

## HKVCA Webinar – May 25, 2021

### Speakers' bio



#### **Daniel Barton, Managing Director, Disputes and Investigations, Alvarez & Marsal**

Daniel Barton, a Managing Director with Alvarez & Marsal's Disputes and Investigations practice in London, brings more than 20 years of professional experience in forensic accounting investigations specialising in fraud, bribery and corruption, and regulatory issues. He has worked with clients across a wide range of sectors and has undertaken assignments in the U.K., mainland Europe, Africa, the U.S., Russia, Uzbekistan, Argentina, Brazil, Japan, South Korea, mainland China, Hong Kong, Taiwan and Malaysia.

Mr. Barton has conducted a large number of investigations into allegations of fraud, bribery and corruption and other ethics violations and has recently completed assignments arising from both internal and external whistleblowing at a major European corporate. Many of these investigations have been cross border, and required him to conduct interviews and gather information in multiple countries. He has managed all aspects of these assignments including multi-cultural and multi-lingual teams and the appropriate use of forensic technology specialists. He has also taken Receivership appointments, and directorships in multiple countries, to trace, recover and manage assets stolen from a Kazakh bank.

Prior to joining A&M, Mr. Barton was a managing director with the Forensic Services practice of PricewaterhouseCoopers in Tokyo. Mr. Barton earned a bachelor's degree in history, is a Fellow of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (FCCA) and a Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE).



#### **Eddie Middleton, Managing Director of Restructuring & Insolvency, Alvarez & Marsal**

Edward Middleton is a Managing Director with Alvarez & Marsal's Restructuring group in Hong Kong. He brings more than 20 years of experience working throughout Asia.

Mr. Middleton's notable assignments include: serving as lead liquidator of Lehman Brothers' operations in Asia; leading the financial restructuring of the state owned Vietnam Shipbuilding Co., Ltd (Vinashin) via a UK scheme of arrangement; leading the financial restructuring of China's Evergrande Real Estate Group; and acting as financial advisor to CIC in the restructuring of Bumi Resources in Indonesia.

Prior to joining A&M, Mr. Middleton served as a Managing Director at Houlihan Lokey, where he was Co-Head of its Asian Financial Restructuring Group. This position followed a long tenure as a partner of KPMG China, where he led its restructuring and insolvency business in China and the Asia-Pacific region for 10 years.

Mr. Middleton earned a bachelor's degree in economics and politics from the University of Manchester. He is a Fellow of the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants, of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants and of INSOL International and is a member of International Insolvency Institute.



**Davin Teo, Managing Director and Head of Forensic Technology Asia, Alvarez & Marsal**

Davin Teo is a Managing Director with Alvarez & Marsal's Disputes & Investigations practice in Hong Kong and leads the Forensic Technology team across Asia. He brings more than 20 years of forensic investigations, electronic discovery and IT audit experience to numerous national and international corporations, government bodies and regulators. His primary areas of expertise are regulatory investigations, fraud investigations and misconduct investigations, intellectual property theft investigations, dispute matters and data recovery requests.

Mr. Teo has extensive experience in managing complex internal investigation matters involving management and employee misconduct with data spread across multiple jurisdictions and large-scale data collection exercises that are time-sensitive. He has worked closely with senior management, stakeholders, legal and compliance teams of large international corporations, financial institutions and Chinese State-owned Enterprises to achieve effective outcomes during investigations.

Mr. Teo earned a bachelor's degree in commerce from the University of Queensland and holds a graduate certificate in financial management (GCFM). He is an EnCase Certified Examiner (EnCE) with certifications in Ethical Hacking (CEH) and Certified Hacking Forensic Investigator (CHFI).



**Keith Williamson, Managing Director & Head of Disputes and Investigations Asia, Alvarez & Marsal**

Keith Williamson is a Managing Director and Head of Alvarez & Marsal's Disputes and Investigations team in Hong Kong and China. He brings more than 24 years of forensic and investigative accounting experience (including 9 years in Asia), specialising in investigations of fraud, corruption (US FCPA/UK Bribery Act) and regulatory issues, compliance reviews and monitoring, asset tracing and recovery, and litigation support and expert witness services for disputes. Mr. Williamson has given evidence and been cross-examined in legal proceedings relating to forensic accounting matters.

Most recently at A&M, Mr. Williamson has been involved in: performing forensic accounting reviews of alleged fraudulent activity, corruption and accounting misstatements in China and across the Asia Pacific region; undertaking a global FCPA risk assessment and subsequent compliance audit; acting as a Compliance Monitor for a Chinese State-Owned-Enterprise; leading an investigation and financial restatement relating to a multi-billion dollar accounting fraud in the Asia operations of a listed European retailer; and leading an anti-money laundering review of a Macanese institution.

Keith has previously led the forensic accounting teams on compliance monitorships under two U.S. Department of Justice Deferred Prosecution Agreements focused on operations in over 15 countries.

Mr. Williamson earned a bachelor's degree in Law from the University of Birmingham. He is a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales and the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants.



**Justine Lau, Partner, Hong Kong, Mourant Ozannes**

Justine is a Partner in our Hong Kong Litigation and Restructuring & Insolvency practice. She has considerable experience advising insolvency practitioners in all forms of external administrations and restructuring matters including schemes of arrangement. Justine has also acted creditor-side in restructuring matters.

Before joining Mourant, Justine spent almost a decade practising in Mayer Brown's Litigation & Dispute Resolution practice in Hong Kong, focusing on restructuring and insolvency matters with cross-border elements.



**Jennifer White, Senior Associate, Hong Kong, Mourant Ozannes**

Jennifer is a Senior Associate in our Hong Kong Litigation & Dispute Resolution practice.

Her practice focuses on complex, high value, international commercial disputes involving offshore companies in the British Virgin Islands and Cayman Islands. She acts in shareholder disputes, derivative actions, cross-border insolvency & restructuring matters and contentious cross-border fraud & asset tracing claims.

Before relocating to Hong Kong in 2017, she spent 7 years practising as a barrister in Ireland where she built up a successful general civil practice on the Dublin and Eastern Circuits.