



Judicial Cooperation in Corporate Rescue: Securing Capital for Distressed Businesses Across Borders



4 March 2026 | 6pm to 7:30pm (SGT) | Zoom webinar (limited seats for in-person attendance; first come, first served)

Overview

When a financially distressed company seeks rehabilitation, time is of the essence. The ability to raise rescue capital can mean the difference between successful restructuring and liquidation. However, in today's globalised economy, companies increasingly operate across multiple jurisdictions, creating complex legal challenges that can impede urgent financing efforts.


As businesses expand internationally, their assets, creditors, and stakeholders are often dispersed across different Courts and legal systems. Here, effective coordination between courts to facilitate capital raising becomes essential. This seminar explores the critical role of cross-border judicial cooperation in facilitating the raising of rescue capital for companies undergoing rehabilitation processes and/or proceedings.

The panel will examine how harmonised insolvency frameworks, such as the UNCITRAL Model Law on Cross-Border Insolvency and the Judicial Insolvency Network, can enable courts to recognise foreign proceedings, coordinate relief measures, and provide the legal certainty investors and practitioners require. Key topics include:

- Recognition and enforcement of foreign rehabilitation proceedings – and how that differs in jurisdictions of panel members
- Coordination of stay orders and asset freezes across jurisdictions
- Protection of rescue financiers' super-priority claims internationally
- Communication protocols between courts in different jurisdictions
- Challenges in non-harmonised jurisdictions and practical solutions.

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



Programme (4 March 2026)

5:50 PM (SGT)	Attendee log-in.
6 PM (SGT)	Start of webinar.
7:15 to 7:30 PM (SGT)	Attendee live moderated Q&A.
7:30 PM (SGT)	End of webinar (reception for guests attending in person)

Registration

General admission: S\$ 70 (nett)

ABLI Founding Partner: 10% off

Members of the Singapore Academy of Law (SAL) can redeem this webinar with their SAL C\$ from SAL.

Register online at:

<https://www.eventbrite.sg/e/judicial-cooperation-in-corporate-rescue-securing-capital-across-borders-tickets-1977353126430>

Register by

Monday, 2 March 2026

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Speakers

(in alphabetical order)



Ashok Kumar (Singapore)

Partner, Bird & Bird ATMD

With over 30 years of experience, Ashok Kumar is internationally recognised as a specialist in restructuring and insolvency for corporates, having acted in many high-profile cases across jurisdictions, as Singapore counsel and international counsel. He is also very involved in the development of law and practice in this area internationally and domestically.

Handling both the contentious and non-contentious aspects of this practice on cross-border as well as domestic deals, Ashok regularly acts for debtors, creditors, financial institutions, funds and insolvency professionals, providing practical solutions when companies are in a distress or near-distress situation.

Ashok has been recognised as a leading lawyer in various reputable directories, including Chambers Asia-Pacific, IFLR 1000, Benchmark Litigation, Legal 500, Asialaw, Lexology Index, and Best Lawyers International. He is also an adjunct lecturer at the Singapore Management University, a board member of the Insolvency Practitioners Association of Singapore (IPAS), a board member of the Singapore Global Restructuring Initiative (SGRI), and hold several appointments in INSOL International and the International Insolvency Institute (III). He sits as a III representative in the UNCITRAL Working Group V.

Justice Tan Sri Nallini Pathmanathan (Malaysia)

Judge of the Federal Court of Malaysia

Justice Nallini Pathmanathan commenced her legal career in Skrine where she was made a partner in 1995.

In 2006 she became a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators as well as a certified mediator.

Justice Nallini was invited to join the Bench in 2007 and was first appointed as Judicial Commissioner. In 2009 she was elevated as a Judge of the High Court of Malaya. She was elevated to the Court of Appeal in 2014 and the Federal Court in 2018, where she now sits.

Justice Nallini is a Bencher of The Honourable Society of the Middle Temple. She is a member of the Steering Group of the Standing International Forum of Commercial Courts (SIFoCC), a Patron of the Commonwealth Legal Education Association (CLEA) and the Vice Chair of the Judges' Forum of the International Bar Association (IBA). She was recently appointed as Advisor to the Cross-Border Insolvency Law Reform Committee, Chairman of the Malaysia Maritime Law Review and Reform Committee and Special Advisor to the Main and Working Committees on the Drafting of the Admiralty Jurisdiction Bill in Malaysia.

Justice Nallini is to retire from the Bench in late February 2026 .



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Justice Arjan Kumar Sikri (India)

International Judge, Singapore International Commercial Court

Justice Sikri was a former Judge of the Supreme Court of India from Apr 2013 to Mar 2019. He was appointed Judge of the High Court of Delhi in Jul 1999 and served as the Acting Chief Justice of Delhi High Court from Oct 2011 before being elevated to the Chief Justice of Punjab and Haryana High Court in Sep 2012. He was subsequently appointed a Judge at the Supreme Court of India in Apr 2013.

As a Judge, Justice Sikri issued a number of landmark judgments, particularly in the field of commercial and arbitration laws, tax laws, intellectual property matters and economic laws. He retired as the second most senior judge of the Supreme Court of India in Mar 2019.

He is currently a Visiting Professor in two National Law Schools in India and conducts arbitration and mediation sessions. Mr Sikri was conferred Doctor of Laws Honoris Causa in November 2013. In 2007, Managing Intellectual Property Association (“MIPA”) selected him as one of the 50 most influential persons in Intellectual Property in the world.



Judge Wang Fang (China) (subject to final clearance)

Senior Judge of the Shenzhen Intermediate People’s Court

Judge Wang Fang is a senior judge of the Shenzhen Bankruptcy Court of the Shenzhen Intermediate People’s Court. She specializes in enforcement and bankruptcy adjudication, including adjudicating the first case before a designated Mainland court under the Mainland-Hong Kong SAR cross-boundary arrangement for mutual recognition and assistance in each other’s insolvency proceedings.

Judge Wang has authored numerous papers on insolvency that are published in national-level journals and publications, and has been the lead author of key provincial and national research projects for five consecutive years.

Judge Wang holds a Bachelor of Laws degree from the Shanghai International Studies University and a Master of Common Law degree from the University of Hong Kong. She is currently pursuing her PhD studies.



Justice Aidan Xu (Singapore)

Judge of the High Court of Singapore

Justice Aidan Xu was appointed Judicial Commissioner in 2014 and High Court Judge on 30 September 2017. Justice Xu obtained a Bachelor of Laws (First Class Honours) from the National University of Singapore (NUS) in 1994, as well as a Bachelor of Civil Law (First Class) from the University of Oxford in 1998 and a Master in Public Management from NUS in 2007.

He joined the Singapore Legal Service in 1995 and began his career as a Justices’ Law Clerk. He then taught at the Faculty of Law, NUS, before re-joining the Singapore Legal Service. He has held various appointments, such as Deputy Public Prosecutor, Deputy Senior State Counsel and District Judge of the Subordinate Courts (renamed as State Courts in 2014). He was appointed Chief Prosecutor (Economic Crimes and Governance Division), and subsequently Chief Prosecutor (Criminal Justice Division) at the Attorney-General’s Chambers in 2011 and served as special counsel at the Monetary Authority of Singapore from January 2008 to June 2009. He was appointed Senior Counsel in 2012.

He is the Judge in charge of Transformation and Innovation in the Judiciary, and is also Chair of the Promotion of Legal Technology Innovation Committee of the Singapore Academy of Law.

