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QUALIFICATION:

- Advocate & Solicitor, Singapore, 2018

EDUCATION:

- National University of Singapore (NUS), Bachelor of Laws

LANGUAGES:

- English
- Vietnamese

Summary

Hoang Linh Trang is a Partner in the Litigation & Dispute Resolution team. Her main areas of practice include cross-border restructuring & insolvency, and banking & commercial disputes. She regularly advises and represents institutional lenders, insolvency professionals, as well as corporate clients in commercial matters.

Matter Experience

- Acted for the joint and several liquidators of Founder Group (Hong Kong) Limited (FGHK), a subsidiary of Peking University Founder Group Company Limited (PUFG), in its heavily contested winding up petitions against two other related companies, Singapore JHC Co. Pte Ltd and Singapore Commodities Group Co. Pte Ltd. These petitions have led to a series of prominent Singapore Court of Appeal decisions in *Founder Group (Hong Kong) Ltd (in liquidation) v Singapore JHC Co Pte Ltd* [2023] SGCA 40, *Singapore Commodities Group Co, Pte Ltd v Founder Group (Hong Kong) Ltd* [2025] SGCA 35, and *Singapore Commodities Group Co, Pte Ltd v Founder Group (Hong Kong) Ltd* [2026] SGCA 24;
- Acted for a major lender in the judicial management of NutryFarm International Limited, a public listed company on the SGX;
- Acted for New Silkroutes Group Limited, a public listed company on the SGX, in its restructuring exercise in 2023, which involved amongst others securing moratorium protection for the company, super priority status for the company's rescue financing, and ultimately the court's sanction for the company's pre-packaged scheme of arrangement pursuant to section 71 of the Insolvency, Restructuring and Dissolution Act (Act 40 of 2018) (IRDA);
- Acted for a major bank lender in the restructuring of Pacific International Lines' (PIL) debts in excess of US$1 billion, and in the sale of multiple vessels which were mortgaged to the bank. PIL is one of the largest container shipping lines

in the world, with a fleet of nearly 100 vessels;

- Acted for a major bank lender in its application to place KS Energy Limited (KSE), a public listed company on the SGX, and KS Drilling Pte Ltd (KSDR), an international drilling company that specialised in shallow water and onshore drilling, under judicial management. The resulting decision in *OCBC v KS Energy Limited and ors* [2020] SGHC 198 provided much needed clarity on the rules and ambit of the Singapore courts' discretion to appoint interim judicial managers pending the determination of the judicial management application under section 92 of the IRDA;
- Advised and acted for the judicial managers of KSE and KSDR in the cross-border insolvency of the KSE Group, with total outstanding debts in excess of US$230 million. This included advising and acting for the judicial managers in the sale and disposal of major assets belonging to the KSE Group in multiple jurisdictions (Vietnam, Egypt, Indonesia, etc.), such as the sale of an oil rig located in Vung Tau, Vietnam for US$16 million;
- Acted for a bank lender in the restructuring of Hin Leong Trading (Pte) Ltd's (HLT) debts of approximately US$3.5 billion. The collapse of HLT, one of Asia's largest oil traders, and its related group of companies (including Ocean Tankers (Pte) Ltd, Xihe Holdings Pte Ltd, and Xihe Capital Pte Ltd) has led to a precedent-setting restructuring exercise in the region in terms of its scale;
- Acted for bank lenders in several admiralty actions against vessels owned by the Xihe Group and bareboat chartered by Ocean Tankers (Pte) Ltd pursuant to the collapse of HLT Group's oil trading arm;
- Acted for the creditor voluntary liquidator of Xihe Capital Pte Ltd and several of its subsidiaries in the restructuring of the company and its subsidiaries;
- Advised a major bank on its legal documentation and rights and entitlement under its trade finance transactions involving back-to-back documentary letters of credit, following the collapse of the HLT Group.
- Acted for a major bank lender in the restructuring of the Pacific Radiance Ltd and Pacific Crest Pte Ltd (with debts in excess of US$400 million), which involved a major acquisition and transfer of over thirty vessels to a white knight investor;
- Acted for a major bank lender in placing Triyards Holdings Limited, an engineering and ship construction company which was indebted to the bank in excess of US$43 million, under judicial management pursuant to section 227B of the Companies Act;
- Acted and defended a client in a commercial dispute involving a claim of over S$2.7 million. The reported decision (*Tan Chin Hock v Teo Cher Koon and another suit* [2021] SGHC 175) canvassed interesting questions of law and fact involving oral agreements, personal indemnities, and transactions involving the sale and purchase of penny stocks by private traders on the Singapore Exchange;
- Advised a Chinese high net worth individual in the potential corporate actions involving the management and control of his offshore companies;
- Acted for a Chinese shipbroking company and charterer in obtaining a stay of proceedings in respect of a defamation action in Singapore in favour of international arbitration in London;
- Advised an Indian public sector bank on its potential exposure to Singapore enforcement proceedings of major arbitral awards issued by the Permanent Court of Arbitration (The Hague, Netherlands) in respect of two separate international

investor-state arbitrations involving the Republic of India. This included complex questions on the enforcement of international arbitral awards in Singapore, sovereign immunities, and the treatment of assets belonging to public entities in these enforcement proceedings; and

- Advised a Singapore company on certain jurisdictional issues (the effects of a purported choice of forum clause and the alleged settlement on the tribunal's jurisdiction) pertaining to an international arbitration between the Singapore company and an Indonesian mining company conducted under the Arbitration Rules of the Singapore International Arbitration Centre.

Practice Areas:

- International Arbitration
- Litigation & Dispute Resolution
- Restructuring & Insolvency