

SANJEV GUNASEKARAN

Legal associate with experience in both contentious and transactional aspects of restructuring and insolvency, with a keen interest in developing further expertise in the restructuring and insolvency space.

WORK HIGHLIGHTS

Representing an ad-hoc committee of noteholders in the bond restructuring of US\$162.47 million senior secured notes issued by a Singapore-incorporated subsidiary of an aquaculture group based in Indonesia.

- Advising the ad-hoc committee on various legal matters including MNPI, cleansing announcements, classification issues for a creditor-led scheme of arrangement.
- Reviewing relevant scheme documentation including, *inter alia*, restructuring support agreement and advising on Singapore law related matters.

Representing TransAsia Private Capital, a major creditor in the proposed restructuring of Agritrade International Pte Ltd and its Hong Kong-listed subsidiary, Agritrade Resources Limited

- Coordinating advice from foreign counsel and providing holistic restructuring solutions.
- Representing the client in various proceedings before the High Court of Singapore including scheme applications, judicial management and UNCITRAL Model Law Recognition proceedings.
- Drafting and reviewing terms sheets for proposed white knight investment.

Representing the Duniatex Group, its controlling shareholder and its foreign representative in an application for recognition of Indonesian PKPU Orders in Singapore under the UNCITRAL Model Law

- Representing and successfully securing the recognition of a PKPU proceeding under the UNCITRAL Model Law as enacted in Singapore.



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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Senior Associate, Harney Westwood & Riegels (June 2022 – Present)
- Associate and Senior Associate, BlackOak LLC (August 2019 – June 2022)
- Trainee Solicitor, BlackOak LLC (January 2019 – August 2019)

EDUCATION

- LLB (Hons) Second Class Honors (Upper), National University of Singapore (2018)
- International Baccalaureate (IB) Programme, 43/45 points, Anglo-Chinese School (Independent) (2011)

Representing a group of unsecured creditors of an SGX-listed holding company of a group of companies in the offshore and marine industry in Section 211B proceedings

- Representing the client in Section 211B proceedings in High Court of Singapore.
- Advising the client on the pre-packaged scheme proposed by the company.

Advising the Liquidators of a former SGX-listed company on potential claims against previous directors and auditors

- Prepared merits paper to pitch for funding from litigation funders for the liquidators to pursue claims against the former directors and auditors of the company for alleged negligence and fraud.

Liquidation of Power Solar System Co. Ltd

- Assisting in successfully defending the Liquidators of PSS against an appeal brought by Suntech Power Investment Pte Ltd. The appeal was eventually struck out by the Court of Appeal on the grounds of abuse of process (*Suntech Power Investment Pte Ltd v Power Solar System Co Ltd* [2019] SGCA 52).

Liquidation of Trikonsel Pte Ltd and Trikonsel Singapore Pte Ltd

- Assisted in advising the liquidators of Trikonsel Pte Ltd and Trikonsel Singapore Pte Ltd as well as third-party private funders on the possible claims against certain third parties in respect of antecedent transactions.

Restructuring of Rooftop Group International Pte Ltd

- Assisted in advising Rooftop Group International Pte Ltd on its restructuring efforts in the face of creditor pressure faced in Singapore.
- Assisted in the recognition application before the High Court of Singapore to seek recognition of an ongoing Chapter 11 proceeding under the UNCITRAL Model Law (*Re Rooftop Group International Pte Ltd and another* [2020] 4 SLR 680).

OTHERS

- Regularly assisting in corporate law matters including reviewing and drafting finance documentation (facility agreements, asset-based lending agreements and security documentation).
- Representing creditors and debtors in several personal bankruptcy and winding up applications before the High Court of Singapore.