

# Faculty Biographies

**Prof. Charles D. Booth** is a professor of law at the William S. Richardson School of Law at the University of Hawai'i in Manoa, Hawai'i, and is the founding director of the Institute of Asian-Pacific Business Law (IAPBL). He was a Carlsmith Ball Faculty Scholar from Oct. 2012 to July 2014, taught at the University of Hong Kong from 1989-2005, and served as the director of the Asian Institute of International Financial Law (AIIFL) from 2000-05. Since June 2015, he has been affiliated with Sheppard Mullin as a Special Counsel. Prof. Booth's primary research interests are in comparative and cross-border insolvency and commercial law, Hong Kong and Chinese insolvency law reform, and the development of insolvency and commercial law infrastructures in Asia, the Pacific and Europe. He publishes extensively on these topics and has authored or co-authored more than 60 publications, which have been published in 11 jurisdictions. He has been commenting on Chinese bankruptcy law for more than 25 years. Prof. Booth is a Fellow in the American College of Bankruptcy, a founding member of the International Insolvency Institute, and a member of the International Academy of Commercial and Consumer Law. He has served as a consultant on insolvency and commercial law reform projects for many international organizations, including the World Bank, the Asian Development Bank, the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), the OECD, the ABA-UNDP, the International Development Law Organization (IDLO), the International Republican Institute and the International Insolvency Institute. Prof. Booth has been involved in projects in China, Hong Kong, Vietnam, Mongolia and Vanuatu, and in Europe and Asia generally. Over the last few years, he co-authored a report for the EBRD evaluating its Legal Transition Programme and a report on the Treatment of the Insolvency of Natural Persons for the World Bank, and he assisted the Mongolian judiciary with the drafting of an insolvency handbook. He is also chairs the Investor Rights in Insolvency Sub-Group for an Asia-Pacific Financial Forum/Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Business Advisory Council project and is a co-director of the Professional Diploma in Insolvency Course run by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (HKICPA). Prof. Booth received his B.A. *summa cum laude* from Yale University in 1981 and his J.D. *cum laude* in 1984 from Harvard Law School.

**Brent C. Carlson, CFE, CIRA** is a director with AlixPartners LLP in San Francisco, where he helps companies and their stakeholders in the areas of due diligence, investigations, disputes, restructuring and turnarounds, mergers and acquisitions, business plan assessments and interim management roles. He has more than 20 years of China business experience, including senior management positions consisting of chief representative, chief operations officer/deputy general manager, head of marketing and business development, chief financial officer and treasurer, and chief compliance officer. Mr. Carlson has provided investigative and forensic consulting services in internal investigations, purchase price and other commercial disputes, as well as criminal prosecution. He has also testified in court as an expert witness in fraud-related matters. Mr. Carlson has extensive experience helping companies in FCPA-related matters, including due diligence, assessments of existing compliance practices and infrastructure, internal investigations, developing and implementing effective compliance programs, and interim management/monitor roles. Fluent in Mandarin Chinese, he has also led comprehensive turnaround programs in China to improve underperforming businesses and to fix financial reporting, liquidity, forecasting and operational issues. His turnaround experience includes addressing areas such as simplifying organizational structures, consolidating sales and service functions, assessing product and customer profitability, consolidating technical operations, evaluating suppliers, implementing standardized budgeting and reporting, redesigning support functions, and reducing non-core costs. Mr. Carlson is a member of the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners, the Association of Insolvency and Restructuring Advisors and the Turnaround

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**Weimin Chen** is a managing director in Houlihan Lokey's Hong Kong office and head of China for the firm. He is responsible for overseeing the firm's investment banking business in the mainland China market, including further developing the corporate finance, financial advisory and financial restructuring businesses in the region. Previously, Mr. Chen worked at Lazard China, where he was general manager and director of Lazard's Beijing office for four and half years, responsible for the firm's coverage efforts in China. Over the past two decades, he has held senior roles at both international and Chinese organizations. Prior to Lazard, he was the chief financial officer of Trina Solar Limited, an integrated solar panel manufacturer based in China, where he successfully managed its transition from a privately owned company to a U.S.-listed public company. Before that, he worked at DBS Bank in Hong Kong, where he was responsible for leading the bank's M&A business in China. He also worked for ABN Amro Corporate Finance in Hong Kong and Barclays Capital in London. Mr. Chen started his career at Sinochem, a leading Chinese state-owned conglomerate, where he worked for seven years, primarily in its London office. He is fluent in Mandarin Chinese and English. Mr. Chen holds a bachelor's degree in economics from the University of International Business and Economics in Beijing and an M.B.A. from London Business School.

**Han Chuanhua** is a partner and head of the restructuring and insolvency department of Beijing Zhongzi Law Firm in Beijing. He has more than two decades of experience, and the majority of his clients are state-owned enterprises, including Huacheng Investment Management and Shenyang Teli Petrochemical.

**Patrick Cowley** is a principal in the Restructuring Services department of KPMG China in Hong Kong and has been involved in a wide variety of insolvency and restructuring matters in Hong Kong, China and the wider region. He is one of the Liquidators of Lehman Brothers in Hong Kong, with particular responsibility for realizing value from LB HK's investments in Japan, Australia and India. As part of the Lehman administration, Mr. Cowley led the restructuring of HK-listed Skyfame Realty Holdings, a Chinese real estate developer, which resulted in creditors recovering 80 cents in the dollar from a highly contentious set of circumstances. He is currently leading KPMG's Hong Kong team in the cross-border liquidations of MF Global and OW Bunker, both of which involve dealing with administrators from all around the globe. Mr. Cowley has also been active in the shipping and logistics sectors. He is currently leading the restructuring of Titan Group Investment Ltd. (in liquidation), an oil storage company that operates one of China's largest privately held oil storage facilities, as well as Transfield ER Cape Ltd., a former major international operator of dry bulk carriers. His broader restructuring experience extends into the finance, real estate, manufacturing and retail sectors.

**Xiqing Gao** is the Yutong Cheng Professor of Law at Tsinghua University Law School in Beijing. Elected to the Duke University Board of Trustees in 2008, he currently serves on the Academic Affairs Committee and the Audit, Risk and Compliance Committee. He previously served on the Business and Finance and Medical Center Academic Affairs Committees. Previously, Mr. Gao was vice chairman, president and chief investment officer of China Investment Corporation, China's sovereign wealth fund, from 2007-14. He also served as vice chairman of the National Council for

Social Security Fund of China from 2003-07, following his position as vice chairman of the China Securities Regulatory Commission (CSRC) from 1999-2003. As a co-founder of China's Stock Exchange Executive Council, Mr. Gao was instrumental in the establishment of the Shanghai and Shenzhen Stock Exchanges in 1990. As one of the founding members of CSRC, he served as its general counsel and director of public offerings from 1992-95. From 1997 to July 1999, he served as vice chairman and chief executive officer of BOC International, the investment banking arm of Hong Kong's Bank of China. Mr. Gao has taught as an adjunct professor at Duke Law, Tsinghua University Law School, UIBE Law School, and the Guanghua Management School of Peking University. A native of Xi'an, People's Republic of China, Mr. Gao has written extensively on Chinese securities law, banking, legal philosophy and antitrust. He and some of his former students have formed a charitable fund to help children in the poorest areas of Tibet and Mongolia stay in school. Mr. Gao received both his undergraduate education and a master of laws/economics from the University of International Business and Economics (UIBE) in Beijing, and his J.D. from the Duke University School of Law in 1986, where he was a Richard Nixon Scholar.

**Weihua Guo** is general counsel and manager of the Legal Affairs Department of China Huarong Asset Management Corp. in Beijing. He is proficient in the field of civil and commercial laws and regulations, such as contract law, corporate law and guaranty law, and served as the president of the second civil court of the Superior People's Court of Hubei and Intermediate People's Court of Hanjiang City, Hubei. Mr. Guo received his master and doctor in law from Peking University Law School, and has completed his research on civil liability in the Futures Trading Act at the post-doctoral level at Renmin University of China Law School.

**Liu Jiang** is a founder and the general manager assistant of the Legal & Compliance Department of China Cinda Asset Management Corp. in Beijing, the first financial asset management company (AMC) established by the Chinese government in 1999 to dispose of huge nonperforming assets (NPAs) acquired from state-owned commercial banks. It is also the first in the industry to get the franchise from the regulators to purchase the NPAs of nonfinancial institutions. As the pioneer of Chinese NPA market and the leading Bad Bank in China, China Cinda has acquired and disposed more than RMB 1 trillion of financial and nonfinancial NPA since it was established. In 2013, China Cinda successfully completed IPO in Hong Kong. By June 2015, China Cinda had more than RMB 600 billion in total assets. Mr. Jiang has 16 years of experience in NPA disposal and management and has made significant contributions on many deals in the area of corporation bankruptcy and debt restructuring. He assists the chief risk officer and chief legal counsel to manage litigation and nonlitigation issues. Mr. Jiang received his law degree from Peking University Law School in 1998.

**Richard S. Klein** is a managing director in the Restructuring and Recapitalization Group of Jefferies LLC in New York. He started the Group's Special Situation Financing practice and currently leads Jefferies' Asian Restructuring initiative. Mr. Klein recently served as the lead investment banker during the restructuring of LDK Solar, the first judicially approved, multijurisdictional debt restructuring of its kind for a mainland China-based entity. Throughout his nearly-20-year career in investment banking, he has represented companies, creditors, acquirors and other stakeholders in transactions with over \$100 billion in liabilities. His notable restructurings include Adelphia, Alpha Natural Resources, Anthony Crane, Apex Silver, Arthur D. Little, Borders, Buffet Holdings, Caesars, Circuit City, Classic Party Rentals, Energy Future Holdings, Fontainebleau Las Vegas,

Gateway Casinos, Harrah's Jazz Casino, Oversea's Shipholding Group, Patriot Coal, Transeastern, Trump Atlantic City and Velti Inc. Mr. Klein is a frequent speaker on international restructurings. Prior to joining Jefferies in 2008, he spent 12 years at Houlihan Lokey Howard & Zukin and two years at The CIT Group. Mr. Klein received his B.S. in business administration with a concentration in finance from the State University of New York at Albany.

**Andrew Koo** is a partner in the Transaction Advisory Services department of Ernst & Young in Shanghai. He has 19 years of experience in corporate advisory for listed and large SME in Australia, China, Hong Kong and Singapore, in particular with respect to cross-border investment, tax structure, refinancing, turnaround, liquidation, restructuring and asset protection. Previously, Mr. Koo spent eight years with William Buck in Australia, moved to Singapore in late 2002 and became a partner in Boon Suan Lee & Co in 2005. He then moved to Hong Kong in 2006 to head up the corporate advisory team in Kennic Lui & Co., then joined Ernst & Young in Hong Kong in June 2007 to set up the China restructuring team. Mr. Koo is a regular English, Mandarin and Cantonese. He is a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Australia, the Suzhou Business Association, and the Shanghai Chapter of Aushcham. Mr. Koo received his bachelor of commerce in accounting from the University of Melbourne in 1994.

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**Prof. Shuguang Li** is a professor at China University of Political Science and Law, director of the Bankruptcy Law and Restructuring Research Center, and executive dean of the university's Graduate School in Beijing. He is also a senior researcher for the China Institute for Restructuring Economic System of the State Council and a member of the Advisors Committee of the Beijing Bar Association. Prof. Li is a member of the Drafting Working Group of the New Bankruptcy Law and a member of the Drafting Working Group of the State-Owned Assets Law of the National People's Congress. In 2008, he was inducted as a Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy, so far the only foreign member in the college from China. Prof. Li was a visiting scholar at Harvard Law School from March 2000 to March 2001 and a visiting researcher at Stanford Law School from March to April 2002. Invited by the U.S. to be a participant in the State Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs Department's International Visitor Program, he visited the U.S. to examine U.S. economic law, the U.S. court system and the presidential electoral process. Since 1988, Prof. Li has been working on the theory and practice of bankruptcy and restructuring. He was one of the first pioneers in Chinese insolvency and restructuring and has since participated in China's national policymaking on state-owned enterprise reform and implementation. He also participated in drafting a series of new laws and regulations, including the Bankruptcy Law, State-owned Assets Law, the Securities Law, the Law of Small and Medium Enterprise, Partnership Law, the Anti-Trust Law, the Law of Investment Funds, and the Hearing Regulation of Administration Case Involving Foreign

Trade. Prof. Li has been providing advice since 1993 to the State Economic and Trade Commission on restructuring and bankruptcy of state-owned enterprises. Since 1988, he has advised a large number of Chinese enterprises, financial institutions, courts, provincial and municipal governments on restructure, bankruptcy and enterprise reform, and from 1995-2001 he had been a consultant on a number of projects of the Asian Development Bank and World Bank on state-owned enterprise reform, bankruptcy, restructure and foreign investment. Prof. Li received his B.A. in 1983 in law from Huadong College of Politics and Law, and his M.A. in 1986 and his Ph.D. in law in 1989 from China University of Political Science and Law.

**Ian Mann** is head of Harneys' BVI and Cayman Litigation and Restructuring Department in Hong Kong, servicing Asia based clients involved in BVI and Cayman litigation. He is also a partner in its Litigation and Insolvency department. Mr. Mann specializes in insolvency, restructuring, shareholders' disputes and contentious trusts. A TEP and Fellow in INSOL International, he is an experienced advocate who has a number of reported cases in the High Court and Court of Appeal in England. He continues to appear regularly as advocate in the Commercial Division of the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court and Court of Appeal. Previously, he practiced as a barrister in London. Mr. Mann has regularly appeared on behalf of *ex parte* applications seeking interim relief in support of multijurisdictional litigation to preserve assets and is accustomed to working in large onshore and offshore teams. Recently, he has been appointed BVI Counsel to the Joint Administrators of the Estate of Nina Wang and has been involved in the insolvency of Cayman company CDC Corp., the insolvency of one of the companies of the Titan Petrochemicals Group, unfair prejudice proceedings in relation to a BVI joint venture vehicle owning substantial operations in the People's Republic of China, and several contentious trusts applications involving substantial Hong Kong and PRC based assets. Mr. Mann is one of the general editors of *British Virgin Islands Commercial Law* (Sweet & Maxwell), now in its third edition. He is also ranked as a leading offshore lawyer by *Chambers* and *Chambers Asia-Pacific*. Mr. Mann is a member of the Inter-Pacific Bar Association (IPBA), the International Association of Restructuring, Insolvency & Bankruptcy Professionals (INSOL), ABI and the Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners (STEP). He received his LL.B. from the University of Southampton in 1998, his LL.M. from Churchill College of the University of Cambridge in 1999, and his law degree from the Inns of Court School of Law in 2000.

**Andrew McGinty** is managing partner of Hogan Lovells' Shanghai office and heads its corporate and commercial practice. He is also the head of the Hogan Lovells corporate and commercial practice in Asia. Mr. McGinty has lived, worked and studied in China for more than 20 years. He has broad experience in advising on corporate, banking, finance and financial regulatory matters in China, as well as PRC-related corporate and commercial matters, private and public mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures and other foreign investment projects. Mr. McGinty is regarded as a Leading Individual for Corporate/M&A in China by *Chambers Asia Pacific*, *Legal 500 Asia Pacific* and *IFLR 1000*. He is also widely recognized as an outstanding practitioner in the real estate and TMT industry. Mr. McGinty received his B.A. in 1987 from Leeds Metropolitan University, his C.P.E. from Middlesex University in 1992 and his Law Society Final from London Guildhall University in 1993.

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**Eliot Simpson** is a partner and the Practice Group Head of Appleby's Dispute Resolution team in Hong Kong. He has extensive experience in all areas of commercial litigation and corporate insolvency, including corporate disputes, fund disputes, trust and estate litigation, and corporate bankruptcy, insolvency and restructuring. He and his colleagues have been involved with most of the recent high-profile insolvency and restructuring matters arising in Asia. Previously, Mr. Simpson spent nine years at Clifford Chance before joining a major offshore firm based in the Cayman Islands, where he practised as a local attorney-at-law. In 2005, he joined another major offshore firm based in Jersey, where he was admitted as a Jersey advocate. He joined Appleby in 2008 as a solicitor advocate in the British Virgin Islands, and most recently relocated to Hong Kong in 2012. Mr. Simpson was listed in *Chambers Global* for 2012 and has contributed to a number of publications, including *Getting the Deal Through* and *Dispute Resolution Review*. He is a graduate of Cambridge University.

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**Tiffany Wong** is a partner in the Restructuring Services department of KPMG China in Hong Kong. She joined KPMG in 1997 and is experienced in consensual, contentious and formal restructuring and formal insolvency administrations, including compulsory liquidations, bankruptcies and receiverships. In July 2015, Ms. Wong was appointed one of the joint and several liquidators of Sing Pao Media Enterprises Limited, a GEM-listed company, by an order of the High Court of Hong Kong. One of the Provisional Liquidators of Ambow Education Holdings Ltd. (a New York-listed Chinese education business), she successfully restructured and restored the business to solvency in 11 months. She also assisted the liquidators of one of the Lehman Brothers entities in managing the bank's US\$500 million debt exposure in the world's largest private infrastructure project in Taiwan, with US\$571 million of principal and interest recovered for the benefit of the creditors. Ms. Wong received her undergraduate degree from Queensland University of Technology.

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