Asian-Pacific Corporate Insolvency Law:
Cross-Border and Comparative Perspectives

Symposium

10-11 April 2007

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This symposium will involve discussions among academics, insolvency practitioners, judges, and government officials from Hawai‘i, the US mainland and Asia-Pacific on recent developments in Asian-Pacific corporate and cross-border insolvency law. Topics of discussion will include liquidation, formal and out-of-court corporate restructuring, and cross-border insolvency.

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8:00-8:30 Registration/Continental breakfast sponsored by:

8:30-8:45 Welcoming Remarks

Avi Soifer, Dean and Professor, Richardson School of Law, University of Hawai‘i

Charles Booth, IAPBL Director & Associate Professor, Richardson School of Law, University of Hawai‘i

Session 1 – An Economic and Political Overview of the Asia-Pacific

8:45-10:15

Chair and Commentator:

David Day, Law Offices of David Day, Honolulu

Speakers/Commentators:

10:15-10:45 Tea and Coffee Break sponsored by:

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Session 2 – Recent Developments in China

10:45-12:00

Chair and Commentator:

Charles Booth, IAPBL Director & Associate Professor, Richardson School of Law, University of Hawai‘i
Speakers/Commentators:

Gordon Johnson, Partner, Kirkland & Ellis LLP, New York

John Lees, Director, John Lees & Associates, Ltd., Hong Kong

John Marsden, Partner, Johnson, Stokes & Master, Shanghai

Zhang Xianchu, Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Hong Kong

12:00-1:15 Lunch – sponsored by

Session 3 – Recent Developments in Japan

1:15-2:30

Chair and Commentator:

Ted Pettit, Director, Case, Lombardi & Pettit, Honolulu

Speakers:

Shinichiro Abe, Partner, Asahi Koma Law Office & Associate Professor, Chuo Law School, Tokyo

Tasuku Matsuo, Partner, Matsuo & Kosugi, Tokyo

Keita Nagura, Partner, Yodoyabashi & Yamagami LPC, Tokyo

Commentators:

James A. Wagner, Partner, Wagner Choi & Evers, Honolulu

2:30-3:00 Tea and Coffee Break
Session 4 – Out-of-Court Rescues in Asia

3:00–4:15

Chair:

Speakers:

Tom Pearson, Professor of Accounting, University of Hawai‘i Shidler College of Business

The Rising Use of Hedge Funds and Private Equity for Restructuring in Asia

Timothy B. DeSieno, Bingham McCutchen LLP, New York City

Current Investments in East Asia: (Missed) Lessons from Post-Crisis Workouts

Commentators:

Jonathan Katz, Partner, Special Situations Investing, JP Morgan, New York City

James Sprayregen, Managing Director, Goldman Sachs, New York City

Paper submitted without attendance:

Shinjiro Takagi, Chair, Industrial Revitalization Committee, Industrial Revitalization Corporation of Japan, Tokyo

Out-of-Court Workouts in Japan and International Implications

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8:15–8:45 Continental breakfast sponsored by:

Session 5 – Recent Developments in Hong Kong

8:45–10:00

Chair and Commentator:

Charles Booth, IAPBL Director & Associate Professor, Richardson School of Law, University of Hawai‘i
Speakers/Commentators:

Karen Ho, Assistant Principal Solicitor, Official Receiver’s Office, Hong Kong

John Lees, Director, John Lees & Associates, Ltd., Hong Kong

10:00-10:30  Tea and Coffee Break

Session 6 – Recent Developments in Other Asian-Pacific Jurisdictions

10:30-12:00

Chair and Commentator:

Speakers:

Paul Billingham, Partner, Grant Thornton, Sydney

Recent Developments in Australia

David Cowling, Partner, Clayton Utz, Sydney

Recent Developments in Australia

Frederick D. Holden, Jr., Partner, Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP, San Francisco

Recent Developments in the Philippines

Commentators:

12:00-1:00  Lunch - sponsored by

Session 7 – Recognition of Asian Bankruptcies

1:00-2:30

Chair and Commentator:

Evelyn Biery, Partner, Fulbright & Jaworski, Houston
Speakers:

Isabelle Didier, Etude Didier, Paris

European Recognition Principles

Hon. Robert Faris, Judge, US Bankruptcy Court, District of Hawai’i

David P. Leibowitz, Leibowitz Law Center, Waukegan, IL

Commentators:

Don Gelber, Partner, Gelber, Gelber, Ingersoll & Klevansky, Honolulu

Setting Aside Transfers of Property in Foreign Countries: How Long is the Reach of the US Bankruptcy Court

Frederick D. Holden, Jr., Partner, Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP, San Francisco

US Recognition of Philippine Proceedings

Bill Rochelle, Bloomberg

Paper submitted without attendance:

Shinjiro Takagi, Chair, Industrial Revitalization Committee, Industrial Revitalization Corporation of Japan, Tokyo

Japanese Cross-Border Insolvency Law

2:30-3:00 Tea and Coffee Break

Session 7 – To Be Announced

3:00-4:00 PANEL

4:00-4:30 Concluding Remarks

4:30-5:30 Cocktail Reception sponsored by

5:30-7:00
Other confirmed attendees:

Sonali Abeyratne, Technical Manager, INSOL, London

Michael A. Gerber, Associate Dean & Professor of Law, Brooklyn Law School

John Loevenguth, Partner, Schulze Haynes Loevenguth & Co., Irvine, CA

Symposium Planning Committee

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Justin Levinson, IAPBL Deputy Director & Assistant Professor, Richardson School of Law, University of Hawai‘i

Cynthia Quinn, Director of Communications and External Relations, Richardson School of Law, University of Hawai‘i

Fees:

Attendance for each day will cost US$200; for two days, $300.

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CLE Credits:

6 CLE points/per day (3 CLE points for the morning session and 3 CLE points for the afternoon session) will be awarded to certain attendees. Additional details to be announced.

For further information, please contact:

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I will be attending on:

☐ Tuesday, April 10, 2007
☐ Wednesday, April 11, 2007
☐ Tuesday and Wednesday

I am interested in:

☐ Participating in the golf outing on Thursday, April 12, 2007
☐ Participating in a tennis outing

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