

Martin Lau

LLB (First Class Honours), HKU (2016)
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BCL (Distinction), Oxon (2018)

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Year Of Call:

2019 (Hong Kong)

Practice Areas: Arbitration , Mediation, Chancery,
Commercial Law, Company Law and Insolvency, Land &
Planning Law,



A graduate of Diocesan Boys' School, Martin read law at the University of Hong Kong and the University of Oxford.

Martin first obtained his Bachelor of Laws with First Class Honours (ranking second in class) from the University of Hong Kong. He then completed his Postgraduate Certificate of Laws with Distinction, ranking first in class in Property Litigation as well as achieving the highest average mark in all litigation subjects.

Martin pursued further studies at Pembroke College, Oxford and obtained the degree of Bachelor of Civil Law. During that course, he achieved individual subject distinctions in all subjects taken, as well as an overall distinction for his degree.

Martin was called to the bar in 2019. He is developing a civil practice in all areas of Chambers' work.

Expertise:

Selected Cases

Commercial and Company Law

- Trillion Wide Credit Finance Limited v. Ample Sky Holdings Limited [2022] HKCFI 3813 – Enforcement of loan agreements with associated questions on registrability of security documents (sole advocate)
- Re MAT Limited [2021] HKCFI 3144 – Proceedings for declaration of beneficial ownership over shares and rectification of register of shareholders (sole advocate)
- Re: Tsuen Wan Hsin Kuang Restaurant Limited [2021] HKCFI 2543 – Substantive hearing on leave for commencement of statutory derivative proceedings against directors of a Chinese

restaurant chain (led by Jose Maurellet SC, with Alexander Tang)

- Canton Plus Enterprise Ltd & Anor v Tong Zhenjun & Ors [2021] HKCFI 181; [2021] HKCFI 273; [2021] HKCFI 1244; [2021] HKCA 1251 - Asset-freezing and proprietary injunctions in derivative actions (sole advocate)
- Remedy Asia Ltd v Patrick Tong Hing Chi & Ors [2020] HKCFI 398; [2020] HKCFI 2792 - Claims for breach of directors' duties in a subsidiary of an entertainment group (led by Charles Manzoni SC, with Norman Nip (now Norman Nip SC))

Land & Property Law

- Geoffrey Holdings Ltd v. Lam Che Chung & Ors [2022] HKDC 552 - Trial in relation to claims for adverse possession and encroachment (sole advocate)
- Ho Kwok Ming v Wong Hung Ho & Ors [2022] HKDC 370 - Proceedings for interlocutory injunctive relief to protect an easement acquired by prescription (with Alan Kwong)
- An Arbitration administered by the HKIAC (2019) - Dispute over the beneficial ownership of a commercial property in Hong Kong (led by Anson Wong SC, with Adrian Lai)

Civil Procedure

- Mengiwa Property Investment Limited v Lifestyle Restaurant Limited [2022] HKCFI 3640 - Application for interim payment pending assessment of damages (with Alexander Tang)
- Resorts World at Sentosa Pte v Wong Fei Fu [2020] HKCFI 1236 - Setting aside registration of foreign judgment in Hong Kong (with Harrison Cheung)
- Jessop & Baird (Hong Kong) v Neo Hwee Khim & Ors [2019] HKCFI 2583; [2020] HKCFI 557 - Proceedings for contempt of Court (led by William Wong SC, with Toby Brown; sole advocate on costs)

Arbitration

- An Arbitration administered by the HKIAC (2022) - Substantive hearing on preliminary issues concerning jurisdiction and existence of implied terms (with Alexander Tang)
- An Arbitration administered by the HKIAC (2021) - Proceedings for debt-recovery under two loan agreements (sole advocate)
- An Arbitration administered by the HKIAC (2021) - Shareholders' dispute in relation to a BVI-incorporated special purpose vehicle (with Adrian Lai)

Scholarships and Awards

- Middle Temple Advocacy Scholarship (2019)
- Pembroke College Prize (2018)
- Minvie Leung Prize for Property Litigation (2017)
- Red Cross International Humanitarian Law Moot First Runner Up (2017)

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- Sweet & Maxwell Edlyn Yap Prize for Litigation (2017)
 - Deacons Prize in Law (2016)
 - Dean's Honours List (2016; 2014; 2013)
 - Joint University Mooting Competition Champion (2016)
 - Professor Dafydd Evans Memorial Scholarship (2016)
 - HKSAR Government Scholarship Fund Reaching Out Award (2015)
 - Betty Ho Prize in Law (2013)
 - Freshfields Prize in Legal Skills (2013)
 - Ho Fook Prize (2013)
 - Linklaters Prize for Overall Excellence in Law: Year I (2013)
 - HKU Foundation Scholarship for Outstanding Students (2012)

Publications, Lectures and Talks

- Contributing Editor to Hong Kong Company Law Cases (2008 - 2019) - published in 2020 by DVC in collaboration with Kluwer
- Martin Lau, "Time Extended, Discretion Expanded: *Astro v First Media*" (2018) 47(3) *Common Law World Review* 208

Spoken Language

Cantonese, Mandarin, English