

Overview

Economic volatility, rising interest rates, geopolitical tensions, and evolving financial regulations have significantly reshaped the banking landscape. These developments have triggered a marked increase in loan defaults, debt restructurings, insolvencies, and complex disputes between banks, financial institutions, and their counterparties. At the same time, the rapid growth of digital assets, sophisticated financing structures, and complex financial products has created new areas of litigation and regulatory scrutiny.

In this challenging environment, financial institutions require legal advisers who possess not only strong legal expertise but also a deep understanding of the commercial realities of the banking industry.

Our Banking & Financial Services Litigation team provides strategic and robust representation for banks, financial institutions, and corporates in complex banking and finance disputes before the Singapore courts, in international arbitration, and in cross-border matters across Asia. Our lawyers combine deep sector knowledge with strong advocacy skills to deliver practical, commercially focused solutions in high-value and technically demanding disputes.

We regularly act for major Singapore and international banks, financial institutions, and corporate borrowers in significant banking and finance litigation. Our experience spans both domestic and cross-border matters, enabling us to deliver sophisticated legal strategies across a wide spectrum of disputes, including:

- Loan and facility disputes, including enforcement of security, guarantees, and recovery actions
- Trade finance disputes involving letters of credit, bills of exchange, and trust receipts
- Private banking and wealth management disputes, including claims relating to investment products and advisory liabilities
- Fraud, forgery, unauthorised transactions, and mis-selling claims
- Share financing, collateral management, and structured finance disputes
- Breach of mandate, agency, and accessory liability claims
- Inter-bank and correspondent banking disputes
- Banking-related insolvency proceedings, including clawback claims, proprietary claims, and priority disputes
- Enforcement of domestic and foreign judgments and cross-border recovery actions
- Regulatory investigations and enforcement proceedings involving financial institutions

Accolades

Chambers Asia Pacific

- Ranked in Dispute Resolution: Litigation (2008 – 2026) – Current Ranking: Band 4

Chambers Global

- Ranked in Dispute Resolution: Litigation (2024 – 2026) – Current Ranking: Band 4

Legal 500 Asia Pacific

- Ranked in Dispute Resolution (2007 – 2026) – Current Ranking: Tier 2

Benchmark Litigation

- Ranked in Commercial & Transactions (2018 – 2026) – Current Ranking: Tier 2

Asialaw Profiles

- Ranked in Dispute Resolution (2010 – 2025) – Current Ranking: Highly Recommended

Testimonials

They are first and foremost very professional. As a client I find that it is very comforting to know that my lawyers are on top of the situation in legal matters.

- Chambers Asia Pacific 2026

The team provides excellent and user-friendly service including legal research and drafting, and is sensitive to the client's needs.

- Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2026

Shook Lin does not overcomplicate matters. It knows when to latch onto the right details and when to move things along efficiently.

- Chambers Asia Pacific 2025

SLB's practice is unique, in being a large firm with a personal touch and individual attention, on heavy matters spanning over a decade. It also made good use of technology to case manage effectively, extensive documents and evidence.

- Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2025

SLB's individuals stood out for their dedication and hard work, beyond the call of duty.

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Shook Lin & Bok has a dynamic, hungry and youthful team, who show expertise way beyond their years.

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Provides excellent value working with international counsel on complex cross-border matters before the Singapore courts. Asset recovery related matters a particular speciality.

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They have a deep bench and strong expertise in the sectors in which we have needed them, particularly commodities and insolvency.

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