

PROFILE



Director, Dispute Resolution and Corporate Restructuring & Workouts

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Qualifications

LL.B. (Hons), National University of Singapore

Admitted to the Singapore Bar in May 1997

Admitted to the New York Bar in 2004

Language

English, Chinese

BLOSSOM HING

ABOUT BLOSSOM

Blossom's practice is focused on disputes as well as debt restructuring and insolvency work. She is actively involved in court (appearing as lead counsel before the Singapore High Court and Court of Appeal) and arbitration (SIAC, ICC, LCIA, HKIAC, AIAC and IICRA) work, handling derivative actions, shareholder, corporate and commercial disputes. She works extensively with clients based in Indonesia, China, Hong Kong, the US, and Europe as well as Singapore.

Blossom is on the panel of arbitrators of the SIAC and HIAC. She is also a member of the court of arbitration of the Abu Dhabi International Arbitration Centre and a council member of the ICC Institute. Blossom has also been recognised in The Legal 500 Asia Pacific, Chambers Asia-Pacific, IFLR1000, asialaw Leading lawyers, asialaw Profiles and Best Lawyers International for her dispute resolution and restructuring/insolvency work.

Blossom was named Litigator of the Year in Southeast Asia in both 2021 and 2023 Asian Legal Business (ALB) Women in Law Awards, and she was also identified as one of Asia's top 50 most highly recommended arbitration and litigation practitioners in ALB's Asia Super 50 Disputes Lawyers in the same year. Earlier in 2020, she won the Woman Lawyer of the Year (Law Firm) in the 2020 ALB SE Asia Law Awards.

EXPERIENCE

Here are some notable matters handled by Blossom:

Dispute Resolution

- Obtained a freezing order and an order for receivers to be appointed over the assets of GSF Capital Pte Ltd and its controlling director on the basis that they had committed a fraud of some EUR560 million against Suntech Power Holding Ltd, a listed company on the New York Stock Exchange and the world's largest producer of crystalline silicon solar power units.
- Obtained judgment from the High Court and the Court of Appeal in favour of the founder and minority shareholder of Dovechem Holdings Pte Ltd (DHPL) which is part of the Dovechem group, a major solvent and chemicals group with interests in Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia, Hong Kong, China and Vietnam.
- Obtained ex parte injunction orders from the Singapore High Court prohibiting the Singapore CEO of one of the largest data centre operators in the world from breaching the terms of his employment contract. Thereafter, applying and successfully obtaining further injunctions, including springboard injunctions in an Emergency Application from an Emergency Arbitrator appointed by the SIAC.
- Acted for state-owned enterprises involved in the oil and gas industry in claims filed with the SIAC exceeding USD200 million.
- Obtained SIAC arbitration awards of some US\$93 million in favour of one of the largest privately owned trading companies in the world and some US\$100 million against parties based in Indonesia.

Restructuring and Insolvency

- Advising Brightoil Petroleum (S'pore) Pte. Ltd. ("**BOPS**"), a subsidiary of the Hong Kong listed Brightoil Petroleum (Holdings) Limited ("**BOHL**"), in connection with the US\$916 million debt restructuring of BOPS (see *Re Brightoil Petroleum (S'pore) Pte Ltd* [2022] SGHC 35). The debt restructuring of BOPS is undertaken as part of a holistic US\$1.9 billion debt restructuring of BOHL and its subsidiaries.
- Advising the Securities Investors Association (Singapore), which represents the informal steering committee for the (a) S\$400 million 6% cumulative non-convertible non-voting perpetual class A preference shareholders and (b) S\$500 million 6% perpetual capital security holders (collectively "**Holder**s") issued by Hyflux Limited, in connection with the S\$2.64 billion debt restructuring proposed by Hyflux Limited, of which the Holders are owed S\$900 million.
- Obtained freezing orders on all legal proceedings against Pacific Andes Resources Development Limited, a SGX listed company part of the Pacific Andes group, in its US\$2.5 billion debt restructuring. The deal was awarded Finance Deal of the Year (Restructuring and Insolvency) at The Asian Lawyer Asia Legal Awards 2017 and won the Asialaw Asia-Pacific Dispute Resolution Award 2017 – Matter of the Year.
- Obtained orders from the Singapore High Court and Court of Appeal on behalf of a liquidator in a landmark case against the auditors and officers of Celestial Nutrifoods Limited (in liquidation), a Singapore-listed / China-based company to produce documents relating to the company's affairs. This is the first time that the Singapore Courts have exercised their powers under section 285 of the Companies Act to order auditors to produce documents, including all their working papers to a liquidator.
- Acted for PT Berlian Laju Tanker Tbk, an Indonesian company listed on both the Singapore and Jakarta Stock Exchanges in its US\$2.6 billion restructuring exercise. This deal has been awarded Asian-MENA Counsel: Deals of the Year – Honourable Mention and IFLR Asia Awards 2016: Restructuring Deal of the Year.

ACCOLADES

Chambers Asia Pacific

Restructuring/Insolvency 2024 – Band 1 for 9 consecutive years

Dispute Resolution: Litigation 2024 – Leading lawyer for 3 consecutive years; previously a recognised practitioner for 4 consecutive years (2017 - 2020)

- *"She possesses both elite litigation and business transaction skills, and consistently provides excellent advice and representation to help clients work through and emerge successfully from complex restructurings."*
- *"Blossom is a very strategic and sophisticated litigator who is able to come up with out-of-the-box solutions to resolve disputes."*
- *"Blossom is an inimitable combination of technical courtroom skills, client care skills and personality. When the situation demands it, she'll objectively advise you to settle or not to start legal proceedings at all."*
- One interviewee comments that she is *"a highly-skilled litigator as well as advisor regarding complex cross-border restructuring matters"*, whilst another praises her as *"razor sharp"*.
- *"I really like her - she is very smart, meticulous and active"*.
- She is the *"go-to litigator."*
- Clients note her for her *"practical advice,"*
- A market source explains that she *"has a disarming style and is pleasant to deal with and also very active and effective in court."*
- She is *"the person I would go to for disputes and restructuring work in Singapore and South-East Asia."*
- *"She is commercial and focused on delivering results."*
- *"She provides practical solutions to legal problems. She understands the commercial reality and explains the legal implications so that we can make informed decisions that suit our needs."* *"She is someone who manages life and death and is someone who is very competent and whom you can trust; she has the decency to say: 'Don't pursue this course of action, it's not commercial.'"*
- Sources noting that she is *"intelligent and someone you want on your side."*
- *"I find her to be very strong and very practical; she always gives us what we need."*
- *"Excellent lawyer who is very aggressive, intelligent and effective in litigation."*
- Has *"an incredible work ethic"*
- *"Very competent, with lots of experience"*

Chambers Global

Dispute Resolution: Litigation 2024 – Leading lawyer for 3 consecutive years; previously a recognised practitioner for 4 consecutive years (2017 - 2020)

- *"Blossom is a very strategic and sophisticated litigator who is able to come up with out-of-the-box solutions to resolve disputes."*

- *"Blossom is an inimitable combination of technical courtroom skills, client care skills and personality. When the situation demands it, she'll objectively advise you to settle or not to start legal proceedings at all."*

The Legal 500 Asia Pacific

Dispute Resolution 2024 – Recommended lawyer for 7 consecutive years

Restructuring & Insolvency 2024 – Hall of Fame; previously Leading Individual and Recommended lawyer for 6 consecutive years (2017 – 2022)

International Arbitration 2024 – Leading Individual for 2 consecutive years; previously Recommended lawyer

- "Blossom Hing is an outstanding litigator with a ferocious work ethic. I can also count on the undivided attention of her team which has depth and breadth. I value her for how she always goes beyond the call of duty"
- "Drew & Napier has a strong bench of restructuring and insolvency partners and the standout partner is Blossom Hing. Blossom has many years' experience in complex restructuring and insolvency matters."
- "Blossom Hing, Chan Wei Meng and Mohan Gopalan – I always have been impressed with the first-rate quality of their work and their dedication to helping their clients work through and emerge from difficult times."
- "Blossom Hing's standing and leadership in the restructuring and insolvency arena is a major draw and benefit for clients. Blossom is tenacious in her pursuit of client goals and is highly creative and solutions-oriented in the restructuring arena"
- *"She is super responsive and sharp with an amazing work ethic. She is always available to address any concerns I have, I trust her implicitly. Extremely competent and commercial. A pleasure to work with."*
- *"Tenacious and strong litigator."*
- *"Highly-rated practitioner, especially in contentious insolvency proceedings."*
- *"Has extensive experience working with clients from Indonesia, China and Hong Kong."*
- *"Meticulous in her approach to arbitration matters and has strengthened her position in this area."*
- *"By far the best arbitration lawyer at this firm. She works tirelessly to help her clients and adopts a commercial and resolute approach when advising."*
- *"Blossom Hing has wonderful experience in this sector having been involved in some of the biggest, most complex cases in Asia and globally."*
- *"Blossom Hing 'owns' the matters that she handles and provides top quality and very commercial advice. Her years of experience are fully brought to bear on all the restructuring and insolvency matters that Blossom advises on."*
- *She is "pragmatic, engaging, and very experienced."*
- *"Very responsive to our needs and the team that [she directs] is efficient and meticulous."*

IFLR1000: The Guide to the World's Leading Financial Law Firms

Restructuring & Insolvency 2023 – Highly regarded for 5 consecutive years; Women Leaders

- *“Blossom Hing is my ‘go to’ lawyer at the firm due to her vast experience. She is extremely detail-oriented yet highly creative and innovative. She is also building an excellent team who supports her very effectively.”*
- *“She is an excellent lawyer who is very aggressive, intelligent and effective in litigation. She is extremely effective in complex cross-border restructuring and dispute matters. I trust her implicitly.”*

Who’s Who Legal

Restructuring & Insolvency 2023 – Leading lawyer for 7 consecutive years

- Identified as a Global Elite Thought Leader and a National Leader for Southeast Asia in the field of Restructuring & Insolvency
- Blossom Hing is a go-to name in the region. She earns effusive praise for her handling of debt restructurings and contentious matters both in court and in arbitration.
- Appreciated by peers as *“an extremely capable practitioner”*.
- *“Blossom is definitely a big name in restructuring and insolvency”*.
- *Blossom Hing was noted for being “an expert in her field” and a “leading light” when it comes to complex restructuring and insolvency litigation, and that peers herald her as a “strong restructuring specialist”*.

Southeast Asia: Investigations 2023 – Recommended lawyer for 2 consecutive years

Investigations 2020 – Future Leaders

- *“Very affable and easy to work with” according to impressed sources who highlight her “fantastic attention to detail”*.

Best Lawyers International: Singapore

Insolvency and Reorganisation Law 2024 – Endorsed individual for 11 consecutive years

Litigation 2024 – Endorsed individual for 11 consecutive years

Asialaw Leading Lawyers

Restructuring and Insolvency 2023/2024 – Elite Practitioner for 5 consecutive years

Dispute Resolution 2019 – Market-leading lawyer for 3 consecutive years

- *“She has a good team and allows her team to take the lead with client communication at the right time while also stepping in when necessary. She asks the right questions to elicit the necessary information from the client.”*
- *“Blossom is an outstanding litigation and arbitration partner. Blossom is creative and very strategic in her thinking and tactics - based on her vast experience of litigation and arbitration. Blossom has done a great job in building a team to support her.”*

- *“My ‘go to’ contact is Blossom Hing, who is one of the most experienced and accomplished litigation and arbitration partners in Singapore. Blossom heads a great team that is growing in experience and competence.”*

Benchmark Litigation Asia-Pacific

Insolvency 2023 – Identified as a Litigation Star for 6 consecutive years

Also identified as one of the Top 100 Women in Litigation for 4 consecutive years since 2020

Asian Legal Business Women in Law Awards

- Named Litigator of the Year, SE Asia 2021 and 2023 in recognition for her achievements in handling litigations that significantly impacted the client and the industry

Asian Legal Business Asia Super 50 Disputes Lawyers

- Identified as one of Asia's most highly recommended arbitration and litigation practitioners in 2021
- *“Absolutely excellent. She has a brilliant mind, an exceptional work ethic, and an expert commercial strategist. Absolutely the best there is.”*

Asian Legal Business SE Asia Law Awards

- Named Woman Lawyer of the Year 2020 in recognition of her remarkable achievements not only in the practice of law, but also in the larger community especially in the empowerment of women

Women in Business Law Expert Guide

World's leading female lawyers in 2020 – Listed lawyer

Asia Business Law Journal

Identified as one of Singapore's Top 100 lawyers in 2023

APPOINTMENTS/MEMBERSHIPS

- Member, Court of Arbitration, Abu Dhabi International Arbitration Centre (arbitrateAD)
- Panel of Arbitrators, Singapore International Arbitration Centre
- Panel of Arbitrators, Hainan International Arbitration Court
- Council Member, ICC Institute of World Business Law
- Member, ICC Institute of World Business Law
- Associate Mediator and Insolvency Mediator accredited by the Singapore Mediation Centre
- Panel Assessor for COVID-19 Temporary Relief (PACT), appointed by the Minister for Law.
- Fellow, Insolvency Practitioners Association of Singapore Limited (IPAS)
- Member, Singapore Academy of Law (SAL)

- Member, International Women’s Insolvency and Restructuring Confederation and founding member of the Singapore Chapter
- Member, International Bar Association
- Member, Austral-Asian Chapter of the ICC Institute

SEMINARS/CONFERENCE

- Speaker, International Bar Association Annual Litigation Forum in Amsterdam, 18 April 2024
- Speaker at Fairfield Methodist Secondary School - Fairfield Learning Experience (FLEX) - Education and Career Guidance (ECG) program Fair 2024, 5 March 2024
- Speaker, Burford Capital Webcast - Navigating litigation financing in Asia, 27 February 2024
- Speaker, ICC Institute Advanced Training on Documentary evidence in Miami, 12 November 2023
- Speaker, Insolvency Tokyo Conference 2023, Alternative Dispute Resolution Colloquium, ‘Cultural considerations in mediation and arbitration’, 11 September 2023
- Speaker, INSOL International Bermuda Seminar, 1 June 2023
- Speaker, Vietnam Institute of International Arbitration (VI Arb) and Vietnam Business Lawyers Club (VBLC) Talkshow: Arbitration and insolvency – an Asian perspective, 28 April 2023
- Lecturer, SIAC Academy - Specialist Arbitration Series: Part 3: Insolvency, Banking and Finance Arbitrations (Virtual Edition), 19 April 2023
- Speaker, ICC Institute Training on Oral Advocacy in International Arbitration, 21 June 2022
- Speaker, SIAC Academy – Enforcement of Arbitral Awards in Indonesia, 27 May 2021
- Faculty Member and Speaker/ Panelist, SIAC Indochina Academy, 15 and 16 October 2020
- Speaker/Panelist, YSIAC Webinar on “Virtual Mock Hearing: Cross-Examination”, 15 May 2020
- Speaker/Panelist, “Out of Court Workout Guidelines Chair”, INSOL International One Day Seminar, Tokyo, 7 November 2019
- Participant, Mock JIN Hearing, Singapore Insolvency Conferences in 2017 and 2018
- Speaker/Panelist, “The Challenges Facing the Restructuring and Insolvency Profession” – INSOL International One Day Seminar, Kuala Lumpur, 28 November 2017
- Speaker/Panelist, “Seat of Arbitration and Arbitration Clauses” – 2nd IPBA Asia-Pac Arbitration Day, Kuala Lumpur, 8 September 2016

PUBLICATIONS

- Co-authored “Classification of Under-Secured Deficiency Claims in Schemes of Arrangement” published in the Singapore Academy of Law Journal - Special issue on Insolvency (2023) 35 SAclJ 501
- Co-authored the Singapore Chapter in the annual publication of the International Comparative Legal Guide to Lending & Secured Finance from 2013 to 2023, published by Global Legal Group Ltd
- Co-authored the Report of the Law Reform Committee on litigation funding in insolvency cases in 2014, published by the Singapore Academy of Law

