

Martin Lau

LLB (First Class Honours), HKU (2016)
PCLL (Distinction), HKU (2017)
BCL (Distinction), Oxon (2018)

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Year Of Call:

2019 (Hong Kong)

Practice Areas: Administrative and Public Law, 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.

Beyond Hong Kong, Martin also studied at Pembroke College, Oxford for 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.

Academics aside, Martin is also a keen mooter. He participated in a number of mooting competitions. Notably, his team attained the overall 1st runner up in the Red Cross International Humanitarian Law Moot 2017.

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

Expertise:

Selected Cases

- ***Re Lionstar Manufacturing Limited*** [2019] HKCFI 1644 - Companies winding-up
- ***Jessop & Baird (Hong Kong) v Neo Hwee Khim & Ors*** [2019] HKCFI 2583 - Contempt of Court
- ***An Arbitration Administered by the HKIAC*** - Disputes over the ownership of a real property

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)
- 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

- Martin Lau, "Time Extended, Discretion Expanded: *Astro v First Media*" (2018) 47(3) *Common Law World Review* 208
- Martin Lau & Jason Ko, "Free Speech in Non-Public Spaces: Recent Developments in Hong Kong" (OxHRH Blog, 8 November 2017)
<http://ohrh.law.ox.ac.uk/free-speech-in-non-public-spaces-recent-developments-in-hong-kong>

Spoken Language

Cantonese, Mandarin, English