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Year Of Call:

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Practice Areas: Chancery, Commercial Law, Company Law and Insolvency, Construction Law, Family Law, Mental Health Law



Terrence joined Des Voeux Chambers as a tenant in 2016 after obtaining First Class Honours in his juris doctor degree (ranking second in his year), and a Distinction in the Bachelor of Civil Law degree at the University of Oxford.

Terrence was awarded the Bar Scholarship and the Charles Ching Memorial Scholarship in 2015 and 2016 respectively.

Terrence is developing a broad civil and commercial practice and has been involved in cases concerning trusts, probate, land, company and corporate insolvency matters. He is fluent in English and Chinese.

Selected Cases

Company and Insolvency

- **Re Sandmartin International Holding Ltd HCMP 1044/2017; [2020] HKCA 146** - Application under s.740 of the Companies Ordinance for the inspection of documents by shareholders
- **Re Topmix (International) Co Ltd [2020] HKCFI 245** - Application under s.740 of the Companies Ordinance for the inspection of documents by shareholders
- **Re Pearl Oriental Oil Ltd [2018] HKCFI 2559** - Application to restrain directors of a listed company to act as chairman of special general meeting
- **Re JB Equity Ltd HK Ltd HCMP 554/2018** - Unfair prejudice petition
- **Re Buy Together HK Ltd HCCW 212/2016** - Conversion of compulsory winding-up into voluntary winding-up under s.209A of Companies (Winding up and Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance

- **Re Great Faith Properties Ltd HCMP 659/2018** - Application to restore a deregistered company
- **Re China City Construction (International) Co Ltd [2019] 3 HKLRD 491** - Application to wind up a company in voluntary winding-up

Scheme of Arrangement/ Cross-border insolvency

- **Re Asia Television Limited HCMP 1278/2017** - debt restructuring scheme
- **Re Enice Holding Ltd [2018] 4 HKLRD 736** - privatisation scheme
- **Re National Arts Entertainment and Culture Group Ltd [2020] HKCFI 271** - debt restructuring scheme
- **Re National Arts Entertainment and Culture Group Ltd (HCMP 1176/2019)** - recognition of Bermuda provisional liquidation
- **Re Moody Technology Holding Ltd [2020] HKCFI 416** - recognition of Bermuda provisional liquidation

General Civil and Commercial

- **Ipson v IO of Connie Towers HCCT 26/2014** - Trial, breach of contract for repair and maintenance works to be carried out at residential properties
- **BMC Global Ltd v Tor Asia Credit Master Fund Lp HCA 2392/2016** - Interlocutory injunction to restrain exercise of powers under debenture and disposal of company assets
- **Jingtian v Stephen Liu HCA1103/2017** - Resisted Interim injunction against listed company and its chairman based on alleged defamation
- **Zhi, Charles v Michael Kor HCA 977/2016** - Application to strike out claim against listed company
- **Convoy Global Holdings Ltd v Cho Kwai Chee Roy HCA 2922/2017** - Acting for a former director in respect of alleged wrongs committed against companies
- **Re Yuen Lai Gwen HCB 8839/2016** - Bankruptcy petition representing the petitioner

Asset Recovery/ Civil Fraud

- **GF Trading SA v Mingzi Trading Co Ltd HCA 2011/2017**
- **JRJ Investment Fund Ltd v Baitongyuan Trading Co Ltd [2018] HKCFI 167**
- **Bitfury Group Ltd v Hongkong Zitan Trade Ltd HCA 2011/2018**
- **Intl Fcstone Markets LLC v Hong Kong Ruilongxiang Trading Co Ltd HCA 763/2019**
- **Protech Home Medical v Huasite Trade HCA 797/2019**

Mental Health Law

- **To Lee Wah v Yum Huin Ming [2019] HKCFI 1441** - Trial, validity of enduring powers of attorney
- Acted in various contentious and non-contentious applications under the Mental Health Ordinance, including application for directions, interim relief and interim receivers, appointment of Committee, sales of properties, appointment of s.24 payee and applications dealing with Committee's costs. Advised Committees and interested parties in Part II applications under the Mental Health Ordinance: (1) **Re LWY HCMH 71/2012**; (2) **Re CKY HCMH 67/2016**; (3) **Re WHY HCMH 72/2016**; (4) **Re CFS HCMH 70/2017**; (5) **Re YHM HCMH 62/2017** (6) **Re LSL HCMH 91/2017**; (7) **Re CKY HCMH 7/2018**; (8) **Re TSH HCMH 69/2018**; (9) **Re SL HCMH 1/2019**; (10) **Re NYMT HCMH 32/2019**; (11) **Re FSKB HCMH 60/2019**.

Employment & Confidential Information

- **Hong Kong Scrap Yard Ltd v Cheung Chi Yuen HCA 1044/2018** - Claim against former employee for misappropriating company property and seeking interlocutory injunctive relief
- **MiraDry, Inc v James Lam [2018] HKCFI 2452** - Mareva Injunction in aid of arbitration against former employee for breach of duties
- **Oracle Systems Hong Kong Ltd v Yang Xiaoxi HCA 1215/2019** - Interlocutory Injunction against former employee for making use of company's trade secrets
- **A v B [2019] HKCFI 1769** - Interlocutory injunction, breach of confidence, harassment and defamation

Private International Law

- **Dickson Valora Group (Holdings) Co Ltd v Fan Ji Qian [2019] 2 HKLRD 173** - "quasi-contractual" anti-suit injunction against a respondent who was not party to the relevant arbitration clause
- **Dickson Valora Holdings Enterprise Co Ltd v Moravia CV [2019] 3 HKLRD 210** - application for striking out unfair prejudice petition on the ground of lack of locus standi; mandatory stay of the petition in favour of arbitration pursuant to an arbitration agreement
- **Step Perfect Ltd v Gregory Goldstein & Anor HCA 846/2017** - Stay of proceedings, forum non conveniens, dismissal of interlocutory injunction application

Arbitration

- **HKIAC Arbitration** - Claim by sub-contractor against a contractor under pile removal sub-contracts
- **HKIAC Arbitration** - Claim under an investment agreement
- **ICC Arbitration** - Claim under convertible note

Expertise:

Scholarship and Awards

- Charles Ching Memorial Scholarship (2016)
- Bar Scholarship (2015)
- 8 other scholarships and awards

Membership and Appointments

- Tutor, Faculty of Law, University of Hong Kong

Publications, Lectures and Talks

- Contributing Editor to Hong Kong Company Law Cases (2008 - 2019) - published in 2020 by DVC in collaboration with Kluwer
- 2016 年普通法精要——國際商貿法律實務課程

Spoken Language

Fluent in English and Chinese