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OVERVIEW

Eugene Yeung is a partner in the firm's Finance practice. His practice combines strengths in both asset finance and restructuring in Asia. He represents Hong Kong listed corporations, institutional lenders, insolvency appointment takers, turnaround financial advisors, and investors in respect of distressed situations. He is particularly focused on the aviation sector, where he advises airlines, lessors, aviation specialist financiers, and business jet owners on a broad range of regional and local commercial, financing, and restructuring transactions.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Prior to joining the firm, Eugene served as counsel in the finance department at a full-service global law firm. His practice covers the entire aviation finance business cycle, fleet acquisition, financing and refinancing, distressed M&A, disposals, and enforcements. He is a qualified accountant and chartered financial analyst.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Recognized as an Up-and-Coming Individual by *Chambers Greater China Region* for Restructuring/Insolvency (International Firms) in China, 2024
- Recognized by *The Legal 500 Asia Pacific* in Hong Kong
 - Restructuring and Insolvency, 2018, 2020-2021
 - Asset Finance, 2021
- Named a Rising Star for Aviation in Hong Kong by Expert Guides, Euromoney, 2019

PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- Notary Public, Hong Kong
- Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA)
- Certified Practising Accountant, CPA Australia

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- “Panel: Re-focusing on Mediation,” The Hague CAA Conference, The Hague, 2024
- “Panel: Legal Risks in Aviation Finance,” Airline Economics Frontiers, Dubai, 2018 and 2019
- “Panel: Building an Asian aircraft lessor ABS or airline EETC,” Ishka Investival Asia, Hong Kong, 2019
- “What is Cape Town Convention,” Airline Economics Frontier, Korea, 2019
- “Common Issues in Restructuring Asset Based Loans and Aircraft Leases,” Oppland Air’s Aircraft Finance and Lease Risk Management Seminar, Xiamen, 2018

EDUCATION

- P.C.LL., The University of Hong Kong, 2007
- Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice, College of Law, 2006
- Bachelor of Laws and Commerce, The University of New South Wales, 2005

ADMISSIONS

- Bar of New York
- Certified Practising Accountant
- Solicitor of the Senior Courts of England and Wales
- Solicitor, Hong Kong
- Supreme Court of New South Wales

LANGUAGES

- Chinese (Cantonese)
- Chinese (Mandarin)
- English

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- Co-Author, International Insolvency & Restructuring Review 2023/24: Hong Kong Chapter, *Beaumont Capital Markets*
- “Restructuring & Insolvency Q&A: Hong Kong”, *The Legal 500 Country Comparative Guide*, 2021
- Co-author, Hong Kong: Restructuring & Insolvency, *The Legal 500 Comparative Guide*, 2020

- “Winter Survival Guide,” *Airline Economics Aviation Law Yearbook*, 2019

NEWS & EVENTS

- 18 January 2024, Chambers Greater China Region 2024 Guide Recognizes K&L Gates
- 12 July 2022, K&L Gates Advises on Acquisition of Media Assets of Apple Daily Taiwan
- 25 May 2021, K&L Gates Expands Restructuring and Insolvency and Aviation Finance Practices with New Partner Hire in Hong Kong

MEDIA MENTIONS

- Mentioned, "Turn Capital's Acquisition of Media Assets of Apple Daily Taiwan," *Global Legal Chronicle*, 13 July 2022

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Restructuring and Insolvency
- Aviation Finance
- Corporate and Acquisition Finance
- Securitization and Structured Finance

INDUSTRIES

- Aviation
- Transportation and Logistics

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Advising the petitioning creditor on the appointment of provisional liquidators, advised the provisional liquidators on the proposed restructuring and resumption of trading in shares, including a review before the Listing (Review) Committee
- Advising the lessor and remarketing agent in relation to the restructuring of Malaysian Airlines and disposal of 4 aircraft to Boeing Capital
- Advising the airline on various complex negotiations with various lessors
- Advising the bank in the restructure and refinancing of loans and leases to distress VIM Airlines
- Advising the company in relation to claims to be brought against its former directors and advisers

- Advising the company in relation to its restructuring and enforcement options in relation to a US\$1.1bn property refinancing in the PRC
- Advising a private client in the acquisition of the L.K. Bennett business in administration
- Advising its secured creditor Communication Authority on its claim against the company and issues relating to the proposed scheme of arrangement
- Advising various owners in respect of their acquisition, financing, management and disposal of their business jets and other assets
- Advising the investor in relation to the acquisition of a minority shareholding in Avolon from Bohai Leasing (a member of the HNA Group)
- Advising the lessor in relation to the JOLCO financing of the delivery of an Airbus 350-900 aircraft to Air France
- Advising the junior lender in relation to the financing of the delivery of two Airbus 350-1000 aircraft to Virgin Atlantic Airways supported by Aviation Capital Group and Bank of China respectively
- Advising the lead arranger and lender in relation to the pre-delivery financing and delivery financing of 6 de Havilland Canada Dash 8-400 aircraft to TAAG Angola Airlines supported by a sovereign guarantee issued by the Government of Angola