalia is an accomplished speaker and author on dispute resolution and civil litigation issues and has contributed to legal and procedural developments in Malaysia, including assisting in the drafting of the Rules of Court 2012.

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SESSION 4:

Liquidation & Arbitration Funding - Unlocking Value from Distressed Claims

Ashvin Mahendran is a Partner in the Corporate Recovery & Restructuring practice of Baker Tilly Malaysia.

He is a Licensed Liquidator, a Chartered Accountant of the Malaysian Institute of Accountants, a Fellow of CPA Australia and a Council Member of the Insolvency Practitioners' Association of Malaysia. He holds a Bachelor of Commerce in Accounting and Finance from Curtin University, Perth.

With over 18 years of experience, Ashvin has led and overseen complex liquidation, receivership, judicial management, scheme of arrangement and monitoring accountant engagements across a broad range of industries, including manufacturing, property development, construction, shipping and logistics, oil and gas, bunkering services and investment holding.

His notable engagements include the implementation of a debt restructuring scheme involving more than RM1 billion in liabilities for a listed offshore oil and gas services group; the restructuring of a partially completed five-star hotel through judicial management; and advising on the restructuring of a RM2.12 billion mixed-development project.

As liquidator of a shipbuilding company, he also oversaw the successful completion and delivery of an offshore patrol vessel to the Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency.

Ashvin's experience in forensic accounting, litigation support and financial due diligence further enables him to assess, preserve and unlock value from distressed assets and claims.

Ashvin Mahendran
Partner
Corporate Recovery & Restructuring
Baker Tilly (Malaysia)

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Lau Kee Sern
Partner
Kee Sern, Siu & Huey

Lau Kee Sern was admitted as an Advocate & Solicitor of High Court of Malaya in 2000. He has wide experience in civil and commercial litigation with particular focus on banking, finance and insolvency matters. He advises and acts for major banking and financial institutions in court proceedings. He is a member of the Insolvency Practitioners Association of Malaysia and MICPA's Insolvency Practice Committee and is well known for his work on receivership, liquidation, scheme of arrangement and corporate rescue matters.

He appears regularly as counsel in the High Court and the appellate courts in a wide range of corporate and commercial cases relating to breach of director's duties, fraud and defamation, and shareholder disputes involving just and equitable winding up, oppression action and derivative action.

Kee Sern also advises and acts for clients in matters involving land acquisition, land and tenancy disputes, and construction disputes and claims under Construction Industry Payment And Adjudication Act 2012.

Mitch Dearness is an Investment Manager at Omni Bridgeway. He is based in Singapore and works with other offices internationally to originate, assess and manage funded cases.

Mitch was formerly a Senior Associate in Herbert Smith Freehills' international arbitration team in Singapore. He has been based in Asia for most of his career and has handled disputes in or concerning most Asian jurisdictions. He supports companies manage risk, cash flow and profitability issues through the use of bespoke dispute finance products.

Mitch Dearness
Investment Manager
OMNI Bridgeway

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Sathya Kumardas
Partner
Shearn Delamore & Co

Sathya has been a Partner of Shearn Delamore & Co since 2012. She graduated with honours from University of West England, Bristol in 2001 and was called to the Bar of England & Wales in the following year upon successfully completing the bar vocational course. Sathya was admitted as an Advocate & Solicitor of the High Court of Malaya in 2003.

Sathya is an experienced litigator who regularly appears in all levels of the Malaysian Courts. She is well versed in commercial and corporate disputes, banking disputes (both conventional and Islamic), insolvency and receivership related matters, anti-money laundering, investigations and crisis management, fraud and asset recovery, debt recovery, and tortious claims. She also has an active portfolio of land and real property disputes, including landlord and tenancy matters, and energy law disputes (such as electricity theft and way-leave issues). More recently, Sathya also represented the Election Commission in election petition actions filed pursuant to the 14th General Elections in Malaysia. While Sathya is able to advise and represent clients at every stage of litigation, her strength lies in striving to achieve the best possible outcome for her clients and this includes negotiating settlements.

SESSION 5:

Beyond Due Diligence: Bridging Forensic Accounting, Corporate Finance and Law in Business Transactions

Ding Su Lynn holds a Master of Business Administration from Hawaii Pacific University, United States of America (USA) and a Bachelor of Science/Dietetics from the University of Hawaii, Manoa in USA.

She also holds a Capital Markets Services Representative's license advising for advising on Corporate Finance, is an associated of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA) and a Chartered Accountant of the Malaysia Institute of Accountants.

Su Lynn has over 16 years of experience handling varying assignments within the corporate finance umbrella, which includes equity valuation, financial due diligence, purchase price allocations, business strategies and restructuring for both private and public companies. Her specialty revolves around providing independent advice for related party transactions and valuations for public entities during corporate exercises for submissions to the authorities.

Ding Su Lynn
Partner
Corporate Finance
Baker Tilly (Malaysia)

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H.Y. Chong
Managing Partner
Azman Davidson & Co

H.Y. Chong is the managing partner of Azman Davidson & Co., Kuala Lumpur. He heads the firm's corporate & commercial department, and has been in legal practice for over 30 years. A graduate of the University of Sydney, he holds degrees in Bachelor of Economics and Bachelor of Laws, and is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (FCIArb). His focus is in the areas relating to corporate disputes, insolvency, contracts, and and property, administrative law, and mergers and acquisitions.

Major works that he has been closely involved in include litigation work in respect of a hostile take-over of a company listed on Bursa Malaysia; advisory work for the construction of the Putrajaya gas supply infrastructure; advisory work and preparation of contracts for Malaysia Communications & Multimedia Commission for the implementation of mobile number portability in Malaysia; advisory and litigation work in respect of the liquidation of a national motor insurance company in Malaysia; litigation and arbitration work in respect of the receivership of a property development project in Pudu, Kuala Lumpur; advisory work for the design, build and lease of a university campus in Educity, Johor, a hospital and international school in Desa Parkcity; litigation work at appellate courts dealing with res judicata principles and principles of stare decisis; litigation work for judicial review of decision of land authority; litigation work as counsel in a case which lead to an important Federal Court decision on contractor's rights to retention sum in a construction contract; litigation work challenging judicial review of decision of the Ministry of Housing and Local Government; and litigation work challenging various schemes of arrangement proposed by an insolvent company involving claims by the creditor.

HY has over the years given various talks and conducted workshops on company law, insolvency, contracts, directors' remuneration, GST, and carried out panel discussion with MBA students from the US. His recent talk was for Malaysia Bar Outreach Programme on company law, and for the Malaysian Masters Builders Association on the impact of the Companies Act 2016 on corporate restructuring and insolvency, and on corporate liability for corruption; and on ESG; and for the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors on fraud and money laundering in property transactions. He is a contributor to LexisNexis practical guide on Private Mergers & Acquisitions, ThomsonReuters book on Judicial Review in Malaysia, and to Lexis National Land Code Annotated series.

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Liew Kim Yuen
Director
Forensic & Litigation Support
Baker Tilly (Malaysia)

Liew Kim Yuen is a Chartered Accountant of the Malaysian Institute of Accountants (MIA) and a Member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants England and Wales.

Liew has more than 30 years of experience in audit, merchant banking, commercial and regulatory sectors in Malaysia. During his 12-years tenure with the Securities Commission Malaysia (SC), he was tasked with the setting up of the Corporate Surveillance Unit, after which he facilitated its operations and coordination with the relevant line units to provide timely and relevant information to management. Representing the SC, he was also the Adviser to the Malaysian Accounting Standards Board Issues Committee. He was also an Observer on MIA's Financial Reporting Standards Implementation Committee and served as a Council Member of the MIA.

Liew is a regular speaker for Bursa Malaysia's Mandatory Accreditation Programme for Directors, speaking on issues relating to the roles, responsibilities and expectations placed on directors of public listed companies.

Chia Oh Sheng is a Partner in the Dispute Resolution practice of Lee Hishammuddin Allen & Gledhill, where he specialises in banking and insolvency litigation, commercial disputes and capital markets and securities law.

He has acted in numerous high-value recovery and restructuring matters, including representing Malaysia's largest bank in proceedings involving facilities exceeding RM1.3 billion, cross-border recovery actions concerning charged assets in the United Kingdom, and disputes involving foreign-law performance guarantees and bond programmes. His experience also extends to professional negligence claims against property valuers, as well as complex commercial litigation involving allegations of fraud, conspiracy, unjust enrichment, knowing receipt and dishonest assistance. These matters provide him with practical insight into asset preservation, recovery strategies, valuation issues and the quantification of losses in contentious proceedings.

Oh Sheng is recognised as a Leading Partner by The Legal 500 Asia-Pacific 2026 and was named among Benchmark Litigation Asia-Pacific Awards 2026's Top 40 Under 40 – Malaysia.

Chia Oh Sheng
Partner
Lee Hishammuddin Allen & Gledhill

Closing Remarks

Anand Raj
President
Malaysian Bar

Anand Raj has been in practice since 1996 and a partner at Shearn Delamore & Co. since 2003. He is the Head of the firm's Tax, Trade & Customs Department and Tax Disputes Practice, and the Co-Head of the firm's Competition Law & Antitrust Practice.

Anand is ranked by Legal 500 Asia-Pacific (2019 – 2025) as a "Leading Individual" in Tax and has been highlighted in The Legal 500 Asia-Pacific's "Hall of Fame" for Tax (2025 – 2026) and Competition & Antitrust (2023 – 2026). Lexology recognises Anand as a "Global Elite Thought Leader" in Client choice – Competition (2025), a "Thought Leader" in Competition (2025), and "Recommended" in Competition (2025) and Southeast Asia – Competition (2024 – 2026) as well as Corporate Tax – Controversy (2025) and Southeast Asia – Corporate Tax (2024 – 2026). Asia Business Law Journal (2020-2024) recognised Anand as one of Malaysia's Top 100 Lawyers in Competition Law & Antitrust and Tax Disputes & Controversy. Asialaw's Client Service Excellence (2021) recognised Anand as "The Highest Rated Lawyer To Work With" in Tax and Competition/Antitrust. Anand was recognised as the 2017 Asia Tax Disputes and Litigation Practice Leader of the Year by the International Tax Review (ITR). Asialaw Leading Lawyers (2020 – 2024) recognised Anand as an "Elite Practitioner" in Competition/Antitrust as well as in Tax. Anand is recognised as a "Highly Regarded Practitioner" in Indirect Tax and Tax Controversy (2019 – 2022, 2025), as well as "Highly Regarded" in World Transfer Pricing (TP) (2023 – 2025) by the ITR. Anand has also been recognised by Benchmark Litigation Asia-Pacific 2025 and 2026 as a Litigation Star.

Anand currently serves as the President of the Malaysian Bar. He was also the former Chair of the International Fiscal Association (IFA), Malaysia Branch.

Closing Remarks

Andrew Chiew
Chairperson, Insolvency Committee
Malaysian Bar

Andrew Chiew is a Partner at Lee Hishammuddin Allen & Gledhill. He has notable experience in the areas of banker's liability, civil fraud, corporate insolvency and restructuring as well as money laundering. He acts for various financial institutions on financing obligations and security enforcement, involving conventional and Islamic financing, and asset recovery.

His experience in corporate and commercial disputes covers various business sectors, including energy, hospitality, logistics and plantation. He also acts for corporations on matters concerning fraud and breaches of fiduciary and fidelity by senior management and directors.

Clients have described him as a "sharp, skillful, knowledgeable articulator" and someone "who knows his work and produces really good arguments".

Andrew is a ranked practitioner by Chambers & Partners and Benchmark Litigation. He is ranked as a "Distinguished Practitioner" in Asialaw Profiles 2023 in Dispute Resolution. He is also ranked "Band 3" for Dispute Resolution in the Chambers Asia-Pacific 2023 rankings.

He is a contributor to a number of practitioner guides, such as the Law & Practice of Corporate Insolvency in Malaysia. He also frequently speaks, locally and overseas, on matters relating to his areas of practice.

Andrew is also a member of the Malaysian Bar Council's Advocacy Training Committee. He conducts advocacy training not just in Malaysia, but also in other countries, having had stints in Australia, Ireland, United Kingdom, Singapore, and South Africa.