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Zhen Yu is a senior legal associate specialising in restructuring and insolvency.

His practice revolves around debt restructuring and insolvency matters, corporate rescues and workouts, distressed and special situation transactions, and corporate/commercial litigation. He regularly advises and represents insolvency practitioners, institutional and trade creditors, debtor companies and investors in a wide variety of court-supervised insolvency proceedings, which include schemes of arrangement, judicial management, liquidation, receivership and personal bankruptcy. He also assists clients with litigation matters including enforcement of security and insolvency-related disputes.

Prior to joining Withersworldwide, Zhen Yu trained and practiced in a leading Singapore law firm, with a focus on commercial litigation, restructuring and insolvency and employment law.

Zhen Yu has represented a myriad of international, regional and local clients, which include financial institutions, corporations, state-owned enterprises, real estate investment trusts and high net-worth businessmen. He is proficient in Mandarin Chinese and has wide experience advising Chinese-speaking clients from Mainland China, Hong Kong and Taiwan in complex cross border disputes and restructuring matters.

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TRACK RECORD

Acted for RSM Corporate Advisory Pte Ltd, the judicial managers of Prosper Marine Pte Ltd in respect of a claim exceeding S\$11 million, and the successful discharge of the judicial management order on grounds that the company was able to carry on as a going concern.

Advised the Sinosteel group on its international debt restructuring plans and insolvency avoidance claims in the Singapore Courts.

Acted for 15 Chinese investors in claims against a private equity fund concerning their aggregate investment of S\$40 million. Advised on the closely connected application by the fund's parent company in Re Attilan Limited [2017] SGHC 283 (the first reported decision relating to rescue financing provisions in the Singapore Companies Act).

Advised a Chinese multi-national corporation on trade receivables owing by PT Trikomsel Oke Tbk, which was undergoing a court-supervised US\$460 million debt restructuring in Indonesia.

Successfully defended an ex-director of a company operating a Japanese fine-dining restaurant in Marina Bay Sands against claims for an estimated JPY515 million in relation to alleged wrongful transfers of charged shares: M.K.C. Associates Co. Ltd & Anor v Kabushiki Kaisha Honjin & 20 Ors [2017] SGHC 317

Defended an independent director of Celestial Nutrifooods Limited (in Liquidation) against claims in excess of US\$16 million for alleged fraud and breaches of directors' duties. This matter involved the applicability under the Singapore Companies Act of provisions in the company's by-laws, which were governed by Bermudian law.

Acted for the Independent Panel of Aljunied-Hougang Town Council in commencing claims exceeding S\$33 million against town councillors for

alleged mismanagement of public funds.

Acted for major financial institutions including DBS Bank, Standard Chartered Bank and the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, for insolvency matters in the Singapore Courts.

Advised a Fortune 500 company in relation to a project to develop a data centre facility and to lease the completed facility from an SGX-listed REIT.

ADMISSIONS

- Advocate & Solicitor, Supreme Court of Singapore (2016)

PUBLICATIONS

Goh Yihan and Paul Tan (gen eds), Singapore Law: 50 Years in the Making (Academy Publishing, 2015)

Goh Yihan, Contractual Interpretation in Indian Evidence Act Jurisdictions: Compatibility with Modern Contextual Approach (2013) 13 Oxford University Commonwealth Law Journal 17-48

MEMBERSHIPS

- Law Society of Singapore

- Singapore Academy of Law

EDUCATION

National University of Singapore - LL.B. (Second Class Honours, Upper), 2015
New York University - Student Exchange Programme, Fall 2013

LANGUAGES

ENGLISH
MANDARIN

DATES

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