

Webinar Invitation:

Distressed Airlines - The Modern Toolkit for Asia and Beyond

Date & Time: Monday 28 October 2024 | 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm SGT (GMT+8)

Registration Fee

INSOL Member: S\$45 | **Non-Member:** S\$80

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Registration is open until 28 October 2024, 12:00 am SGT (GMT+8)

This online webinar explores issues arising in the restructuring of airlines in Asia. Our experts will share their experiences on the restructuring of three Asian airlines: (1) Thai Airways, (2) NOK Air, and (3) Hong Kong Airlines, and the restructuring of LATAM Airlines, based in Chile. This diversity of restructuring cases will enable participants to take a comparative view towards airline restructuring which, in some jurisdictions, might be influenced by domestic policy considerations.

Additionally, Our experts will discuss the various challenges which may arise during an airline restructuring and the available tools in their jurisdiction to meet such challenges. Specifically, this panel will address topics such as the international dynamics of an airline restructuring, securing financing opportunities in a restructuring plan, and strategies for gathering creditor support.

This online webinar promises to be an exciting event, and we welcome all restructuring professionals in and out of Asia, and all aviation enthusiasts, to join us!

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Speaker Bios



Moderator



Toh Ding Jun | National University of Singapore

Toh Ding Jun is a Researcher at the Centre for Asian Legal Studies, Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore, with his primary research area being corporate insolvency law. At the recently concluded INSOL ERA Workshop held in San Diego, Ding Jun won the Outstanding Presentation Award for his paper titled "The Logic and Limits of (Chinese) Bankruptcy Law." He is concurrently an Advocate and Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Singapore and has an extant appointment as a Visiting Lecturer at the Faculty of Law, Thammasat University where he teaches the module "An Introduction to Singapore Law."



Panelists



Paralee Techajongjintana | Partner, Baker McKenzie Thailand

Paralee Techajongjintana is a partner in the Dispute Resolution Practice Group at Baker McKenzie's Bangkok office, where she also co-heads the Restructuring and Insolvency practice. With over 20 years of experience, she focuses her practice on financial and restructuring matters and has been directly involved in some of Thailand's most significant restructuring cases. Her work has included advising on landmark cases in the aviation sector, such as that of Thailand's national flag carrier. Paralee's adept handling of complex challenges in this area has earned her top rankings in leading legal directories, including a Band 1 ranking by Chambers Asia Pacific and recognition as Highly Regarded by IFLR1000.



Yada Yuwataepakorn | Partner, Baker McKenzie Thailand

Yada Yuwataepakorn joined Baker McKenzie's Dispute Resolution Practice Group in 2012 and was promoted to partner in 2024. In addition to complex commercial litigation, Yada primarily focuses her practice on restructuring and insolvency, where her experience includes representation of foreign and domestic creditors and debtors in business reorganization and bankruptcy proceedings. Yada has played a key role in managing some of the most complex cases, including those of Thailand's national flag carrier and the first insurance company to enter restructuring in Thailand. She was recently recognized as a Rising Star in Restructuring and Insolvency by The Legal 500 Asia Pacific.

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Howard Lam | Latham & Watkins Hong Kong

Howard Lam, a partner in Latham & Watkins' Hong Kong office, advises clients across Asia on restructuring, special situations, private credit, and complex financing transactions.

In his restructuring practice, Howard draws on more than two decades of experience to guide all types of parties to a transaction, including banks and credit funds, private equity sponsors, debtors and insolvency practitioners. He brings a multicultural, multi-jurisdictional perspective to his matters. Most recently, Howard has led a number of high-profile transactions, including the US\$6bn Hong Kong Airlines restructuring, and he is recognized as a leading practitioner in this area by Chambers and The Legal 500, and heads up Latham's top-tier award winning restructuring team in APAC.



Luke Barefoot | Cleary Gottlieb USA, New York

Luke Barefoot is a partner in Cleary Gottlieb's New York office. His practice focuses on bankruptcy litigation, insolvency, corporate restructuring, and related litigation matters, with a focus on cross-border and international bankruptcy disputes. He represents both debtors and creditors in restructuring matters, particularly contested matters where developing and executing on a litigation strategy can drive outcomes and recoveries.

Luke has advised stakeholders on some of the most complex airline bankruptcies, including most recently advising LATAM Airlines Group on its first-of-its-kind cross-border restructuring.

He is recognized as a leading lawyer in restructuring by Chambers, Benchmark Litigation, IFLR1000 and The Legal 500.



Ian Pascoe | Grant Thornton, Thailand


Ian Pascoe is currently the CEO & Managing Partner of Grant Thornton in Thailand. Prior to joining Grant Thornton, Ian worked for Pricewaterhouse and Ferrier Hodgson and practiced commercial law for a Melbourne law firm. Ian has also held a line management position as divisional financial controller for a large multinational listed transport and logistics company based in the United Kingdom. He has been working in the corporate restructuring and corporate finance arena for over 25 years.

Ian has a wealth of experience in restructuring businesses including the turn-around, downsizing and rationalisation of underperforming business units. His industry experience includes transport and logistics, financial services, property development, steel, oil & gas, automotive, construction, manufacturing, tourism, healthcare, NGOs and public sector.

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Time	Schedule
7:30 pm	Introduction and Welcome
7:40 pm	Panel discussion
8:45 pm	Question and Answer
9:00 pm	End of Event

 Seminar	1.5 Public CPD Points
	Practice Area: Corporate/ Commercial Training Level: General



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This programme will be conducted as a live webinar. We will keep the session as entertaining and informative as we always do. You will also be able to post questions live on-line, which we will take and respond to as we progress through the webinar.