

Chris Dobby

Partner

Hong Kong

Biography

A partner in our dispute resolution practice based in Hong Kong, Chris Dobby's practice covers a broad range of cross-border commercial, insolvency, professional negligence and fraud related disputes, investigations, asset tracing and recovery actions throughout Asia. Chris' experience in dealing with complex cross-border issues enables him to 'think around corners' and to identify and resolve issues in a practical and efficient manner.

Over his 20 years of practice in Hong Kong, Chris has earned a reputation as 'a very good operator who has a lot of experience on contentious matters' assisting a broad range of clients to achieve solutions through litigation, negotiations, and alternative dispute resolution.

Chambers Asia-Pacific recognizes Chris as adept at dealing with complex fraud matters, corporate investigation and asset recovery. Noted in *Chambers Asia-Pacific* for his "strong track record on large insolvency matters," Chris advises on all aspects of contentious insolvency matters and continues to act for the court appointed liquidators of some of Hong Kong's highest profile corporate collapses (including Hong Kong's largest corporate collapse). As one of the few accredited solicitor-advocates with higher rights of audience before the Hong Kong Courts for civil



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Languages

English

Practices

Business Restructuring and
Insolvency

Investigations, White Collar, and
Fraud

Litigation Services

Banking and Finance Litigation

International Arbitration

Insolvency Litigation

Industries

proceedings, Chris frequently represents clients in the superior courts in Hong Kong. Chris is recognized as a leading lawyer by various independent publications including *Chambers Asia-Pacific*, *Chambers Global*, *Legal 500 Asia Pacific* (where he is listed as a leading individual for Restructuring and Insolvency), and *Who's Who Legal*.

Representative experience

Advising an international bank in respect of multi-jurisdictional recovery actions arising out of a trade finance fraud.

Acting for liquidators of Akai Holdings Limited, consumer electronic products manufacturer in Hong Kong, Japan, U.S., and PRC – largest corporate collapse in Hong Kong.

Acting for the Joint & Several Liquidators of China Metal Recycling (Holdings) Limited (In Compulsory Liquidation).

Advising court appointed administrators and liquidators of a collapsed securities broker and international investment fund regarding the administration of estates and multi-jurisdiction asset recovery actions.

Acting for the Joint & Several Liquidators of PeaceMark Holdings Limited (In Compulsory Liquidation).

Acting for the Joint and Several Liquidators of a collapsed motor insurer.

Acting for a French listed entity in respect of a substantial cross border shareholders dispute involving joint ventures in the PRC.

Acting for certified public accountants defending claims for audit negligence.

Acting for victims of cyber fraud in investigations, and pursuing global recovery actions.

Financial Institutions

Consumer

Education and admissions

Education

B.Sc., University of London, 1994

Memberships

INSOL

Law Society of Hong Kong

Law Society of England and Wales

Restructuring and Insolvency

Faculty of the Hong Kong Society of Accountants

Bar admissions and qualifications

Hong Kong

Solicitor, England and Wales

Accolades

Advising and acting for victims of cyber fraud, malware attacks and data breaches.

Advising and acting for financial institutions and private equity funds in respect of complex multijurisdictional investigations and recovery actions.

Advising and acting for defrauded investors in respect of cross-border investigations, asset identification and recovery actions.

Awards and rankings

- Restructuring and Insolvency (Hong Kong), Leading Individual, *Legal 500 Asia Pacific*, 2015-2020
- Dispute Resolution: Litigation - International Firms (China), *Chambers Asia-Pacific*, 2013-2020
- Restructuring/Insolvency - International Firms, *Chambers Asia-Pacific*, 2012-2020
- Dispute Resolution (International Firms, China), *Chambers Global*, 2013-2020
- Banking & Finance: Restructuring/Insolvency, *Chambers Global*, 2019
- Asset Recovery: Lawyers, *Who's Who Legal*, 2018-2019
- Listed for Legal Litigation: Lawyers, *Who's Who Legal*, 2019
- Listed for Thought Leaders - Litigation, *Who's Who Legal*, 2019
- Dispute Resolution Star in Insolvency (Asia-Pacific), *Benchmark Litigation*, 2019

Latest thinking and events

- Insights
 - 'Rise to the Challenge' - Hong Kong Court calls for 'immediate' reform of restructuring legislation
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - Global Accountants' Liability Update – May 2020

The 'superb' Hong Kong-based Chris Dobby is a 'very high-profile insolvency litigator', and by virtue of his accreditation as one of the few solicitor advocates with higher rights of audience he has the capability of appearing in Hong Kong's higher courts.

Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2018

- Analysis
 - COVID-19 – top China court puts restructuring to the fore in key corporate insolvency rulings
Corporate Alert
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - China travel restrictions in COVID-19 – what you need to know *Litigation, Arbitration and Employment Alert*
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - A strong statement – Hong Kong court says arbitration agreement is "irrelevant" to the exercise of courts discretion in a winding-up *Litigation, Arbitration, and Employment Alert*
- Insights
 - A soft touch - Hong Kong Court recognises foreign appointed provisional liquidators for company restructuring