

Andrew Chang Weng Shan

Andrew, a key member of the Corporate & Commercial Disputes, Banking & Insolvency, and Shipping Practice Groups, read law at King's College London. He was called to the Bar of England and Wales in 2017 before being admitted as an advocate and solicitor of the High Court of Malaya in 2018.

With a strong track record in both contentious and non-contentious matters, Andrew's practice encompasses matters concerning breach of directors' duties, contractual and tortious disputes, construction disputes, strata property disputes, and compulsory and voluntary winding-ups. He acts for clients across a wide range of industries, including plantation, oil & gas, banking, investment holding, property development, construction, insolvency & restructuring, healthcare, telecommunications, technology, and shipping.

Andrew has represented clients at all levels of the Malaysian courts, including the apex court, and is also involved in commercial arbitration. His notable transactions include:

- Acting for a major plantation company in a claim for breach of fiduciary duties and negligence against its former senior management and board of directors for losses arising from the acquisition of a foreign-owned plantation company: *FGV Holdings Bhd lwn Mohd Emir Mavani bin Abdullah dan lain-lain* [2019] MLJU 2075.
- Acting for a property developer in a dispute brought by the development's Joint Management Body concerning condominium common area defects: *Aragreens Residences Joint Management Body v. HSB Development Sdn Bhd* [2024] CLJU 1109; *Aragreens Residences Joint Management Body & Anor v HSB Development Sdn Bhd* [2024] MLJU 2240.
- Acted for the liquidator in a creditors' voluntary liquidation of a major regional paper manufacturer and supplier. The liquidation was eventually terminated under the Companies Act 2016 following a successful asset sale and settlement of debts.
- Acting for a Malaysian investment holding company in a dispute involving the unlawful transfer of land and the hotel built thereon, contravention of Islamic and Ijarah financing laws, and the Moneylenders Act 1951: *Pinnacle Nexus Sdn Bhd v. Limra Capital Bhd* [2022] CLJU 738.
- Being part of a working group that successfully amended the Malaysian cabotage policy to allow foreign vessels to enter Malaysian waters to carry out undersea cable maintenance and repairs.



asialaw 2024 has recognised Andrew for his legal acumen, with clients noting, "Andrew is very accessible and that is key for us who are in the insolvency industry. Andrew is excellent at making the complex simple when explaining complex legal proceedings/rules. This has enabled a more productive and effective discussion."

Beyond his legal practice, Andrew is a contributor to the *Malaysian Civil Procedure* and *Restructuring and Insolvency: A Commentary*, a Thomson Reuters publication. He is also a co-author of various articles published by the firm. Committed to sharing his knowledge, Andrew regularly provides legal training to clients and students, and he judges local moot competitions.

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Qualifications

- LLB (Hons), King's College London
- Bar Professional Training Course, City University of London
- Called to the Bar of England and Wales, The Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn

Practice Areas

- Corporate & Commercial Disputes
- Insolvency
- Banking
- Shipping

Publications

- Contributor, Malaysian Civil Procedure, Sweet & Maxwell (2021)
- Contributor, Malaysian Civil Procedure, Sweet & Maxwell (2024)
- Contributor, Restructuring and Insolvency: A Commentary, Thompson Reuters (2023)