



## Rowan Tape

### Principal

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## Expertise and Practice

Rowan Tape has experience in a range of commercial disputes involving litigation and arbitration in Australia and Hong Kong, with a focus on claims against company directors, auditors and third parties arising from corporate fraud and insolvency. His projects involve him working closely with liquidators, forensic accountants and expert witnesses.

Rowan is highly regarded for his technical skills, commerciality and the ease of which he works with clients and colleagues alike.

## Project Highlights

Rowan's experience includes:

- ***Akai Holdings Ltd (in compulsory liquidation) v Everwin Dynasty Ltd [2016] 3 HKC 307***  
Represented the liquidators of Akai Holdings Limited in a claim against the company's former Chairman, James Ting, for fraudulent misappropriation of company assets. Judgment obtained in excess of US\$1 billion inclusive of interest.
- ***Moulin Global Eyecare Holdings Limited v Olivia Lee Sin Mei HCA 167 of 2008 [2014] 17 HKCFAR 466***  
Representing the liquidators of Moulin Global Eyecare Holdings Limited in a claim of over HK\$1 billion against a former company director for breach of fiduciary duties. Interlocutory proceedings have included an appeal to the Hong Kong Court of Final Appeal, which raised important issues as to the law of limitation in Hong Kong and directors' duties to creditors in circumstances of insolvency.

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- ***Re Matrix Distribution Limited HCCW 113/2012***  
Represented the liquidators of Matrix Distribution Limited in misfeasance proceedings against a company director and related entities for the restoration of company assets, resulting in a favourable settlement.
  - ***Confidential Sale of Goods Dispute***  
Represented a European distributor in a US\$20 million arbitration under the HKIAC Rules relating to the purchase and re-sale of goods between China and Europe.
  - ***Westpac Banking Corporation v The Bell Group Ltd (in liquidation) (No 3) (2012) 44 WAR 1***  
Represented the liquidator in asset recovery litigation and appeals arising from the collapse of the Bell Group of companies against 20 global banks leading to the settlement of AU\$2.9 billion in favour of liquidators, creditors and bond holders.

## Career

Rowan joined LK in September 2009 and has worked in our Adelaide and Hong Kong offices.

## Qualifications

- Bachelor of Laws (Honours), University of Adelaide (2009)
- Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice, Law Society of South Australia (2009)
- Bachelor of Commerce (Accounting), University of Adelaide (2007)

## Admissions

- High Court of Hong Kong (2015)
- Supreme Court of South Australia (2009)