

Chia Oh Sheng

Oh Sheng is a Partner in the firm's highly ranked Dispute Resolution practice with a focus on banking and insolvency litigation, civil and commercial disputes and matters involving capital markets and securities law. He regularly advises and represents banks in recovery, and insolvency proceedings, as well cross-border disputes concerning letters of credit and bank guarantees.

He is a regular contributor to Malaysian Civil Procedure (White Book) (Thomson Reuters, 2013, 2015, 2018, and 2021 editions) and Bullen & Leake & Jacob's Malaysian Precedents of Pleadings (Thomson Reuters).

Oh Sheng was recently acknowledged as a "Leading Partner" for Dispute Resolution by **The Legal 500 Asia-Pacific 2026**. He is recognised as a "Future Star" for Commercial and Transactions by **Benchmark Litigation Asia-Pacific 2026** and was named among **Benchmark Litigation Asia-Pacific Awards 2026's "Top 40 Under 40"** in Malaysia. He was also recognised as a "Rising Star" for Dispute Resolution and Restructuring and Insolvency by **asialaw 2025**.

He graduated from University of Melbourne, Australia. He was admitted to practice as an Australian lawyer in 2011 and as an Advocate & Solicitor of High Court of Malaya in 2013.



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Qualifications

- LLB, University of Melbourne
- Certificate of Legal Practice
- Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice (Leo Cussen Institute, Australia)

Practice Areas

- Corporate Insolvency
- Banking Litigation
- Debt Recovery
- Corporate & Commercial Disputes
- Letter of Credit & Bank Guarantee Disputes
- Capital Markets & Securities Law

Notable transactions

Banking and Insolvency

- Successfully acted for Malaysia's largest bank in opposing multiple scheme of arrangement proceedings and judicial management applications filed by a defaulting borrower and its purported creditors, securing costs orders and consequential reliefs to prevent further abuse of corporate rescue mechanisms. The matter involved bilateral and syndicated facilities totalling over RM1.3 billion for a high-profile mixed development in Kuala Lumpur
- Advised and acted for Malaysia's largest bank in a cross-border recovery matter involving facilities secured by a charge over land in the United Kingdom. We successfully applied to re-classify the bank from unsecured to secured creditor in scheme of arrangement proceedings, entitling the bank to full repayment of approximately RM91 million under the proposed restructuring

- Advised a major local bank on a EUR 23.2 million Performance Guarantee governed by German law, navigating the interplay between a Malaysian Restraining Order granted in a scheme of arrangement proceedings and the bank's payment obligations to a foreign beneficiary. We successfully obtained leave from the Malaysian High Court allowing the bank to make payment, while simultaneously managing parallel arbitration proceedings in Germany commenced by the foreign beneficiary against the bank
- Successfully acted for a subsidiary of China's largest construction and real estate conglomerate, as one of the largest unsecured creditors, in opposing a judicial management application filed against the debtor company in respect of a RM160 million commercial development project
- Successfully represented a financial institution to claim damages against a property valuer for negligence in overvaluing property charged by the borrower
- Advised a Singapore investment banking firm on a potential claim against their service provider based in the United States in relation to failure to provide fit-for-purpose algorithm for a trading function on the share-trading platform
- Advised a financial institution on a dispute in relation to a high-profile bond programme. The dispute concerns amongst others contractual rights and obligations of the bondholders, trustee, lead arranger, facility agent and security agent in the bond programme
- Regularly advise and represent financial institutions in relation to loan recovery, cross-border letters of credit transactions, bank guarantees, counter guarantees, and matters concerning contractual rights and obligations, and interpretation of contracts

Civil and Commercial

- Acted for a foreign individual to defend claims of fraud, conspiracy to defraud, unjust enrichment, knowing receipt, and dishonest assistance commenced by a foreign government authority in relation to an alleged fraudulent withholding tax refund scheme valued at approximately 12.7billion Danish Kroner
- Acted for a regulatory body in successfully opposing a judicial review application against their decision to impose sanctions on registered auditors of public interest entities and schedule funds. The matter also involved a claim for substantial damages against the regulatory body and was ultimately resolved when the auditors' application for leave to appeal to the Federal Court was dismissed
- Advised and represented Malaysia's largest telecommunication company on a multi-million-dollar complex contractual dispute and acted as counsel in the commercial arbitration in the Singapore International Arbitration Centre
- Advising and acting for the Government in a contractual claim against a landowner
- Represented a company in a dispute relating to a private vehicle leasing and management agreement

Languages

- English
- Mandarin
- Bahasa Malaysia