

Calvin Cheuk

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Year Of Call:

2005 (Hong Kong)

Practice Areas: Arbitration , Chancery, Construction Law,
Commercial Law, Company Law and Insolvency, Mediation,



After obtaining First Class honours in both architecture and law from the University of Hong Kong and the Bachelor of Civil Law from the University of Oxford, Calvin joined Des Voeux Chambers in 2006.

Calvin has since developed a broad practice with special emphasis on construction disputes. He is regularly instructed in disputes relating to large infrastructure and construction projects in Hong Kong, Macau, Taiwan and the PRC, including crossharbour tunnel, casinos, coal mines, commercial complexes, hotels and residential developments.

Calvin has appeared in various levels of the courts, including the Court of Final Appeal. Calvin is also regularly instructed to appear in arbitrations. He was appointed as a Deputy District Judge in 2018.

He was counsel to the Commission of Inquiry into the Construction Works at and near the Hung Hom Station Extension, the final report of which was recently published in April 2020. Currently, he is also the Chairman of the Society of Construction Law Hong Kong and the Vice Chairman of the Committee on Construction Law of the Hong Kong Bar Association.

Calvin is accredited in the Preeminent Junior Counsel category in Doyles Guide for “Leading Construction & Infrastructure Barristers - Hong Kong” 2021 and recognised in Who’s Who Legal Construction: Future Leaders 2020.

Directory Quotes:

Calvin Cheuk has been kept busy handling high-value, complex construction disputes arising from prominent projects in Hong Kong. 'A sought-after junior practitioner in the construction space.' Calvin Cheuk is recognised as a Leading Junior for Construction and Property Law.

Legal 500 Asia Pacific HK Bar (2022)

Calvin Cheuk has been recognized by [Who's Who Legal](#) as a “**Future Leader**” in the field of **Construction**.

WWL Says: "Calvin is one of the top barristers specialised in construction in Hong Kong" "He understands the details of a case quickly" "Not many counsels in Hong Kong have an architectural degree under their belt like Calvin"

WWL: Global Leaders 2022

Calvin Cheuk has been recognized by [Who's Who Legal](#) as a “**National Leader**” in the field of **Construction**.

WWL Says: “Calvin Cheuk is commended by market respondents for his ‘excellence in understanding and presenting complicated technical issues’ in multibillion-dollar construction disputes.”

WWL: Mainland China & Hong Kong SAR 2022

Who's Who Legal (2022)

A busy practitioner, with a strong practice, and a great guy, too. Calvin Cheuk has been elected as the Chairman of the Society of Construction Law Hong Kong. Calvin Cheuk is singled out as a Leading Junior for Construction Law.

Legal 500 Asia Pacific HK Bar (2021)

Calvin Cheuk has been recognised in the Preeminent Junior Counsel category by the [Doyles Guide for Leading Construction & Infrastructure Litigation Barristers - Hong Kong, 2021](#)

Doyles Guide (2021)

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Doyles Guide (2020)

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WWL says: Calvin Cheuk is commended for his "excellent technical background" and "great eye for detail"

Who's Who Legal (2020)

Calvin is a Recommended Junior Counsel in Doyle's Guide for "Leading Construction & Infrastructure Barristers - Hong Kong" 2017 and recognised in Who's Who Legal Construction: Future Leaders 2019.

Doyles Guide (2017), Who's Who Legal (2019)

Expertise:

Membership & Appointments

- Chairman of the Society of Construction Law Hong Kong (2020)
- Vice Chairman of the Committee on Construction Law of the Hong Kong Bar Association (since 2019)
- Deputy District Judge (2018)
- Member of the Standing Committee on Barristers Qualification Examination of the Hong Kong Bar Association (since 2016)
- Member of the Committee on Arbitration of the Hong Kong Bar Association (since 2014)

Selected Cases

Litigation:

- **The Commission of Inquiry into the Construction Works at and near the Hung Hom Station Extension under the Shatin to Central Link Project ("The MTR Inquiry")**
- ***Re Hsin Chong Construction Co Ltd*** [2019] HKCFI 1531
- ***Unistress Building Construction Ltd v Top Dollars Development Ltd*** [2018] 1 HKLRD 237
- ***De Monsa Investments Ltd v Richly Bright International Ltd*** (2015) 18 HKCFAR 232
- ***Beacon Hill (IO) v Match Power Investment Ltd*** [2011] 5 HKLRD 107
- ***Gao Haiyan & Anor v Keeneye Holdings Ltd*** [2011] 3 HKC 157
- ***Marcus Praetorius v Head Architecture and Design Ltd*** HCA 1057/2013
- ***Unistress v The Pressure Piling Co. (Hong Kong) Limited and others*** ESS 21671-21676/2009 28 February 2011

- ***HKSAR v The Pressure Piling Co. (Hong Kong) Limited and others*** ESS 21671-21676/2009 28 February 2011
 - Successfully defended the Defendants against charges brought under section 40(2B)(b) of the Buildings Ordinance, Cap 123 after a 22-day trial involving the tilting of a building in Hong Kong.
- ***Chow Fu Hsien v K Vision International Investment (HK) Ltd*** HCA 2884/2004 17 November 2009
 - Represented the Plaintiff (and was led by Ms Lisa Wong SC) and successfully enforced a trust deed relating to a large scale property development in Beijing against the defendant company.
- ***BSC Interior Contract and Engineering Company Ltd v Shinta*** CACV 325/2008 23 October 2009
 - Represented the Defendant (and was led by John Scott SC) in a dispute which concerned the existence of an oral collateral agreement during construction.
- ***The Official Receiver v Lui Fu Sing and another*** HCMP 1922/2008 8 June 2010
 - Represented the Official Receiver and successfully obtained a disqualification order against the former directors of a company in liquidation.
- ***Sun Focus Investment Ltd v Tang Shing Bor & another*** HCA 538/2007 22 October 2009
 - Represented the Defendants and successfully struck out the Plaintiff's statement of claim relating to a property development in Shanghai, the PRC.
- ***Paul Y Management Ltd v Eternal Unity Development and Others*** HCA 571/2007 1 June 2009
 - Represented the Defendants and successfully resisted the Plaintiff's strike-out application relating to a property development in the PRC.
- ***Clare, Baroness Baillieu v The Foreign Correspondent's Club, Hong Kong*** HCMP 1567/2006 7 November 2008
 - Represented the Plaintiff and successfully obtained a declaration against the Foreign Correspondent's Club, Hong Kong after a 4-day trial.

Arbitration:

- Represented an employer to resist a contractor's claims relating to, inter alia, extension of time, variations and direct loss and expenses.
- Represented a contractor in an arbitration principally concerning the claim for loss of profits arising from construction defects brought by an employer.
- Represented a Hong Kong property developer (and was led by Philip Boulding QC and Anthony Houghton SC) in arbitration proceedings against its main contractor of a large scale property development comprising a hotel, offices and service apartments.

Scholarship and Awards

- Bar Scholarship (2004)
- Charles Ching Memorial Scholarship (2003)
- Sir Edward Youde Memorial Fellowship for Overseas Studies (2003)
- Johnson, Stokes and Master Scholarship in Law (2002)

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- C V Starr Scholarship (2001)
 - Ho Fook Prize in Architecture (1999)

Publications, Lectures and Talks

- Co-Author of 'Commissions of Inquiry in Hong Kong' 2021
This book is now available from Sweet & Maxwell, please click [\[Order Link\]](#) for more
- Consultant Editor of the Hong Kong Law Reports and Digest from June 2011.
- Speaker on "Construction and Arbitration: A Practical Guide"
- Speaker (together with Mr Barrie Barlow SC and Mr Yang-Wahn Hew) on "Issues arising from Companies Winding-up proceedings of which (former) Directors should be aware"
- Speaker (together with Mr Jose Maurellet) on Minority Shareholders' Remedies.

Spoken Language

Cantonese, English, Mandarin