

## Sabrina Ho

LLB (First Class Honours) – The University of Hong Kong (2003-2006)

PCLL - The University of Hong Kong (2006-2007)

LLM (Distinction) (Commercial Law) – London School of Economics and Political Science (2007-2008)

LLB, The University of Southampton (2005)

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### Year Of Call:

2009 (Hong Kong)

**Practice Areas:** Arbitration, Company Law and Insolvency, Commercial Law, Chancery, Securities Law, Mediation, Insurance Law



Sabrina joined Chambers in 2009 upon completion of her pupillage. She practises in all areas of civil work, with emphasis in commercial, company and insurance law.

Sabrina is a contributing author of the Companies Ordinance, Commentary and Annotations. She was a former member of the Companies Law Committee of the Hong Kong Bar Association.

Fluent in Mandarin and written Chinese, Sabrina has been involved in various Court cases and arbitrations (both HKIAC and CIETAC arbitrations) concerning Mainland corporates and individuals. She is currently a member of the Greater China Affairs Committee and the China Practice Development Committee of the Hong Kong Bar Association. She is a committee member of the Hong Kong and Mainland Legal Profession Association. She is the legal consultant of Jiangsu Sunfair Law Firm, Nanjing (江蘇南京三法律師事務所).

Sabrina graduated from the University of Hong Kong with First Class Honours in LLB. She obtained an LLM (Commercial and Company Law) with Distinction in the London School of Economics and Political Science.

## Directory Quotes:

Sabrina Ho of Des Voeux Chambers stands out for her ability to establish a rapport with all participants in the legal process, one source identifying her as a "very diligent junior, trusted by many of the senior members of the Bar community," while another notes that "she is well liked by all solicitors for her handling of clients, while both clients and the Bench find her friendly and respectable." Nor are interviewees slow to praise her "succinct

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and clear" court presentation, more than one emphasising her flair for "skilful cross-examination." Most active in the commercial, company and insurance spheres, she is increasingly seen in a sole or leading advocate role.

#### Chambers & Partners Asia Pacific (2020)

Sabrina Ho of Des Voeux Chambers is characterised by peers as a "very busy," "very hard-working, excellent junior" who "has done very well" in recent cases. Solicitors value her as a "very user-friendly barrister who proactively asks where assistance on particular issues is required," "keeps clients calm, reassuring them that the matter is being supported as it should be," and "presents well, not taking silly points and not upsetting the judges." Within a broad commercial remit, she offers particularly focused expertise in the areas of company law and insurance and contributed to the successful outcome for the defendant in *Elite Dragon Limited v BEL Global Resources Holdings Limited*, a High Court case which largely concerned the application of the law governing the extent of directors' fiduciary duties.

#### Chambers & Partners Asia Pacific (2019)

### **Expertise:**

### **Important Cases**

#### **Commercial and Company**

#### **Shek Kin Pong & Ors v. FTLife Insurance Co Ltd HCA 739/2016**

Represented the Defendant by Original Action and Plaintiff by Counterclaim in a trial relating to contractual interpretation of Agent's contract.

#### **Harbour Front Limited v. Money Facts Limited & Ors HCMP 1987/2018**

Represented the Petitioner in an unfair prejudice petition to obtain an interlocutory injunction (led by Clifford Smith SC).

#### **Rafaat Imam v. Life (China) Co Ltd & Ors [2018] 4 HKLRD 152**

Represented the Defendants to oppose an application for leave for third party funding (led by Clifford Smith SC).

#### **Inspiring Investments Limited v. Chun Hu Hing & Another HCA 2090/2014**

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Represented the Plaintiff in a trial relating to breach of contract.

**Elite Dragon Limited v. Bel Global Resources Holdings Ltd** [2017] HKCFI 718 and HKCFI 1247

Represented the Defendant (and Plaintiff by counterclaim) in a trial relating to the sale of a nickel mine and enforceability of convertible bonds (with John Scott SC)

**Lee Kin Wai & Anor v. Cheung U Chan** HCA 202/2014 (Judgment 8/2/2017)

Represented the Defendant (and Plaintiff by counterclaim) in a trial relating to the ownership of a Home Ownership Scheme flat held on trust.

**Ho Yuk Kuen v. Ling Wan Ha & Or** DCCJ 116/2016

Represented the Plaintiff (and Defendant by counterclaim) in a trial relating to the revocation of a licence to stay in a Property.

**Tam Ying Man v. Leung Ka Chun & Ors** HCA 2166/2011

Represented the Defendant in a trial relating to the ownership of a HK-China cross-border licence

**China Alarm Holdings Acquisition LLC & Anor v. Ing Alexander Yim Leung & Ors** HCA 503/2012

Represented the Plaintiff in a trial relating to a claim for fraudulent misrepresentation (led by Douglas Lam SC)

**Excel Courage Holdings Ltd & Anor v. Wong Sin Lai & Ors** HCCL 34/2013

Represented the Defendant in a trial relating to a claim for listed shares (led by Douglas Lam SC)

**Macau First Universal International Ltd v Ding Xiaohong & Ors** [2012] 2 HKLRD 494

Represented the Plaintiff (and Defendants by counterclaim) in a 45 days' trial concerning claims of trust (with Ronny Tong SC and Anson Wong SC)

## Insurance

Represented **FTLife Insurance Company Limited (formerly known as Ageas Insurance Company (Asia) Limited)** in various actions, including the trial in HCA 1599/2014

Appeared in various hearings before the board of the **Hong Kong Federation of Insurers and the Federation of Professional Insurance Brokers Association**

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Appeared in various hearings on behalf of insurance companies against former insurance agents in **High Court Bankruptcy Proceedings**.

## **Arbitration**

### **Beijing CIETAC Arbitration in Beijing**

Represented the Respondents and Claimants by Counterclaim in a trial (led by Clifford Smith SC).

### **HKIAC Arbitration in Hong Kong**

Represented the Respondents and Claimants by Counterclaim in a trial (led by Douglas Lam SC).

## **Memberships & Appointments**

Member of the **China Practice Development Committee, Hong Kong Bar Association**

Member of the **Greater China Affairs Committee, Hong Kong Bar Association**

Former Member of the **Companies Law Committee, Hong Kong Bar Association**

Legal Consultant of **Jiangsu Sunfair Law Firm, Nanjing** (江蘇南京三法律師事務所)

Chairman of the Committee on Barrister Practice Development of the **Hong Kong and Mainland Legal Profession Association**

## **Publications/Lectures/Talks**

- Editor of Order 29 of the Hong Kong Civil Procedure Rules (White Book) for 2020
- Speaker - Winding up in the Public Interest and Appointment of Provisional Liquidators  
23.01.2019
- Contributing Author of Annotated Ordinance Hong Kong: Dutiable Commodities Ordinance (Cap 109) of the **Companies Ordinance, Commentary and Annotations**
- Presenter of the Common Law Course for LLB and LLM at the Peking University, Beijing

## **Language**

- English
- Cantonese

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- Mandarin

## **Scholarships & Awards**

- 2007-2008 Blackstone Chambers Prize for Best Overall Performance in Commercial Law
- 2007-2008 Middle Temple Advocacy Training Scholarship
- 2005-2006 Dean's Honours List
- 2004-2005 Worldwide Undergraduate Student Exchange Scholarships
- 2003-2004 F. Zimmern & Co Prize in Legal Systems
- 2003-2004 Foundation Entrance Scholarship