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Denis Almakaev is a triple-qualified lawyer (admitted in New York, England & Wales and Russia) who specialises in complex cross-border disputes, particularly in international insolvency.

His practice focuses on asset-tracing and antifraud proceedings brought for the benefit of creditors of insolvent businesses. He has represented his clients in wide range of civil law and common law jurisdictions, such as England and Wales, the U.S., Cyprus, Cayman Islands, BVI, The Netherlands, France, Switzerland, Luxembourg, Monaco, Liechtenstein, Gibraltar and others. He frequently acts for liquidators and courtappointed receivers in proceedings aimed at penetrating complex corporate structures and trusts in order to enforce against the underlying assets.

Denis is a Fellow of Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (London) and a Member of Expert Advisory Council at the Russian Ministry of Justice.



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Tahirah Ara is a UK and Singapore qualified lawyer recognised for her restructuring and financing work for Indonesian companies. She leads our debt restructuring group in Singapore which comprises US, UK and Singapore qualified banking,

capital markets and insolvency lawyers.

Tahirah has been lead counsel to borrowers in some of the largest debt restructurings in South East Asia and focuses her practice on Indonesia.

Tahirah has been identified by the Global Restructuring Review as one of the 'Names to know in Indonesia' and one of the most prominent women in its report on 'Women in Restructuring 2019'. She is also a member of the INSOL Younger Member Committee and has been a presenter at INSOL conferences.

Recognised for her expertise in restructuring and insolvency matters, Tahirah has been commended for being 'commercially minded in her approach' and for her 'extensive experience in the Indonesian market' by The Legal 500.



**Ravindra Beleyur** Beleyur & Associates India

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Ravindra is currently the lead and founder of Beleyur & Associates, a firm of Chartered Accountants based in Bengaluru, India. Beleyur & Associates currently has been focusing on strategy management consulting since 2005 and currently its

main focus is on insolvency profession.

Ravindra brings with him many years of international educational and work experience ranging across the UK, Indonesia and India. He brings with him over 16 years of industrial experience prior to being on his own, acting in various positions upto the general manager of a textile company in Indonesia with profit and loss responsibility. His ability to grasp business issues, hidden

opportunities and market applications helped turning around this textile company after the Southeast Asia's exchange rate crisis. His experience in Indonesia was followed by a stint in the UK where he did his MBA from the Cranfield School of Management. He is located in his home country India for over a decade now. His international experience of leading and managing people has taught him the value of an open environment where ideas can be shared, nurtured and implemented.

Starting from his initial formal professional qualifications as a chartered accountant and cost accountant, Ravindra moved on to obtain an MBA, and then going on to becoming an ACIM,(UK), an Insolvency Professional, a Registered Valuer for Securities and Financial Assets, and a Certified Fraud Examiner (USA).

Ravindra has been a practising insolvency professional since 2017 after the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code of 2016 was passed in India. He has overseen two successful resolutions and liquidation of three companies to date.



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Paul is a co-founder and executive director of Africa Special Opportunities Capital ("ASOC"), a private equity manager focused on investing in stressed and distressed credit opportunities across Southern Africa.

His responsibilities extend across ASOC from sourcing and evaluating potential investment opportunities, executing, and structuring transactions as well as facilitating the turnaround and restructuring of portfolio companies, particularly from the perspective of the finance and treasury function.

Prior to ASOC, Paul provided advisory services as a member of the Corporate Finance Division of Investec Bank Limited and subsequently in his own capacity. Most notably Paul designed and executed the distressed M&A process for Ellerine Furnishers (Pty) Ltd which, at the time, was the largest business rescue in South Africa.

Paul began his career in the New York office of PwC LLP, focusing on providing audit and assurance services to the regulated and alternative investment management industry. Notable clients included JPMorgan Asset Management, TIAA-CREF and AXA Alternative Investments.

In his spare time, Paul lectures young professionals studying towards the Chartered Financial Analyst ("CFA") and Financial Risk Manager ("FRM") exams.

Paul also enjoys tennis and road running, having completed several marathons, including the ultra-distance Comrades Marathon on three occasions.



**Timothy Castle**6 St James Hall Chambers
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Tim Castle SC is an experienced commercial litigation counsel with over 20 years' experience at the New South Wales Bar. Tim commenced practice as an insolvency litigation solicitor in 1986 at Mallesons Stephen Jaques in Sydney, and has also worked in a

variety of roles including as a Senior Executive at the Australian Securities and Investments Commission. In extra-curricular roles, Tim was the founding Chair of the UNCITRAL National Coordination Committee for Australia, a former Chair of the Australian Bar Association's International Committee, and a former Deputy Chair of the Law Council of Australia's International Section. He is currently Chair of LAWASIA's UNCITRAL Committee, and Australian Chapter Co-Chair of the New York Bar Association's International Section.

Tim practices in all areas of commercial law, both at trial and appellate level, spanning contract, corporations, competition, franchising, insolvency and insurance cases. He has a deep interest in cross-border insolvency issues and international commercial law generally. Tim is a qualified arbitrator (FCIArb) and holds degrees in Economics, Law, History (Honours) and a Master of Business Administration. He also speaks intermediate French and Spanish. Tim's primary chambers are at 6 St James Hall in Sydney, and he is an interstate member of Francis Burt Chambers in Perth.



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James Eggleton is an attorney in the commercial litigation and insolvency department of Harney Westwood & Riegels' Cayman Islands office. He has been practising offshore for three years, following a move from the UK in 2018. He specialises in financial services, funds and commercial litigation and insolvency.



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Rodrigo is head of the strategy and research team at Galdino & Coelho Advogados, a team comprising lawyers with dedicated academic inclinations, working with all teams at the firm in the development of

strategies, case studies and legal research in general. Rodrigo has also published several articles, mostly on subjects involving corporate and insolvency law.



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Keith is a partner at Oon & Bazul LLP, a leading independent and conflict-free law firm in Singapore. His practice focuses on restructuring & insolvency and complex commercial disputes, and he frequently appears as lead advocate at all levels in the Singapore Court.

His restructuring & insolvency practice and litigation practice have been recognised in various legal publications, and he is a founding member of the Young Insolvency Practitioners' Committee of the Insolvency Practitioners' Association of Singapore. He is also a facilitator for the Insolvency Module at the course for law graduates seeking admission to the Singapore Bar.

Prior to joining Oon & Bazul, he spent 7 years with Clifford Chance in Singapore.

Keith graduated from the National University of Singapore with First Class Honours and spent the first 2 years of his career as a law clerk to the judges of the Supreme Court of Singapore.



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Susana is the Superintendent of Insolvency Proceedings of Colombia -the bankruptcy court for business entities of the country-. She is the Delegate of Colombia to the UNCITRAL Group V - Insolvency. She is a also bankruptcy professor and lecturer.

Susana obtained her law degree as well as an specialization in finance law degree from Universidad del Rosario. She pursued an LL.M. in Business and Bankruptcy Law at the University of California, Los Angeles.

Susana is admitted to practice law in Colombia and the State of New York.



**Arvind Kumar** Arvind Kumar India

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Arvind Kumar is a resident of India currently working as an Insolvency Practitioner. A commerce graduate (B. Com) and a Fellow Chartered Accountant (FCA), Chartered Alternative Investment Analyst (CAIA), Registered Valuer and Certified Arbitrator.

Arvind has 19 years of professional practice experience in Assurance services (Audits), Corporate restructuring & turnaround, Corporate Laws, Direct & Indirect Taxation, Finance & Capital Markets, due diligence, and project evaluation.

As an insolvency practitioner since 2017, has handled various insolvency & turnaround assignments / Liquidation assignments under Insolvency & Bankruptcy Code 2016 as Resolution Professional and Liquidator. Advises the client on pre-insolvency filing preparations, preparation of revival plans, avoidance transaction litigation, individual's insolvency & bankruptcy Planning, preparation of repayment plans and obtaining discharge orders.



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Andrie Kypridemou is a qualified Insolvency Practitioner in Cyprus and works as Corporate Recovery Manager at Baker Tilly.

Andrie studied Law (LL.B.) at Kingston University, London and then she was called to the Cyprus' Bar (Member of the Nicosia Bar

Association). She later returned to Kingston University where she has obtained a Master's Degree in International Commercial Law (LL.M.).

Following a 6 year long career in law firms, she then worked at the Insolvency Department Cyprus for 2,5 years where she contributed to the drafting of insolvency legislation, including the Directive (EU) 2019/1023 on preventive restructuring frameworks and second chance from the position of national representative on insolvency to EC's Directorate General - Justice.

Andrie has attended high level courses and conferences dealing with Insolvency Law in Cyprus and abroad, as well as workshops on legislative drafting and impact assessments. She also served as member of the Insolvency Practitioners' Disciplinary Committee appointed by the Minister of Energy, Commerce and Industry, an Academia contributor to the "Doing Business Report" of 2018, 2019 and 2020 of the World Bank Group on resolving insolvency and national expert to the working group "Harmonisation of Transactions Avoidance Laws in the EU".

For the past 4 years Andrie is Commodore of the Famagusta District Sailing Club «Begafigo» and this year she was admitted also to the Constitution Committee of World Sailing, the international sailing federation.



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Attorney at Law and licensed Insolvency Practitioner in Croatia, with strong interest in international insolvency, owner of Lehki Law Office. Current President of Croatian Association of Trustees in Bankruptcy, Insol Europe Country coordinator, member of Insol International and International Bar Association. Experience as workshop leader and lecturer at Judiciary Academy and

Ministry of Justice's mandatory education for Insolvency Practitioners, Member of the Ministry of Justice workgroup for reform of Insolvency Act



**Devendra Mehta** India

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Devendra has over two decades of experience in operational finance roles across geographies. He has been a finance leader for over a decade; at times stepping-in for the operational leadership role. He is experienced in audit, tax, structuring, diligence, acquisitions, integration, reorganizations, restructurings, and has a grasp of myriad Indian laws.

Devendra has sectoral operating experience in financial services, EPC, precast, cement, capital equipment, specialty chemical, facilities management, municipal solid waste & e-waste management, fire & electronic security and pulp & paper. In addition, he has worked in the arena of HVAC, elevators & escalators, and aviation (MRO).

Devendra is a Chartered Accountant by profession and holds a Master of Business Administration from Rotterdam School of Management. In 2018 he was certified as an Insolvency Professional in India.



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Jonathon is a Partner in the Litigation department in the Cayman Islands office of Conyers Dill & Pearman. Prior to joining Conyers, Jonathon practised at top-tier law firms in Cayman, New Zealand, Ireland and the UK. He has also spent time on secondment to the Royal Bank of Scotland.

Jonathon focuses on financial services litigation and insolvency / restructuring, acting for investment managers, directors, service providers, liquidators and receivers. For example, he appeared in the six-week trial of GBP700 million commercial fraud proceedings against the former CEO of a major Nigerian bank and in long-running multi-billion-dollar litigation brought by Cayman liquidators on behalf of victims of the Madoff fraud."



**Andrew Munanura** S&L Advocates Uganda

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Andrew Munanura Kamuteera has over 13 years insolvency, recoveries, restructurings, and commercial dispute resolution experience in Uganda.

His work encompasses insolvency procedures, business restructuring, debt recovery, debt restructuring and rescheduling, investigation and assettracing and recoveries litigation. Andrew advises a regional development bank, a national development bank, several commercial banks, special-purpose investment funds and multinational corporate entities on various insolvency and recovery matters.

In disputes, Andrew represents clients on a wide range of banking, construction and commercial law matters and has acted for financial institutions, the Kenya-Uganda railway concessionaire and the national roads agency in significant mandates.

He is a member of the Uganda Law Society and the East African Law Society. Andrew is also a member of the Association of Insolvency Practitioners in Uganda.



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A seasoned legal practitioner with over 8 years' experience, Tobenna is a Senior Associate at PUNUKA Attorneys & Solicitors (established in 1947-www.punuka.com).

He has advised clients on several complex transactions and has represented major companies and institutions in the Courts of Nigeria. He has also advised several companies on the principles of corporate governance and mergers &

acquisitions in Nigeria. He has been involved in many cross-border settlement briefs such as the Kano Trovan Clinical Trial Cases and serves as local Coordinator to the Attorneys' General Alliance where they train Attorneys, Judges, Legislators, Regulators and the public on several issues regarding the rule of law. He also has experience in international insolvency and restructuring, and has restructured several facilities over N30, 000, 000, 000 (Thirty Billion Naira). He is a facilitator at Business Recovery and Insolvency Practitioner Association of Nigeria and has trained several professionals on the principles of local and international insolvency.

Tobenna attended King's College Lagos and graduated from the University of Ilorin, Kwara State, Nigeria. He finished from the Nigerian Law School, Kano in 2013 with a 2:1 (Second Class Upper Division). He has several diplomas and certifications including but not limited to International Insolvency (from INSOL International) and Introduction to Copyright (from Harvard University). He is a member of Insolvency International (INSOL), the Nigerian Bar Association, Section of Business Law and International Bar Association where he serves as an officer of the Mining Law Committee. He was also recently elected as the Publicity Secretary of the Capital Markets Solicitors Association in Nigeria.

Tobenna is an Arsenal fan and loves to play lawn tennis.



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Rosalind is a barrister and a partner in the Insolvency Dispute Resolution Group at Walkers. She is based in the British Virgin Islands.

Rosalind specialises in company law, corporate litigation and related advice on strategy, risk management & issues of corporate governance with complementary expertise in contentious & non-contentious restructuring and insolvency.



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Jason is a Sydney-based lawyer and partner of K&L Gates. He acts for banks and financial institutions as well as corporations, government agencies and statutory bodies on a range of insolvency and turnaround matters. He also advises insolvency practitioners in the context of formal appointments and informal

workouts and has commercial experience across a range of industries. Jason is an experienced litigator who has represented clients in a variety of disputes and court proceedings at all levels of State and Federal courts and has extensive experience in alternative dispute resolution.

Jason has been a member of several boards and various creditor and advisory committees and has played an active role in a number of industry bodies. He is a member of the Australian board and global Advisory Council at K&L Gates. He is also a co-Practice Area Leader for Finance at the firm and coordinates the Restructuring and Insolvency team throughout its international offices.



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In an executive capacity, I have served as the Principal of Joseph Orr & Associates, CPA since 2008. I offer financial advisory services including: insolvency, restructuring and turnaround strategy, mergers & acquisitions, corporate finance, IPO, private capital transactions and compliance to listed companies,

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15+ years of board-level experience as an Executive Director, CEO, Non-Executive Director, Chairman of Investment and Audit Committees, Board Consultant as well as a member of Audit, Nomination, Remuneration and Resumption Committees with particular experience in the financial services, mining, construction, retail fashion, food & beverage and manufacturing industries; including 5 HKEX listed companies and a public company in Singapore.

Leveraging decades of strategic services to a diverse client base in both for-profit and not-for-profit industries, at board level what I do is advise on the execution and completion of insolvency, and turnaround strategy, M&A transactions, communication and offer recommendations on restructuring issues, substantial acquisitions and substantial disposals and relevant valuation, compliance and disclosures in circulars/announcements for approvals in AGMs/EGMs. Early on in my career, I gained valuable experience in AECOM, Baker & McKenzie, Warner, HYATT and KPMG.

Finally, I am a Member - INSOL International, a Chartered Accountant of Australia & New Zealand, and a Certified Public Accountants in Washington State, USA, a Member - Australian Institute of Company Directors and a Fellow - Governance Institute of Australia.



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I am a Partner at the law firm, Patterson Mair Hamilton in Kingston, Jamaica. My practice focus is corporate finance and restructuring. I have worked as both a junior and the lead attorney in a variety of cross-border capital market transactions.

I was called to the English Bar at Lincoln's Inn in 2013 and to the Jamaican Bar in 2014. I am a graduate of University College London where I was awarded a LL.B. Degree with First Class Honours and of the University of Oxford where I was awarded jointly by the Law Faculty and the Saïd Business School an M.Sc. degree in Law and Finance.

Prior to my law studies, I completed a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Cornell University where I majored in Economics with a concentration in International Relations.

I presently serve on the Board of Directors of Dolla Financial Services Limited ("Dolla"). Dolla is a micro-lender with eight (8) locations in Jamaica and (1) one location in Guyana. I am also a member of the Audit and Compliance Committee of Dollar.



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Roland joined D'Empaire as a partner in the financing / transactional practice—where he began his career as a trainee in 2002—in June, 2019. He holds a law degree from the UCAB in Venezuela (2006), a Diploma in Finance from the University of California-Berkeley (Extension), and a postgraduate degree in

International Business from the Universidad Metropolitana. Additionally, he completed the Mediating Disputes Program at Harvard Negotiation Institute.

Roland is the Director of the Negotiation Program of the CIERC at Universidad Monteavila. He has extensive academic activity on the topic of Venezuela's sovereign debt restructuring, including a recent publication in Oxford University Press' Capital Markets Law Journal ("The transfer of Venezuela's oil assets to a successor entity and fraudulent conveyance"-Vol. 14, No. 4, October 2019). He is the sole Venezuelan invited as member of the prestigious International Insolvency Institute (III) and is also a member of INSOL International, the Turnaround Management Association (TMA) and the American Bankruptcy Institute (ABI), in addition to the Association of International Petroleum Negotiators (AIPN).

His practice focuses in financing and project financing, restructuring and insolvency, distressed M&A, and corporate work in general, working mainly with international financial institutions and O&G companies.



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Danny is a Singapore-qualified commercial litigator who regularly represents HNWIs, professionals, C-Suite executives and companies in cross-border, high-stake business disputes. In recent years, his practice has focused on (i) corporate & commercial disputes, (ii) insolvency & restructuring and (iii)

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Shane Quinn is an Barrister at Agon Litigation in the British Virgin Islands.

Shane is an experienced advocate who acts for a range of clients including private individuals, office holders and major corporations. He specialises in and routinely handles and advises

on large-scale commercial disputes and disputes arising out of insolvency. Shane also has considerable experience in

handling complex and multi-jurisdictional trusts disputes, including offshore purpose trusts. Shane's practice regularly contains an international element and he has acted for clients and legal teams all over the world, including Belize, Bermuda, England, Hong Kong, Jersey, Russia, the Turks and Caicos Islands and the United States.

Prior to joining Agon Litigation in 2019, Shane was engaged in private practice as a barrister in Dublin, where he trained and qualified.



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Ravindranath is a graduate of Science from MES College, Bangalore. He is also a qualified Chartered Accountant, Cost Accountant and Company Secretary practising for the last 15 years specialising in audit and management consultancy work. He has also qualified Certified Public Accountant from USA. Over the years he has built a team of over 30 people and has opened

associate branches in Delhi, Mumbai and Pune. Recently he has opened a branch in Dubai. He has passion towards speaking and participates in speaking competition. He is a regular faculty for CA students at the institute. He loves to be among students.

During the past 15 years of practise he has conducted a series of successful internal audits, Due Diligence audits, and forensic audits. He has acted as a part time CFO and Interim CFO for many of the small and mid-size companies and also for the start-ups.

He has cleared his Registered Valuer Exams conducted by IBBI during the month of January 2019 and had an opportunity to value many companies. He was a core member to value Embassy REIT.



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My name is Yuri Saunders. I am a national of St. Vincent and the Grenadines in the Caribbean. I have been practising law as a Barrister, primarily, since 2012 and have been called to the Bar in several Caribbean counties including the British Virgin Islands and Trinidad and Tobago. The majority of my practise has been

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I have advocacy experience at the High Court and the Court of Appeal level among courts in the British Virgin Islands, Trinidad and Tobago, St. Vincent and the Grenadines and the Turks and Caicos Islands. I have also assisted both Junior and Queen's/Senior Counsel in proceedings engaging the High Court, Court of Appeal and the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council.



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Thorben Schmidt is a partner at Winkler Gossak, a law firm focusing on restructuring and insolvency law with offices in Stuttgart, Frankfurt, Munich, Würzburg, Nürnberg and Donaueschingen. As a Specialist Lawyer for Insolvency Law ("Fachanwalt für Insolvenzrecht") his areas of expertise are Insolvency Administration, Reorganization of companies in

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After finishing his bar exam (2. Staatsexamen) in Saxony, Mr Schmidt joined Bernsau Brockdorff in 2012. In 2017 he completed his LL.M. at the University of Hagen, wich included a DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service) funded visit at the Doshisha University in Kyoto. In 2020 he founded Winkler Gossak with his four partners. Since 2018 Mr Schmidt is regularly appointed as Insolvency Administrator in

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Mr Schmidt is a member of the NIVD - Neue Insolvenzverwalterbereinigung Deutschland e.V., the German-Japanese Lawyers' Association (DJJV) and the German-Korean Lawyers' Association (DKJG).



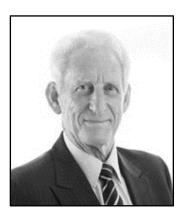
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Steven White is a partner in the Dispute Resolution department in Appleby's Bermuda office. He is a key member of the Insolvency and Restructuring team and local head of the Trusts Disputes team. His practice spans complex commercial litigation, including fraud and asset tracing, enforcement actions and

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Steven joined Appleby in 2018 from another Bermuda law firm and previously spent around ten years in commercial and chancery practice on the North Eastern Circuit in England. He remains a door tenant at the Chambers of Robert Smith QC and Alistair MacDonald QC, New Park Court Chambers, Leeds and Newcastle.



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Bryan is the founder of BWA Insolvency Limited. The Practice has been in existence since 1993. Bryan became involved in the insolvency field as a result of his own business failure. in tandem with activity in the industry, he engaged in university studies. This has resulted in him earning two Masters degrees.

Bryan commenced work life as a Plumber and started his own business on becoming certified. A venture into manufacturing saw both significant success and then collapse. He took the learnings of that circumstance and is now well recognised in the industry as a Registered Insolvency Practitioner.

Bryan was born and raised in small town New Zealand within a large but close family. His desire to live in the country is shared with his wife of 25 years. They have brought together two families on a small country property where they enjoy engagement with both children and grandchildren.

Bryan is dedicated student of karate and been in training for 25 years. He runs his own dojo in the community close to where he lives and has achieved the status of 5<sup>th</sup> dan black belt.



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Mr. Xian is admitted to practice law in both Mainland China and Hong Kong. Regularly representing clients before the courts and arbitration centres all over China, Mr. Xian maintains a diverse practice of dispute resolution, with a particular focus on commercial disputes arising from corporate control, M&A,

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Prior to private practice, Mr. Xian worked in the judiciary of Mainland China for six years, judging various complex cases in trial and appellate proceedings. With the mind of contribution to the society, Mr. Xian also serves as a postgraduate supervisor of a university in Guagnzhou.