

Speakers Profile


Professor Robert K. Rasmussen
*Thomas McCarthy Trustee Chair in
Law and Political Science*
USC Gould School of Law

Robert K. Rasmussen joined USC Gould School of Law in August 2007. Rasmussen's scholarship focuses on corporate restructurings, both inside and outside of bankruptcy. He teaches Contracts, Business Bankruptcy and The Syndicated Loan as well as an undergraduate class on the Legal Profession. Rasmussen was named the J. Thomas McCarthy Trustee Chair in Law and Political Science in 2015.

Rasmussen, who served as dean from 2007 to 2015, taught at Vanderbilt Law School for almost two decades. He has been a visiting professor at the University of Chicago and University of Michigan law schools.

A widely cited scholar, Rasmussen is the author or co-author of dozens of articles published in some of the country's leading law journals, including the *Supreme Court Review*, the *University of Pennsylvania Law Review*, the *Stanford Law Review*, the *Michigan Law Review* and the *Yale Law Journal*. He has played a role in shaping the jurisprudence in his field as the principal author of an amicus curiae brief on behalf of nine law professors in the 1999 U.S. Supreme Court case *Bank of America v. 203 North LaSalle Street Partnership*; was the principal author of an amicus curiae brief on behalf of three law professors in *Integrated Telecom Express, Inc.*, a 2004 case decided by the Third Circuit Court of Appeals; and was the principal author of an amicus curiae brief on behalf of seven law professors in *Owens Corning*, a 2005 case also decided by the Third Circuit Court of Appeals. He is a member of the American Law Institute, and a Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy. He also serves as Chair of the Board of Directors of the AccessLex Institute.



Professor Felix Steffek
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Felix Steffek is Professor of Law at the University of Cambridge and Professorial Fellow (Privileges) at Newnham College. He serves as Deputy Chair of the Faculty of Law and Co-Director of the Centre for Corporate and Commercial Law (3CL). He is Global Distinguished Professor of Law at the University of Notre Dame, Research Member of the European Corporate Governance Institute (ECGI), Principal Legal AI Advisor at Thomson Reuters and Associate Director of the TR Imperial Frontier AI Lab.

His research interests cover corporate finance and insolvency law, artificial intelligence, dispute resolution and commercial law. He has advised international organisations, governments, parliaments, courts and startups in these areas. He represents law on the Academic Publishing Committee of Cambridge University Press.

Felix Steffek is leading multiple research projects on artificial intelligence and law, among them the Nuffield Foundation funded project on 'Access to Justice Through Artificial Intelligence' and the EPSRC funded project on 'Neuro-Symbolic Debates for Safeguarded Generative AI'.



Mr Scott Atkins
Global Head of Restructuring,
Norton Rose Fulbright;
Honorary Professor of Law,
University of Sydney

Scott Atkins is the Global Head of Restructuring, and Head of the Australian Risk Advisory practice. He is the immediate past Global Chair and Australian Chair.

In recognition of his contribution to the development of restructuring and insolvency systems globally, and his standing in the market, Scott was inducted as a Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy in 2025 and subsequently, appointed as Honorary Professor of the University of Sydney School of Law.

Scott is the Immediate Past President and Fellow of INSOL International (2021-2024), and a Life Member and Fellow of the Australian Restructuring Insolvency and Turnaround Association. He served as ARITA's President from 2019 to 2021. He is an active member of both the International Insolvency Institute and The World Bank's Insolvency and Creditor / Debtor Initiative.

Scott is Australia's Delegate on appointment by the Attorney-General to the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law's Working Group V (Insolvency). Currently, Scott is leading a successful proposal from the Australian delegation on the preparation of a revised Guide to Enactment for the UNCITRAL Model Law on Cross-Border Insolvency.

Recognised as an Eminent Practitioner in restructuring and insolvency by Chambers & Partners, Scott has deep industry knowledge and experience, developed over three decades in practice.

Scott acts on leading cross-border restructuring and insolvency mandates, debt restructuring, insolvency, bank resolution, special situations and distressed investment matters both in Australia and abroad. Scott has an extensive cross-border insolvency practice and has been involved in precedent-setting recognition and relief matters which have shaped the interpretation and application of the Model Law on Cross-Border Insolvency, and the development of cross-border judicial communication and coordination protocols.

Scott has also made an enduring contribution to global insolvency reform, having led several major reconstruction and capacity building initiatives in emerging markets, including Myanmar, Armenia, Bhutan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan, Brunei, Nauru and Indonesia. In these countries, Scott has helped to design and implement new insolvency laws and frameworks and devised institutional measures that have seen the introduction of more flexible restructuring alternatives, improvements in the efficiency of liquidation processes and greater uptake of insolvency mediation and out-of-court workouts.

Scott's work in Myanmar led to the passage of the country's first ever Insolvency Law in 2020, which included a simplified insolvency process for micro and small enterprises. This has since served as a best-practice comparator internationally and has shaped similar insolvency laws in other countries.

Scott serves on the International Advisory Council of the Singapore Global Restructuring Initiative and is an Advisory Board Member of the Asia Society in Australia.

Scott established the firm's dedicated Risk Advisory practice in 2018, the first of its kind among Australian law firms. Its pioneering approach and market impact have since been the focus of a Harvard Law School case study.

	<p>Under Scott's leadership, the practice brings together a multidisciplinary team that advises on complex and emerging risk issues across anti-money laundering and financial crime, climate and environmental risk, cybersecurity, data privacy and protection, governance standards, regulatory investigations and crisis management.</p> <p>Scott is a widely published author, and is also a sought-after speaker for conferences, seminars, keynote addresses and industry events both in Australia and internationally.</p>
 <p>Mr Daniel Liu <i>Partner, Restructuring & Insolvency and Special Situations Advisory Practices</i> WongPartnership</p>	<p>Daniel LIU is a Partner in the Restructuring & Insolvency and Special Situations Advisory Practices.</p> <p>His main areas of practice are restructuring and corporate disputes. He also advises on corporate governance and financial services regulatory matters.</p> <p>Daniel graduated from Singapore Management University as the School of Law Valedictorian of the graduating class in 2013. He was a recipient of various scholarships and was awarded subject prizes in corporate and commercial law, the law of equity and trusts, legal theory and philosophy, legal research and writing, and ethics and social responsibility.</p> <p>Daniel was also part of the team that represented Singapore Management University in the Phillip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition in 2013, emerging Runner-Up at the Washington D.C. international championship rounds.</p> <p>Daniel is admitted to the Singapore Bar and was ranked joint 3rd in the 2013 Singapore Bar Examinations. He served as a Justices' Law Clerk with the Singapore Supreme Court, before entering private practice. He was also appointed as a Law Clerk to assist the Competition Appeal Board during his time with the Singapore Supreme Court. Daniel is also a member of the INSOL International INSOLTech Committee.</p> <p>His expertise and approach have earned him praises from his clients with one testimonial describing him as, "<i>a technical genius with a knack for finding the solutions that hit home</i>".</p>
 <p>Ms Swati Jhaveri <i>Director & Head (Academy, Development & Research)</i> Singapore International Arbitration Centre</p>	<p>In her role as Director & Head (Academy, Development & Research), Swati is responsible for driving the strategic planning, research, thought leadership and publications, knowledge management and case management innovation initiatives of SIAC. Working closely with colleagues across the Strategy & Development, Marketing and Events and Secretariat, she also steers the design and development of SIAC's programming, outreach and engagement activities and events. Swati has a background in both legal practice and the teaching and research of law having worked at legal practices and academic institutions in Hong Kong, Singapore, Australia and the US. She is qualified to practice in Hong Kong SAR and England & Wales.</p>



Professor Aurelio Gurrea-Martínez
*Professor of Law and Head of the
Singapore Global Restructuring
Initiative*
Singapore Management University

Aurelio Gurrea-Martínez is Professor of Law and Head of the Singapore Global Restructuring Initiative at Singapore Management University. His research interests lie at the intersection of law and finance, with particular emphasis on corporate governance, financial regulation and corporate insolvency law, and how legal and institutional reforms may promote entrepreneurship, innovation, access to finance and economic growth.

He has taught, studied or conducted research at several institutions around the world, including the University of Oxford, Harvard Law School, Columbia Law School, Yale Law School, the University of Melbourne, the University of Los Andes, Reichman University and Stanford University. In 2022, he was also a Visiting Scholar at the Becker-Friedman Institute for Economics at the University of Chicago.

Aurelio is a Research Member of the European Corporate Governance Institute, as well as a member of the American Law and Economics Association, the OECD Latin America Roundtable on Corporate Governance and the World Bank Task Force on Insolvency and Creditor/Debtor Regimes. He is also co-chair of the Chicago-SMU-Cambridge Global Initiative on Corporate Restructuring and Insolvency and founding director of the Ibero-American Institute for Law and Finance. Aurelio has received several scholarships and awards, including the Talentia Fellowship to pursue his studies in law and finance at the University of Oxford and the Dean's Teaching Excellence Award at Singapore Management University. In 2016, he was named Rising Star of Corporate Governance by the Millstein Center for Global Markets and Corporate Ownership at Columbia Law School. In 2024, he was named Cross-Border Insolvency Academic of the Year by Global Restructuring Review.

His academic work has been cited by courts and regulators from several jurisdictions and has been published in leading academic journals such as the European Business Organization Law Review, Journal of Corporate Law Studies, Australian Journal of Corporate Law, International Insolvency Review, Journal of Financial Regulation, Journal of Portfolio Management, University of Chicago Business Law Review, Vanderbilt Journal of Transnational Law and American Business Law Journal. He has been invited to present his research before several regulators, government agencies and international organizations including the Monetary Authority of Singapore, the International Organization of Securities Commissions, the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank, the Australian Department of the Treasury, and the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.



Honorable Jung Hwa You

Judge for Cross-Border Cooperation
& Coordination
Seoul Bankruptcy Court

Judge Jung Hwa YOU currently serves as the Judge for Cross-Border Cooperation & Coordination (“CBCC”) at the Seoul Bankruptcy Court. In this role, she handles complex cases concerning the recognition of, and assistance to, foreign insolvency proceedings, and performs a coordinating function to facilitate effective cooperation among judges in charge, domestic insolvency practitioners (such as trustees and administrators), and foreign courts or foreign representatives, in response to requests from both domestic and foreign stakeholders.

Drawing on her academic background in private international law and international business law, she obtained a master’s degree from Seoul National University and completed the coursework for a doctoral (Ph.D.) program in the same fields. Prior to her judicial appointment, she practiced at Kim & Chang, where she worked extensively on international litigation and international arbitration matters. In her current role as the CBCC Judge of the Seoul Bankruptcy Court, building on this combined academic and professional expertise, she is responsible for handling insolvency cases arising out of international commercial transactions, including actions to challenge the determination of claims, actions to avoid fraudulent conveyances, and litigation arising out of or in connection with arbitration, as well as cross-border insolvency proceedings.

As a member of the Judicial Insolvency Network (“JIN”), INSOL International, and the International Women’s Insolvency & Restructuring Confederation (“IWIRC”), she builds professional networks and fosters cross-border cooperation by engaging with foreign legal professionals visiting or communicating with the Seoul Bankruptcy Court, as well as by actively participating in international conferences.



Mr Adrián Thery Martí

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Adrián Thery is a partner and head of the Restructuring and Insolvency Department at Garrigues in Madrid, where he mainly advises on out-of-court restructurings, corporate reorganizations, and cross-border insolvency matters. In December 2015, he was appointed as a member of the European Commission’s Group of Experts tasked with formulating legislative proposals on restructuring and insolvency within the European Union.

In recognition of his professional work, he has been acknowledged at European level by the Financial Times Innovative Lawyers Awards: the 2009 edition (“Industrial lease in an insolvency”) and the 2011 edition (“Accelerating a company-saving approval”). In addition, the 2013 FT Innovative Lawyers Awards highlighted the legal solution he proposed in the “Juguetería Poly” case, the formulation of which was later incorporated into the Spanish Insolvency Act through Article 146 bis, introduced by Royal Decree-Law 11/2014 of 5 September.

Adrián is a founding member and former president of the Spanish Chapter of the Turnaround Management Association (TMA), as a well as a member of INSOL Europe, the International Insolvency Institute, and the World Bank’s panel of experts for Spain. He is also co-chair of the insolvency and restructuring wing at the Madrid Bar Association as well as member of the Group of Experts on Insolvency Law at the Ibero-American Institute for Law and Finance. He serves on the editorial board of various journals, including the European Insolvency and Restructuring Journal, and has published dozens of articles and book chapters on corporate restructuring and insolvency.