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Overview

Jeff Chen heads the structured finance practice at Dentons Hong Kong LLP with a coverage that spans all of Asia.

Jeff has over 18 years' experience in Asia as a legal practitioner in all areas of fixed income, including debt capital markets, securitization, structured finance, project finance and distressed debt. His practice is focused on limited recourse and cross-border financing structures of all types. He is also familiar with structured notes and derivatives.

Jeff is currently involved in establishing distressed debt facilities and special situations funds for cross-border investments into NPLs, real estate and workout arrangements in China and Asia.

Jeff has consistently enjoyed prominent rankings in league tables published by legal industry monitoring groups such as *Chambers & Partners*, *IFLR*, *Legal 500*, *Asia Legal Business*, *Global Law Experts* and others. Jeff was named a leading lawyer in structured finance in the *2008 IFLR Global Guide to the World's Leading Structured Finance and Securitization Lawyers*. He is recognized as a leading lawyer in capital markets: Securitisation in the *2020 Chambers & Partners Asia Pacific Guide*. He was the lead lawyer on PeopleFund P2P Korean loan securitization which is awarded *IFLR 2020 Structured Finance and Securitisation Deal of the Year*.

Jeff received his J.D. from The George Washington University Law School and his M.A. and B.A. degrees from The University of Michigan. He is admitted to practice in New York and the District of Columbia and is a licensed solicitor in Hong Kong. He serves on the Professional Advisory Board of the Asian Institute of International Financial Law, Faculty of Law, The University of Hong Kong.

Insights

- "Anatomy of structured products," *Dentons Hong Kong Webinar*, September 2020
- "Agnosticism in Pan-Asia Structured Finance," *The Journal of Structured Finance*, Spring 2019
- "Foreign, Cross-Border, Privately-Negotiated Acquisitions and Dispositions of China's Non-Performing Loans," *The Journal of Structured Finance*, Fall 2016
- "Chinese RMBS - Challenges and Solutions," *International Financial Law Review*, May 2016

- "Securitization in China: Overview and Issues," *The Journal of Structured Finance*, Spring 2015
- "The Volcker Rule's Impact on Foreign Banking Organizations," *Banking Today*, Hong Kong Institute of Bankers, May/June 2014
- "Extra-Territorial Impact of The US Dodd-Frank Act," ASEAN Bankers Association, September 2012
- "The Hong Kong Chapter," *The PLC Cross-Border Finance Handbook: Securitisation 2010/2011*
- "HK Bankruptcy Swap Carve-Outs Too Narrow," *Derivatives Week*, November 15, 2010
- "Credit Default Swaps - Are They Contracts of Insurance?," *Journal of The Hong Kong Institute of Bankers*, Issue No.44, Jan–Feb 2009
- "Hong Kong," *The International Comparative Legal Guide to Securitisation*, Chapter 22, 2007
- "Case Study on Korean Cross-Border RMBS: The KFB3 Securitization," *The Journal of Structured Finance*, Spring, 2005
- "SEC Adopts Final Rules for Asset-Backed Securities," selected as feature in Martindale-Hubbell's *Counsel to Counsel Securities Alert & International Securitization & Finance Report*, March 31 and April 15, 2005
- "Record Breaking Cross-Border RMBS Closes in Korea: Deal Size and Length Illustrate Strength of the Market," *International Securitization and Structured Finance Report*, 2004
- "SEC Proposes New Rules for Asset-Backed Securities," Jones Day publication, May 2004
- "The Korean Securitisation Market," *Asia Legal Business*, November 2003
- "Taiwan Puts Securitization Framework in Place," *International Financial Law Review*, 2002
- "Commodity Futures Modernization Act of 2000," Jones Day publication, April 2001

Activities and Affiliations

Presentations

- Panelist, "The Opportunity and Demand of Foreign Funds Entering Chinese Special Asset Investment Market", The 4th China International NPL Investment and Development Forum: Shenzhen, April 2018
- Panelist, "Restructuring Approach of Chinese Distressed Corporate & Discussion of Cross-Border Bankruptcy Mechanism", The 3rd Annual China NPL Investment & Distressed Corporate Restructuring Forum: Shanghai, June 2017
- Panelist, "NPL Investment Opportunities", The 2nd China International NPL Investment and Development Forum: Hong Kong, September 2016
- Panelist, "Global RMBS Comparison", China Securitization Forum 2016 Annual Conference: Beijing, April 2016
- Presenter, "China Securitization - Overview and Issues.", US Structured Finance Industry Group (SFIG) and IMN: "ABS West" Las Vegas, February 2015
- ISDA Over-the-Counter Derivatives Conferences: Beijing, September 2014; Taipei, February 2014; Singapore, January 2014; Beijing, September 2013; Singapore, July 2013; Seoul, July 2013; Sydney, May 2013; Hong Kong, March 2013; Singapore, February 2013; Tokyo, October 2012; Singapore, October 2012; Beijing, September 2012; Shanghai, June 2012; Singapore, May 2012; Taipei, April 2012; Seoul, March 2012; Hong Kong, February 2012; Shanghai, June 2011; Taipei, May 2011; Seoul, March 2011; Singapore, January 2011; Hong Kong, October 2010
- ISDA Asia Regional Conferences: Sydney/Singapore/Tokyo, October 2014; Hong Kong, October 2011; Hong

Kong, October 2010

- ISDA 2011 Asia Pacific Regulators Summit, Bangkok, May 2011
- ISDA Master Agreements and CSA Conferences: Hong Kong, June 2019; Hong Kong, June 2018; Hong Kong, June 2016; Hong Kong, June 2015; Singapore, August 2014; Hong Kong, July 2014; Hong Kong, June 2013; Hong Kong, July 2012; Hong Kong, September 2010; Beijing, August 2010 (in Mandarin); Shanghai, June 2010 (in Mandarin); Taipei, June 2010 (in Mandarin); Seoul, March 2010
- ISDA/Markit Collaboration on Dodd-Frank Protocol and Relevance to Asia, webinar, July 2012
- 30th IOMA, The WFE Derivatives Conference, Busan, May 2013
- IMN securitization conferences: Beijing, November 2008; Beijing, November 2007; Macau, April 2007; Hong Kong, June 2006; Hong Kong, May 2005; Seoul, September 2004; Barcelona, June 2004; Seoul, September 2003
- Euromoney/Terrapin/Securitisations World conferences: Beijing, March 2010; Seoul, March 2008; Singapore, December 2006; Singapore, November 2005; Hong Kong, November 2004
- INSTO securitization conferences: Sydney, November 2005; Sydney, May 2005; Sydney, November 2004

Memberships

- Co-Chair, Committee on NPL Securitization, China Securitization Forum
- Asia-Pacific Legal and Regulatory Committee of the International Swaps and Derivatives Association (ISDA)
- Professional Advisory Board, Asian Institute of International Financial Law, Faculty of Law, The University of Hong Kong

Areas of focus

Practices

- Banking and Finance
- Derivatives and Structured Products
- Securitizations
- Securities and Corporate Finance
- Capital Markets
- Asset-Backed Securities (ABS)

Industry sectors

- Financial Institutions

Region

- Asia Pacific
- China
- Hong Kong

Education

- George Washington University School of Law, JD
- University of Michigan, BA
- University of Michigan, MA

Admissions and qualifications

- District of Columbia
- Hong Kong
- New York
- US Supreme Court

Languages

- English
- Mandarin