

Financial Institutions

Overview

Financial institutions today must navigate rapid regulatory developments, digital transformation, heightened supervisory expectations and complex cross-border business and compliance risks.

Our Financial Institutions Practice provides comprehensive legal support to domestic and international clients across the banking, payments, wealth management, capital markets, real estate, insurance and fintech sectors. We regularly act for banks, non-bank financial institutions, financial advisers, fund managers, payment service providers, insurers, broker-dealers, trust companies, market infrastructure operators, digital asset service providers and emerging financial platforms.

Our multi-disciplinary teams support financial institutions on:

- FI to FI lending, acquisition finance, real estate finance, fund finance, trade finance, vessel finance, Islamic finance, sustainability-linked finance and other bespoke and structured finance transactions
- Restructuring, insolvency and debt recovery mandates
- General corporate, regulatory and compliance matters
- Dispute resolution and enforcement action
- Capital markets transactions
- Derivatives, structured products and trading arrangements
- Custody, clearing and settlement arrangements
- Establishment of funds
- General fund-raising

Accolades

Chambers Asia Pacific

- Ranked in Banking and Finance: Domestic (2013 – 2026) – Current Ranking: Band 2
- Ranked in Capital Markets: Domestic (2013 – 2026) – Current Ranking: Band 3
- Ranked in Investment Funds: Domestic (2013 – 2026) – Current Ranking: Band 2
- Ranked in Restructuring Insolvency (2008 – 2026) – Current Ranking: Band 2

Chambers Global

- Ranked in Banking and Finance: Domestic (2014 – 2025) – Current Ranking: Band 2
- Ranked in Capital Markets: Domestic (2013 – 2025) – Current Ranking: Band 3

Legal 500 Asia Pacific

- Ranked in Banking and Finance: Local Firms (2008 – 2026) – Current Ranking: Tier 1
- Ranked in Capital Markets: Equity and Debt: Local Firms (2012 – 2026) – Current Ranking: Tier 3
- Ranked in Financial Services Regulatory (2022 – 2026) – Current Ranking: Tier 3
- Ranked in Investment Funds: Local Firms (2017 – 2026) – Current Ranking: Tier 2
- Ranked in Private Wealth and Family Law: Local Firms (2017 – 2026) – Current Ranking: Tier 2
- Ranked in Restructuring & Insolvency (2012 – 2026) – Current Ranking: Tier 2

Benchmark Litigation

- Ranked in Insolvency (2018 – 2025) – Current Ranking: Tier 2

IFLR1000

- Ranked in Banking and Finance: Local Firms (2008 – 2025) – Current Ranking: Tier 1
- Ranked in Capital Markets: Debt (2020 – 2025) – Current Ranking: Tier 3
- Ranked in Capital Markets: Equity (2020 – 2025) – Current Ranking: Tier 3
- Ranked in Financial Services Regulatory (2025) – Current Ranking: Tier 2
- Ranked in Investment Funds (2022 – 2025) – Current Ranking: Tier 2
- Ranked in Restructuring & Insolvency (2007 – 2025) – Current Ranking: Tier 2

Asialaw Profiles

- Ranked in Banking and Finance (2014 – 2025) – Current Ranking: Outstanding
- Ranked in Capital Markets (2014 – 2025) – Current Ranking: Highly recommended
- Ranked in Financial Services Regulatory (2017, 2025) – Current Ranking: Tier 2
- Ranked in Investment Funds (since 2014 – 2025) – Current Ranking: Highly recommended
- Ranked in Restructuring & Insolvency (2014 – 2024)

The Shook Lin & Bok team is able to provide holistic solutions and advice. They provide ample guidance and share prior case experience.

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