

Biography



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Expertise

Litigation & Insolvency, Trusts and estates, Shipping and aircraft, Trusts & private client litigation, International Arbitration, Restructuring, Blockchain and digital assets

Jayesh Chatlani is a member of our Litigation & Insolvency and Restructuring group in Singapore. He specialises in complex, and often multi-jurisdictional, shareholder disputes, funds litigation and valuation disputes involving both high value private ventures, and listed companies. His practice ranges from unfair prejudice litigation, derivative actions, windings up on just and equitable grounds, and related interlocutory matters including seeking injunctive relief, specific disclosure and asset tracing. Jayesh's practice also includes advising in respect of the insolvency and workouts of distressed companies, and on cross-border restructuring matters.

Jayesh is also experienced in crypto disputes. He acts as BVI and Cayman Islands legal counsel in crypto cases in relation to the theft, hacking and recovery of digital and crypto assets through forensic analysis of blockchain records of various crypto assets, fraud and asset tracing, covering multiple injunctions, as well as complex arbitration proceedings and investigations spanning a number of jurisdictions.

Before joining us in 2012, Jayesh worked at Ince & Co where his practice had a particular emphasis on shipping law, international trade and commercial disputes.

Experience

Jayesh's recent experience includes:

- Advising a founding shareholder of Dragon Capital Group Limited, one of Vietnam's largest asset managers in relation to shareholders' dispute in the BVI.
- Advising a minority shareholder of Staray Capital Limited in relation to an unfair prejudice dispute by the majority shareholder in the Court of First Instance in the BVI, the Eastern Caribbean Court of Appeal and the Privy Council [2017] UKPC 43.
- Advising a large China-based NASDAQ-listed technology company in relation to the petitioning for winding up in the Cayman Islands of another China-based Nasdaq-listed company on just and equitable grounds.
- Advising the General Partner of a specialist Cayman-incorporated fund in relation to corporate governance and management issues in anticipation of prospective litigation in the Cayman Islands
- Advising the former CEO and a substantial shareholder of North Asia Resources Limited, a Hong Kong listed company, in relation to a shareholders' dispute in the BVI.
- Advising a subsidiary of a Hong Kong listed company in relation to opposing an application in the BVI to commence a derivative action in Hong Kong.

- Advising the General Partner of a high-cap Cayman-incorporated fund in relation to the commencement of proceedings in the Cayman Islands due to a breach of Key-man provisions under a Limited Partnership Agreement.
- Advising an Australian listed company in relation to petitioning for the winding up of a BVI debtor company.
- Advising the Joint Liquidators of China Culture Media International Holdings Limited and Supreme Tycoon in relation to insolvency and liquidation issues in the BVI, including with respect to seeking letters of request for recognition in Hong Kong and pursuing voidable transaction claims and other choses-in-action in the BVI to maximise the recovery of the estates for creditors.
- Advising the Joint Liquidators of BJB Career Education Company Limited in relation to insolvency and liquidation issues in the Cayman Islands.
- Advising a digital finance company recover approximately US\$3.8 million (in equivalent cryptocurrencies) that was hacked using an electronic exploit to take control of smart contracts operated by our client.
- Assisting one of the largest cryptocurrency exchanges in the world in a detailed block chain analysis, identification of suspects and forensic analysis of IP and other digital forensics to identify suspected hackers who were responsible for the theft of approximately US\$100 million in crypto assets.

Recommendations

- **Legal 500 Asia Pacific, 2024:** Jayesh is recognised as a Next Generation Partner. According to testimonials, he "is very approachable and tenacious. He knows his stuff on crypto-related insolvency matters".
- **Lexis Nexis, 2023:** Jayesh is named on LexisNexis' under 40 national recognition list in Singapore.

Bar Admissions

- British Virgin Islands 2013
- England and Wales 2012
- Hong Kong (not practising) 2010

Education

- University of Hong Kong (PCLL) 2007
- University of Leicester (LLB) 2006