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Profile

Mr. Wang Mingfeng, Senior Counsel, commenced his practice in Hong Kong in 1997. He was admitted as a barrister in the British Virgin Islands in 2010 and appointed as Senior Counsel in 2013. In 2023, Mr. Wang was formally recognized as a Greater Bay Area lawyer. Mr. Wang currently serves as a Deputy Judge of the High Court of Hong Kong, a Non-Executive Director of the Airport Authority Hong Kong, and one of the Vice Chairmen of the Inland Revenue Board of Review. Mr. Wang previously served as Chairman of the Arbitration Committee of the Hong Kong Bar Association. On June 28, 2023, Mr. Wang was appointed as a member of the Committee for the Basic Law of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region under the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress. Mr. Wang possesses extensive experience in commercial litigation and international arbitration. He has particular expertise in the fields of company law, insolvency law, and securities law. He frequently Represents clients in shareholder or investor disputes, as well as disputes arising from corporate liquidation proceedings. Mr. Wang also has considerable experience in participating in overseas dispute resolution procedures. He was the first barrister from Hong Kong granted rights of audience before the courts of Bermuda for both trials and appeals. Mr. Wang regularly serves as an expert witness in mainland Chinese court proceedings and international arbitrations, providing professional legal opinions on Hong Kong company law. Additionally, Mr. Wang has rights of audience before the Astana International Financial Centre Court. Mr. Wang is also an internationally renowned arbitrator with substantial international arbitration experience and serves as an arbitrator for multiple international arbitration institutions. Mr. Wang has also achieved significant academic accomplishments. He graduated from the Faculty of Business Administration at The Chinese University of Hong Kong in 1994 and was awarded the Rhodes Scholarship that year. Subsequently, he pursued legal studies at Wadham College, University of Oxford, graduating in 1996. Mr. Wang obtained his Master of Laws degree from Peking University in 2004 and his Doctor of Laws degree from Peking University in 2012, with his doctoral thesis focusing on corporate insolvency law.

Professional Qualifications

1997 Hong Kong Senior Counsel

2010 British Virgin Islands Bar

Educational Background

The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK) B.B.A.

University of Oxford M.A.

Peking University (PKU) Ph.D. in Law

Memberships & Affiliations

- China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission, Arbitrator
- Basic Law Committee of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress, Member
- HKSAR, Election Committee Member
- High Court of Hong Kong, Recorder
- International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes, Arbitrator
- Hong Kong Airport Authority, Non Executive Director
- Hong Kong-Shenzhen Innovation and Technology Park Limited, Non Executive Director
- Municipal Services Appeals Board, Chairman
- Private Columbaria Appeal Board, Vice Chairman
- Board of Review, Inland Revenue, Vice Chairman
- Chancery Bar Association of England & Wales, Overseas Member
- Hong Kong Bar Association Special Committee on Bar Qualification Examination, Chairman
- The Hong Kong Middle Temple Society, Advisor

Representative Cases

- Re China Solar Energy Holdings Ltd [2017] 2 HKLRD 1074 – landmark case delineating and clarifying liquidators' duties
- Re Joy Rich Development Ltd [2016] 2 HKLRD 1058 – principles in relation to constitution of creditors meeting
- Re China Medical Technologies, Inc. [2014] 2 HKLRD 997 – A leading case on the jurisdictional limits of *lexi fori* in a cross-border insolvency situation.
- Mo Ying v. Brilllex Development Limited and Another [2014] 3 HKLRD 224 – a leading case on the applicable legal principle of common intention constructive trust.
- Securities and Futures Commission v. Tiger Asia Management LLC and Others (2013) 16 HKCFAR 324 – A leading Court of Final Appeal decision on the jurisdiction limit of Section 213 of the Securities and Futures Ordinance, Cap.571
- Re Raymond Lee Cho Min and Lee Priscilla Hwang [2012] 4 HKLRD 581 – a decision which set out the judicial approach to the application of Section 29 of the Bankruptcy Ordinance, Cap.6
- Re Tan Sri Datuk Lau Gek Pok alias Lau Gek Poh [2012] 5 HKLRD 75 – a leading case on DNA test in a probate context.
- Hallmark Cards Incorporated v Yun Choy Ltd (in Compulsory Liquidation) and Another [2012] 1 HKLRD 396 – a case on the priority of trusts claims in an insolvency regime.
- Top One International (China) Property Group Co Ltd and Another v. Top One Property Group Ltd and Others [2011] 1 HKLRD 606 – commercial disputes involving the legal principles on unless order and extension of time under the new CJR rules.
- Sunlink International Limited (Provisional Liquidators Appointed) &Ors v. Wong Shu Wing &Ors [2010] 5 HKLRD

653 Leading case on shareholders' right to vote in an insolvency situation.

- Hang Fung Jewellery Company Limited [2010] 2 HKLRD 1. It establishes the retention of property right via a trust mechanism in the case of an insolvency.
- Re PCCW Ltd [2009] 3 HKC 292. It sets out the legal principles for the sanction of a scheme of arrangement and the problem with split voting.
- Securities and Futures Commission v C-F [2009] 4 HKC 167; Securities and Futures Commission v. A [2008] 1 HKC 89. It establishes the legal principles and jurisdiction of the Court to grant interlocutory injunction under section 213 of the Securities and Futures Ordinance, Cap. 571.
- Waddington Ltd v. Chan Chun Hoo Thomas & Others [2006] 2 HKLRD 896. It first establishes the availability of multi-derivative action in Hong Kong and the relevant applicable legal principles.
- Mak Sik Bun & Others v. Mak Lei Wun & Others [2005] 4 HKLRD 328. A contentious shareholder's disputes which sets out the ambit and limits of Section 168A of the Companies Ordinance, Cap. 32.

Articles and Publications

Co-Editor to Hong Kong Company Law Cases (2008-2019) - published in 2020 by DVC in collaboration with Kluwer.

Co-authored "Company Law: Powers & Accountability - 2nd Edition" (2017) with Kerby Lau and Dato Loh Siew Cheang.

Co-authored one of the leading Hong Kong text on company law: "Company Law - Powers & Accountability." (2003). The book was translated into Chinese in 2005 - «公司法 – 權力與責任», 法律出版社.

One of the editors of Hong Kong Civil Procedure 2001 and Hong Kong Civil Procedure 2002.

Co-Editors-in-Chief to "The Art of Resolving Global Disputes: Navigating International Commercial Arbitration" (2023, Wolters Kluwer) with Look Chan Ho.

Honors and Awards

2024 Legal 500 Asia Pacific Region, Leading Silk

2024 Lexology Index, Recommended Barrister

2023/2025 Chambers Greater China Region, Commercial Dispute Resolution, Band 1 Silks

2024 Chambers Greater China Region, Commercial Dispute Resolution, Band 2 Silks