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Anju Agarwal is a passionate professional who believes in continual improvement which can only be achieved by working on one's **EQ** (Emotional Quotient), which comes through the improvement in soft skills and excellent interpersonal skills. She is a success-driven and result oriented individual with **25 years of experience** in developing and executing strategies by leading large corporate teams for achieving organisational goals.

She leads the Restructuring & Insolvency vertical of **ASC Group** (An Indigenous Consulting Conglomerate). She excels as a business strategy consultant and plays a vital role in assisting organizations in international expansion and maximizing Return on Investment through planned investments.



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Dr. Bain is a Chartered Certified Accountant, Certified Management Accountant, Certified Financial Manager, Certified Forensic Accountant, Certified Fraud Examiner, Master Analyst in Financial Forensics, Certified Information Systems Auditor, Certified Specialist in Asset Recovery, and a licensed Public Accountant in The Bahamas. He is also a member of the Restructuring and Insolvency Specialist Association (Bahamas). Dr. Bain is the Partner, Advisory, at HLB Bahamas, Chartered Accountants & Advisors.

Dr. Bain received his doctoral degree in business administration (Computers & Information Security) from Northcentral University in Arizona. He received his MBA (Finance) from Alliance Manchester Business School & the University of Whales in the United Kingdom. He has completed postgraduate studies at the Wharton School, Columbia University, and Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Dr. Bain teaches graduate and undergraduate courses in Advance Accounting, Automated Information Systems, and Fraud & Forensic examinations at the University of The Bahamas. His practice includes insolvencies and bankruptcies, liquidations, receiverships, forensic accounting, and fraud examinations. He has participated in cross-border investigations as the appointed forensic accountant for CLICO, a failed Caribbean-based insurer with tentacles over many parts of the Caribbean and the United States. He was also engaged by the noted UK Solicitor Sir Edward Fitzgerald in defending a Caribbean leader facing a UK Commission of Inquiry.

Dr. Bain is the 2009 ACCA Lifetime Achievement Award (Americas) winner and the 2013 ACCA Caribbean Advocate of the year. He was entered into the Alumni Hall of Fame at the University of The Bahamas in 2019. He is a writer and public speaker. He has lectured at the

Bahamas Institute of Chartered Accountants, the Institute of Internal Auditors, the Bahamas Institute of Financial Services, and the ACCA Caribbean.

Dr. Bain is married to Anita Bain, CPA, TEP, CAMS, and is the father of four daughters.



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Ronit J. Berkovich is a partner in the Restructuring Department at Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP. Ronit has over twenty years' experience representing debtors, creditors, lenders, investors, and asset purchasers in all aspects of distressed situations. She has served as debtors' counsel in several of the largest and most significant chapter 11 cases in history, including General Motors, Lehman Brothers, WorldCom/MCI, and Takata. She also has extensive experience representing large and mid-market companies in international restructurings, prepackaged chapter 11 cases, and out-of-court workouts in a variety of industries and has provided advisory services to Fortune 500 and other companies on corporate structuring strategies. Ronit has substantial expertise on restructuring strategies for managing litigation claims, including mass torts and government claims. Ronit has received several prestigious awards and recognitions for her work, including the American Lawyer "Dealmaker of the Year" and Law360 Bankruptcy MVP, and is a member of the invitation-only National Bankruptcy Conference. Ronit received her J.D. (magna cum laude) from Harvard Law School in 2001 and her B.A. (with distinction) in Economics and Foreign Affairs from the University of Virginia in 1997.



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Ashwin is a Partner with Khaitan & Co, a leading premier law firm in India, with more than 17 years of experience. Prior to joining the Firm Ashwin worked at Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher and Flom LLP for 4 (four) years in their New York and London offices.

He is a market leading lawyer in the field of corporate laws including insolvency and bankruptcy, corporate restructuring, private credit, special situations and alternate capital solutions focussing on some of the most complex transactions including several firsts under India new insolvency regime. He has been at the forefront of India's new bankruptcy law, including advising on its evolution.



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He specialises in front-end restructuring and insolvency and has significant experience advising hedge funds, banks, special situations groups, investment banks, insolvency practitioners, creditors and debtors on all elements of restructuring, insolvency, workouts, banking and distressed debt transactions in a range of industries including financial services, energy, mining, mining services, property, construction, agriculture and manufacturing.

Peter is admitted to practise in both Australia and the UK and gained significant international experience while working in Tokyo for a leading global law firm. Prior to joining Gilbert + Tobin, he was a partner at a global law firm where he focused on front-end restructuring, insolvency



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Justin is a partner in Ogier's Dispute Resolution and Restructuring and Corporate Recovery teams in Hong Kong. His practice focuses on complex, high-value, multi-jurisdictional commercial and corporate litigation, shareholders' disputes and insolvency litigation. He has particular experience of obtaining and opposing freezing injunctions, asset disclosure orders, receivership orders and anti-suit injunctions. He also has extensive experience in obtaining and opposing winding up orders and asset enforcement orders.



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Tameka Davis is a Partner in the Litigation department of Conyers in the British Virgin Islands. Tameka was called to the Bar of England and Wales in 2003 and joined Conyers in 2009. After a brief stint at the International Bar Association, she joined private practice in Jamaica before moving offshore to Anguilla in 2005. She has over 13 years' experience in offshore commercial litigation.

Tameka's practice includes international insolvency, bringing and defending unfair prejudice, breach of contract, conspiracy and asset tracing claims, obtaining and resisting interim relief including disclosure and urgent injunctive relief, and commencing and resisting forum convenien applications. She is particularly skilled at civil procedure and the

enforcement of foreign judgments and arbitral awards in the BVI. Tameka appears in the Commercial Division of the High Court of the Virgin Islands and the Court of Appeal.

Tameka has advised many notable entities including, Bacardi International Limited, JSC Kazatomprom a state-owned uranium mining enterprise in Kazakhstan and since 2009, JSC BTA Bank, a Kazakhstan Bank. The latter specifically in relation to its ongoing efforts to recover billions of dollars misappropriated from it by its former chairman Mr Mukhtar Ablyazov. Tameka has also acted in a matter concerning a state-owned aluminum processing plant in Tajikistan and owners of a luxury resort in Anguilla. Tameka has advised and acted for BVI licensed insolvency practitioners, a California Court-Appointed trustee and high net worth individuals, amongst others.





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Mr. Masaki Fujita is a partner in Tokyo office of Anderson Mori & Tomotsune.

Masaki advises on restructuring cases of all sizes, both in and out of court, representing investors, lenders, debtors and acquirers of businesses. He also served as a trustee in large and complex bankruptcy cases. His practice also focuses on cross-border mergers and acquisitions, economic sanctions and export controls.



**CARLOS GRANDE**

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Expert in bankruptcy law, advising both from the point of view of the debtor and the creditor and the bankruptcy administration. Preparation of refinancing agreements of different rank with various guarantees, including credit assignments, bond issues, productive unit transmissions and structural modifications.

Carlos has extensive international experience with investment funds in the real estate and banking sector. He advises foreign investors on corporate and tax matters both in listed companies and in real estate investments throughout the Spanish territory. In addition, it belongs to the European Restructuring Solutions (ERS).

Expert in Real Estate Law, he has experience in advising on transactions on real estate assets in different sectors, specifically residential, hotel, logistics and commercial.

After completing his law degree, he completed a Master's Degree in Corporate Legal Advice at IE, as well as an Executive Master in Corporate Finance at ESADE.

He has published in specialized magazines, in addition to participating as a speaker in bankruptcy and real estate forums.



## **ILONA GROARK**

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Ilona Groark is admitted as an attorney in the Cayman Islands and as a solicitor-advocate in England. She advises clients in complex, ultra-high value cross-border disputes typically with a Caribbean nexus and invariably in circumstances where there are allegations of fraud or misconduct and a need to safeguard or recover assets across multiple-jurisdictions.

Ms. Groark acts for and against large international corporations, institutional investors, general partners, investment managers, court-appointed officeholders, trustees and other financial professionals. She has extensive experience in obtaining time-sensitive freezing injunctions and deploying aggressive on- and offshore discovery strategies in support of domestic and foreign-proceedings.

Before joining Kobre & Kim, Ms. Groark practiced at Herbert Smith Freehills LLP and Ogier, where her clients included the administrators of Nortel's EMEA estate, the Royal Bank of Scotland and its former directors, and the Tajik State Unitary Enterprise, Tajik Aluminum Company.



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Simon is a Partner in our dispute resolution practice in Jersey and leads our contentious insolvency and restructuring department. He is a Jersey advocate and specialises in high value commercial and trust litigation, enforcement and asset tracing, and cross-border insolvency matters (including the obtaining of urgent injunctive relief and 'trust busting'). He has experience of multi-jurisdictional litigation and alternative dispute resolution, having spent a number of years in Collas Crill's Cayman Islands office.

Simon has an extensive track record in dispute resolution matters and has been involved in some of Jersey's largest and most complex cases, most recently in the Privy Council in the Z Trusts saga. He frequently appears before the Jersey courts at all levels and is regularly instructed to advise office holders, boards of companies, creditors and shareholders.



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Laura Johns is a restructuring, insolvency and banking litigation lawyer based in Sydney.

Laura has extensive experience in insolvency and banking dispute resolution. Laura advises Australia's leading banks and other lenders on complex corporate insolvency processes, litigation and restructuring matters. She was part of the Australian legal team acting for Perpetual Trustees in the US and UK arising out of the Lehman's bankruptcy. Recently, Laura had a lead role in the Bergin Inquiry conducted by the Honourable PA Bergin SC into Crown Casino supporting the Inquiry and Counsel assisting in all aspects of its work.

Laura acts for banks, insolvency practitioners, government bodies, security trustees and creditors on issues connected with companies in financial distress and has assisted clients on a variety of insolvency and restructuring assignments domestically and internationally. She regularly advises on security enforcement, receiverships, voluntary administrations, liquidations and disputes.



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Johnny has extensive experience and knowledge in multiple jurisdictions including Hong Kong, Australia and British Virgin Islands. He has been working on matters with asset recovery, investigation, enforcement and claim adjudication tasks under different legislations and cross border issues across over twenty jurisdictions. He is always amused by how different the legislations are in different countries and how different impact and outcome of them affect the recovery and claim processes. He wishes that, with the enhanced knowledge, he will be in a better position to contribute to the unity of cross border insolvency.



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Niall Ledwidge is a Managing Director in the Disputes, Claims, & Investigations group, based in the New York office. He is a chartered accountant with more than 17 years of experience in bankruptcy and restructuring in the U.S., in Europe, in Asia, and offshore.

Niall focuses on obtaining the best possible return for stakeholders in corporate bankruptcies, distressed investment funds, and special purpose vehicles. His experience spans a range of industries, from financial services to real estate, hospitality, retail, fast-moving consumer goods, motion pictures, and healthcare. He is a specialist in investment fund wind down and cross-border insolvency. In addition, he has in-depth experience in forensic investigation, litigation support, corporate finance, financial due diligence, and consulting.

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Nienke is an attorney who specialises in commercial and insolvency litigation and advice. She works in the litigation, insolvency and restructuring group of Campbells LLP in the Cayman Islands.

Nienke's practice consists of high value and multi-party disputes and litigation, and the cases she is instructed on often include cross-border and multi-jurisdictional elements. Nienke is a highly experienced advocate with an extensive background in both corporate and personal insolvency matters as well as large-scale commercial litigation. She advises on both on- and off-shore matters, and has acted for a wide variety of parties, including multi-national (investment) banks, companies, investors, creditors, debtors and insolvency practitioners. Nienke also has experience working for the UK Financial Conduct Authority.

Nienke obtained degrees from the University of Oxford (New College) and Harvard Law School before being called to the Bar of England & Wales. Prior to joining Campbells in the Cayman Islands, Nienke was a member of a leading Commercial Chancery chambers in London where she was instructed as both sole and junior advocate in relation to a wide number of commercial and insolvency disputes.

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Surbhi is a Principal Associate in the Restructuring and Insolvency practice at Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas, India's premier law firm. Based in Mumbai, Surbhi specialises in insolvency and restructuring matters.

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Tim is an English-trained Barrister by original training. He is admitted across much of the Caribbean. Based out of the Turks and Caicos Islands in the northern Caribbean, he has had many years of involvement in contentious insolvency work. He is also a licensed Insolvency Practitioner and practicing member of 3 Hare Court chambers in London.



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Alex is a Legal Director in the Finance & Restructuring group at Eversheds. Alex's practice covers all aspects of national and cross-border financial restructuring and insolvency matters, acting for the full range of stakeholders, including, debtors, creditors, sponsors, directors and insolvency officeholders.

His core practice involves delivering innovative solutions to maximise value for stakeholders in cross-border restructurings of complex high value capital structures. Alex has advised debtor side on many of the leading cross-border UK schemes of arrangement including Tele Columbus, TORM and Russian Standard Bank as well as creditor side on the Deep Ocean and Hong Kong Airlines restructuring plans.

Alex has experience across a wide range of industry sectors with a focus on transportation, energy and financial services. Alex has extensive experience working across a variety of jurisdictions including the US and most of Europe as well as some Asian jurisdictions.



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Urmika Tripathi is a Legal Analyst (Asia) at REDD Intelligence. Her work involves analysing key legal and regulatory developments in the restructuring and distressed space in Asian emerging markets such as India, Indonesia and China. Her role entails a special focus on analysing cross-border insolvency related issues in restructuring of high-yield distressed debt issuers in these markets.

As a part of her engagement with REDD, Urmika has prepared a series of issue based analytical reports on complex legal issues affecting restructuring processes in Asian emerging markets. This includes preparing reports on critical regulatory and policy developments, comparing insolvency regimes of Asian emerging markets, analysing changes in law in the cross-border insolvency space and its impact on domestic and offshore market participants. Her work also involves analysing regulatory and legal developments in the sustainable or ESG-focused financing space.

Prior to joining REDD Intelligence, she was a restructuring and insolvency lawyer at AZB & Partners, Mumbai and has extensive experience in advising insolvency professionals, creditors and debtors on transactional and regulatory matters. She completed her LLB from NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad in 2016.



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Job van Hooff (1979) is a partner at Stibbe in Amsterdam, the Netherlands. He studied law at Tilburg University, the Netherlands, and Université Jean Moulin in Lyon, France.

Job is a restructuring & insolvency and litigation specialist and he heads Stibbe Amsterdam's restructuring & insolvency practice. His practice covers a wide range of areas, including corporate and financial restructuring, security rights, director's liability and contractual and tort disputes. Moreover, he is regularly appointed by the Amsterdam District Court as bankruptcy trustee. Recent work includes his appointment by the Amsterdam District Court as bankruptcy trustee of Amsterdam Trade Bank N.V., the first bankruptcy of a Dutch bank in over a decade. Job has extensive experience with restructuring through the Dutch Scheme and similar foreign proceedings like the English scheme of arrangement and restructuring plan procedure.

Job regularly teaches and publishes on subjects of security rights, insolvency law and director's liability. He served as a board member of Stibbe Amsterdam's office from 1 January 2020 until 1 January 2022.



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Francisco Vazquez is a senior counsel in Norton Rose Fulbright's New York office and a member of the firm's global restructuring group. Mr. Vazquez's practice focuses on representation of foreign representatives in cross-border ancillary proceedings. He has also represented debtors in pre-packaged and conventional Chapter 11 cases, advised borrowers and lenders in out-of-court restructurings, as well as advised creditors' committees, secured and unsecured lenders and examiners in Chapter 11 cases.

Mr. Vazquez has written on bankruptcy and cross-border issues in various publications, including the *Global Restructuring Review*, *American Bankruptcy Institute Journal*, *Norton's Annual Survey of Bankruptcy Law*, and *INSOL International*. Mr. Vazquez received his J.D. from St. John's University School of Law, where he was the managing editor of the *ABI Law Review*. He is a member of the American Bankruptcy Institute and the Advisory Board of the *ABI Law Review*. He is currently an adjunct professor at St. John's University School of Law.



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Midori Yamaguchi is a Japanese attorney qualified in Japan and will be admitted to practice in the State of New York shortly. She has been practicing especially in the Restructuring and Insolvency areas and the Dispute Resolution areas, both domestic and international, since she joined Mori Hamada & Matsumoto, one of the biggest Asian corporate law firms. In the insolvency area, Midori has presented numerous parties in the court proceedings such as civil restructuring and bankruptcy, as well as out-of-court restructuring. Midori's work frequently focuses on cross-border situations, especially while she was working in the Singapore office of Mori Hamada & Matsumoto and in a Chicago-based US law firm after her LL.M.

Midori holds a Bachelor of Laws from Hitotsubashi University, a Juris Doctor from Hitotsubashi University Law School, and a Master of Laws (LL.M.) from New York University School of Law. Midori was recognized in Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in Japan in Arbitration and Mediation in 2022.





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Mr. Young also serves as the leader of one of the most active energy restructuring practices. He has extensive experience with cross-border restructuring, often involving joint ventures with National Oil Companies (NOCs) and the critical need to preserve value through the related agreements. Additionally, a significant portion of his work involves globally operating oilfield service companies and offshore infrastructure which requires direct involvement with NOCs and foreign governments for preservation of contracts and recovery of material assets.