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David is a partner in the Singapore office of Milbank LLP and a former member of the firm's Global Executive Committee. He is also the Managing Partner of the firm's Singapore office and Milbank's Asia Practice.

Primary Focus & Experience

Based in Singapore since 1997, David has advised clients on many of the largest and most complex corporate, restructuring, banking and project finance and capital market transactions to have been successfully completed across the Asia-Pacific region, including in Australia, Bangladesh, China, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Vietnam, Singapore, Thailand and the Philippines.

Recognition & Accomplishments

David is consistently ranked in the top tier by *Chambers Asia Pacific* for M&A, Banking & Finance and Restructuring/Insolvency, receiving the "Outstanding Contribution to the Legal Profession Award" at the *Chambers Asia-Pacific Awards*. Clients and peers praise him widely in *Chambers Asia-Pacific* as "a first-class lawyer" with "extensive market knowledge and a sharp commercial acumen." Clients note that he is "a respected and valued adviser", "very much in tune with the customer, very commercial and a skilled negotiator."

Among David's other notable accolades, he is:

- One of Singapore's Top International Banking & Finance Lawyers by *Business Today* 2023;
- "Lawyer of the Year" for Project Finance and Development Practice in Singapore by *The Best Lawyers* 2024 edition, an honor that is only awarded to one lawyer for each practice area. David was also recognized in Banking and Finance Law, Corporate Law, Insolvency and Reorganization Law, Investment Law, and Mergers and Acquisitions Law by the same publication;
- "Project Finance Lawyer of the Year in Singapore", "Corporate Restructuring Lawyer of the Year in Singapore" and "Capital Markets Lawyer of the Year in Singapore" at the

2023 Lawyer Network Annual Awards;

- Band 1 by *Chambers Asia-Pacific 2023* for Corporate/M&A, Banking & Finance, and Restructuring/Insolvency in Singapore;
- “Hall of Fame” lawyer for his expertise for Banking & Finance in Singapore by *Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2023*;
- “Leading Individual” for Corporate and M&A as well as Restructuring and Insolvency in Singapore by *Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2023*;
- “Marketing Leading” lawyer for his expertise in Banking, Capital Markets, M&A, Project Finance, Energy and Infrastructure, Restructuring and Insolvency in Singapore by *IFLR1000 2023-2024*;
- Band 1 by *Chambers Asia-Pacific 2023* for Corporate/M&A, Banking & Finance, in Indonesia (Expert Abroad);
- “Hall of Fame” lawyer in Indonesia by *Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2023*;
- named among the world’s leading practitioners in *Who’s Who legal: Southeast Asia 2023* for his expertise in Project Finance and Energy;
- “Global Leader” by *Who’s Who Legal 2023* in the Energy – Power/Electricity, Energy – Renewables, and Project Finance guides;
- *Best Lawyers 2023* for his work in various practice areas including Corporate and M&A, Banking and Finance, Project Finance and Development, as well as Investment Law;
- ‘Name to Know in Singapore’ in the restructuring and insolvency market by *Global Restructuring Review*; and
- Banking & Project Finance Lawyer of the Year – Singapore in *Corporate LiveWire’s* Innovation and Excellence awards.

ADDITIONAL DETAILS

EDUCATION

McGill University
Dalhousie University, J.D.

ADMISSIONS

England and Wales
Ontario, Canada

EXPERIENCE



FEATURED NEWS

Milbank to Receive Syndicated Loan Deal of the Year Honors at 2024 Bonds, Loans & Sukuk Middle East Awards

Milbank Partners Jacqueline Chan, Giles Kennedy, James Murray and David Zemans Featured in *The Best Lawyers* in Singapore 2025

Milbank's Manipal Hospitals Private Equity Transaction Named 2023 M&A Deal of the Year by *India Business Law Journal*

Careful Planning: Secure the International Law Protections in Investment Treaties When Investing in the Renewable Energy Sector in Southeast Asia

Milbank Partners David Zemans, Jacqueline Chan Named in *The Legal 500* M&A Powerlist - Asia Pacific 2024