



### **Ashok Kumar – Director, BlackOak LLC**

Ashok Kumar has more than 20 years of experience in legal practice. His core practice area is in Corporate Restructuring and Insolvency and he leads the practice at BlackOak LLC handling both contentious and non-contentious aspects of the practice. He acts for companies, creditors, financial institutions, banks and insolvency professionals, providing advice on solutions when companies are in a distress or near distress situation. He has acted for parties in many high-profile, high stake deals. Some of his notable past and present clients include: Glencore Singapore Pte Ltd, Mongolian Mining Corporation, Noble Resources International, Bilcare Singapore Pte Ltd, BLD Investments, Bumi Resources, Mitsubishi UFJ, Takenaka Corporation, Vanguard Energy, and Suntech Power. Ashok successfully argued the first reported decision in Singapore approving a funded litigation in Re Vanguard Energy Pte Ltd.

He has chaired the Sub Committee of the Singapore Academy of Law on Litigation Funding in Insolvency Cases. Currently, he sits on the Law Reform Committee of the Singapore Academy of Law, the Insolvency Practice Committee of the Law Society of Singapore and the INSOL Jakarta Membership Committee. He is also a Director of the Insolvency Practitioners Association of Singapore, a Director of the Turnaround Management Association, Singapore Charter and a member of the International Insolvency Institute. Ashok has been noted as a leading lawyer in numerous publications including Chambers Asia Pacific, IFLR1000, Legal 500 Asia Pacific, Who's Who Legal, PLC Which Lawyer Yearbook and Best Lawyers International, in this practice area.

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### **Darius Tay – Director, BlackOak LLC**

One of the founders of BlackOak, Darius' work focuses on special situations, including both contentious and non-contentious aspects of restructuring and insolvency, including banking and finance as well as mergers and acquisition for special situations.

Darius has been listed as a Next Generation Lawyer (in the restructuring and insolvency space) by Legal 500 (2018), he was a finalist for ALB South East Asia's young lawyer of the year 2018 and was also listed as an Up and Coming Lawyer (in the restructuring and insolvency space) by Chambers and Partners Asia-Pacific (2018).

Darius holds a B.C.L. from University of Oxford and LLB (with a 2<sup>nd</sup> Major in Accounting) (Magna Cum Laude) from Singapore Management University where he graduated amongst the top student of his class and was awarded a number of scholarships along the way.

Outside of private practice, Darius is an adjunct lecturer at the Singapore Management University on various topics. To date, Darius has taught Corporate Law, Company Law, and the Law of Equity and Trusts.

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