

Chris Dobby

Partner

Hong Kong

Biography

Chris Dobby is a prominent commercial litigator with a global practice in our Hong Kong dispute resolution team. Over his 20 years of practice, Chris has earned a reputation as 'a very good operator who has a lot of experience on contentious matters'. He is a trusted advisor to a broad range of clients, providing them with creative and effective solutions through litigation, negotiations, and alternative dispute resolution.

Chris Dobby's practice covers a broad range of cross-border commercial, insolvency, professional negligence including accountants' liability and fraud related disputes, investigations, asset tracing and recovery actions throughout Asia. He advises banks and other financial institutions including PE funds, insolvency practitioners, officeholders and receivers, global accounting firms, corporates and individuals. 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.

Chambers Asia-Pacific recognizes Chris as being adept at dealing with a range of disputes concerning insolvency, asset recovery, fraud and professional negligence. 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-



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Languages

English

Practices

Business Restructuring and
Insolvency

Investigations, White Collar, and
Fraud

Commercial Litigation

Litigation Services

Banking and Finance Litigation

International Arbitration

Insolvency Litigation

Technology Litigation

Industries

advocates with higher rights of audience before the Hong Kong Courts for civil 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, Greater China and Global Guides)*, *Legal 500 Asia Pacific* (where he is recognised for Dispute Resolution and Restructuring and Insolvency), and *Who's Who Legal*.

Representative experience

Representing a U.S. financial institution and subsidiary of a major U.S. bank in its capacity as Trustee in relation to multiple bonds issued by a PRC group of companies in default.

Acting for liquidators of Akai Holdings Limited – the largest corporate collapse in Hong Kong – assisting with multijurisdictional investigations, recovery actions and creditor claims.

Acting for the Joint & Several Liquidators of China Metal Recycling (Holdings) Limited (In Compulsory Liquidation) in respect of multijurisdictional investigations and substantial recovery actions.

Advising court appointed administrators and liquidators of a collapsed securities broker and 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, malware attacks and data breachers, in investigations, and pursuing global recovery actions.

Financial Institutions

Consumer

Areas of focus

Accountants' Liability

Alternative Dispute Resolution

Bribery and Corruption

Cross-border Restructuring and Insolvency

Data Privacy and Cybersecurity Litigation

Debtor Representation in Restructurings and Insolvencies

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

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*, 2015-2022
- Dispute Resolution: Litigation - International Firms (China), *Chambers Asia-Pacific*, 2013-2022
- Restructuring/Insolvency - International Firms, *Chambers Asia-Pacific*, 2012-2022
- Dispute Resolution (International Firms, China), *Chambers Global*, 2013-2022

Latest thinking and events

- News
 - Draft with care – Hong Kong court highlights the importance of proper pleadings
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 - Statutory bodies – forced to enforce?
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 - Educational lesson – Hong Kong court stays just and equitable winding-up petition to arbitration
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 - Global Accountants' Liability Update – April 2022
- News
 - Ahead of the game – Hong Kong court gives advice to online entrepreneurs