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QUALIFICATIONS

Qualified Solicitor, Hong Kong – from 2026

Legal Profession Qualification Certificate, PRC – from 2016

EXPERIENCE

INDEPENDENT TRIBUNAL SECRETARY, Hong Kong, Sep 2025 – present

- Acted in several cross-border arbitrations conducted in English and Chinese, including an emergency arbitration.
- Drafted procedural documents and correspondence to the parties under the tribunal's direction.
- Assisted with document management, hearing logistics and coordination with institutions and experts.

HERBERT SMITH FREEHILLS KRAMER, Hong Kong

Trainee Solicitor, Aug 2023 – Aug 2025

- Commercial Litigation & Arbitration
 - Drafted core court/tribunal submissions and prepared substantial filings and hearing bundles.
 - Produced targeted legal research memos that informed case strategy and settlement positions.
 - Coordinated with clients, counsel and opposing parties to drive timetable adherence and disclosure.
 - Conducted witness interviews to align testimony with documentary evidence.
- Corporate
 - Managed due diligence workstreams and drafted/marked-up transaction documents for IPO/M&A matters.
 - Liaised directly with regulators, issuers and banks and prepared Listing Rules-compliant disclosures and filings.
 - Resolved time-critical queries on corporate/regulatory points.

GOLDMAN SACHS, Hong Kong

Attorney Seconded to Investment Banking Division, Aug 2024 – Mar 2025

- Reviewed/negotiated engagement letters and commercial contracts across ECM/DCM/M&A transactions.
- Fielded queries from deal teams and coordinate with global offices and control functions to clear issues.

DES VOEUX CHAMBERS, Hong Kong

Mini-Pupil, Jun – Jul 2023

- Contributed to legal strategy discussions and case developments and observed court hearings.
- Researched on legal issues and provided summaries and analyses to support ongoing cases.

HERBERT SMITH FREEHILLS, Beijing, China

Legal Assistant, Jul 2021 – Jun 2022; *Intern*, Aug – Oct 2018

- Drafted and reviewed commercial contracts and offering documents. Directly liaised with regulators, issuers, investment banks and other parties. Supported two Hong Kong IPO applications through successful listing.

EDUCATION

CITY UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, Hong Kong

PCLL, 2022 – 2023

BPP UNIVERSITY, London, United Kingdom

Graduate Diploma in Law (Commendation), 2019 – 2020

TSINGHUA UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, Beijing, China

LL.M. in International Arbitration and Dispute Settlement, 2017 – 2019

GPA: 3.52/4.00 (Top of the Class)

Activities: 15th Willem C. Vis (East) International Commercial Arbitration Moot, Oralist

15th CIETAC CUP International Commercial Arbitration Moot, Best Oralist
Professor Jane Willems, Research & Arbitrator Assistant
Honors: “LLM '05 Scholarship” Awardee
Herbert Smith Freehills, PRC Scholarship Awardee

SOUTHWEST UNIVERSITY OF POLITICAL SCIENCE & LAW, Chongqing, China

LL.B., 2012 – 2016

Activities: National English Debating Competition for College Students, 1st Prize
FLTRP Cup National English Writing Contest, 1st Prize
National English Competition for College Student, Grand Prize

LANGUAGES & PUBLICATIONS

Publications: Contributor, *ICCA Yearbook Commercial Arbitration* (China), 2022 – present

Languages: Mandarin (native); English (fluent); Cantonese (conversational)

SELECTED MATTERS

ARBITRATION

- Represented a major Chinese state-owned enterprise in a high-value HKIAC arbitration against a U.S. counterparty concerning a mining joint venture in Central Africa, with parallel proceedings in Hong Kong, the BVI, Cayman Islands, mainland China and local African courts.
- Represented a leading European energy company in an investment arbitration against a sovereign state under the HKIAC Rules, arising out of measures affecting its billion-dollar energy investments.
- Represented a leading global digital asset exchange in an arbitration initiated by an early investor concerning ownership and shareholding rights.
- Represented a leading global digital asset exchange in an arbitration brought by a major customer alleging multimillion-dollar trading losses that necessitated critical technical evidence on network status.
- Represented a leading private equity fund in a high-profile shareholding dispute involving a renowned Chinese business school, spanning arbitration proceedings and a related winding-up petition.
- Represented a leading European private equity fund in an arbitration concerning a shareholder dispute relating to a Korean tech enterprise.
- Represented a leading digital asset management firm in an arbitration brought by the CEO of an Indian cryptocurrency company, alleging mishandling of digital assets.
- Advised a major Chinese construction company on employer demands to increase performance bond, evaluated case strategy and initiated arbitration under the LCIA Rules.

LITIGATION & REGULATORY ENFORCEMENT

- Represented a global financial institution in defending major claims brought by liquidators of a company delisted from the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong, relating to alleged insufficient sponsor due diligence in connection with the company’s IPO.
- Represented a major Chinese state-owned enterprise in court applications to remove an arbitrator and to set aside multiple arbitral awards.
- Represented a leading logistics company in obtaining injunctions against protestors to safeguard business operations and protect critical infrastructure.
- Represented a leading international bank in a litigation brought by a customer alleging failure to carry out instructions in connection with its accounts and transactions.
- Advised a leading global technology company on the risks and prospects of a counterparty enforcing a Russian court judgment in Hong Kong and mainland China.
- Advised a pre-IPO investor on negotiation strategy with a Hong Kong-listed company and the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong in connection with disputes over lock-up undertakings and disclosure obligations.
- Advised a major government agency in negotiations and correspondence with its insurance provider regarding allegations of policy breaches.
- Represented a major Hong Kong commercial bank and its affiliate in connection with dawn raids and subsequent investigations by securities regulator concerning alleged breaches of due diligence and compliance obligations.