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Howse Williams is an independent Hong Kong law firm which combines the in-depth experience of its lawyers with a creative, forward-thinking approach.

About Us

Our key practice areas are corporate/commercial and corporate finance; commercial and maritime dispute resolution; clinical negligence and healthcare; insurance, personal injury and professional indemnity insurance; employment; fraud; family and matrimonial; property and building management; banking; financial services/corporate regulatory and compliance.

As an independent law firm we are able to minimise legal and commercial conflicts of interest and act for clients in every industry sector. The partners have spent the majority of their careers in Hong Kong and have a detailed understanding of international business and business in Asia.

The HW partners and their teams have an excellent reputation for delivering high quality legal advice with a practical and commercial approach to solving legal issues in line with clients' commercial objectives.

General Insurance

HW acts for underwriters, brokers and intermediaries, principally regarding policy issues, coverage disputes as well as personal injury and employee compensation claims. Our core practice areas include:

- Admiralty insurance
- Asset and structured finance
- Business interruption insurance
- Corporate and regulatory insurance
- Directors' and officers' liability insurance
- Event insurance
- General insurance and reinsurance
- International trade
- P&I insurance
- Personal injury
- Professional indemnity
- Shipping insurance

We provide a full service in respect of insurance and reinsurance matters, including policy drafting and interpretation, coverage issues, contracts, regulatory advice and crisis management. Our diverse international clients include insurance and reinsurance companies, brokers, Lloyd's syndicates, corporate and individual policyholders, administrators and liquidators.

To best assist our clients, we leverage our in-depth knowledge in drafting and interpreting policy terms as well as handling non-marine and marine insurance and reinsurance disputes in litigation, arbitration and mediation. We are accustomed to working with liquidators and administrators in the insurance industry when they encounter financial difficulties.

Admiralty Insurance

With one of the most extensive maritime law practices in Hong Kong, HW's shipping team provides a full service to its clients in the shipping insurance market. Our clients include ship owners, charterers, brokers, insurance companies, P&I Clubs, trading companies, forwarders, shipping agents and cargo underwriters. We are heavily engaged in the admiralty or "wet" aspects of maritime litigation. Our team acts on maritime incidents arising in and around Hong Kong as well as throughout the Far East and Southeast Asia. The maritime documents and matters upon which we advise include:

- Actual and constructive total loss
- Measures of loss and damage
- Maritime investigations, arbitrations, mediation and litigation
- Limitation and associated matters
- Oil and other types of pollution
- Personal injury and death claims arising from maritime incidents
- Pilotage
- Salvage
- Towage
- Wreck removal
- Bills of lading
- Carriage of goods
- Collisions
- Demise, time and voyage charter parties
- P&I and defence club rules
- Limitation
- Marine insurance and reinsurance
- Oil and other pollution
- Provision of security
- Sale and purchase of vessels and oil rigs
- Ship arrests
- Shipbuilding contracts
- War risks
- Force majeure

Corporate and Regulatory Insurance

HW possesses a wealth of experience at the local, regional and international level. We offer our clients practical and commercial advice upon all aspects of company and commercial law including:

- Acquisitions and disposal of companies and their undertakings including insurance companies
- Commercial and trade agreements including agency and distribution agreements
- Insurance-related bonds, indemnity agreements and service agreements
- Mergers and acquisitions
- Regulation of insurers, brokers and intermediaries

- Restructuring and reorganizations
- Share options and profit-sharing schemes

International Trade

HW's scope of practice touches all areas of international trade law. We advise trading companies, trade associations, banks and governments and other institutions involved in international trade. Because a large portion of this work relates to goods carried by sea, we are fully versed in advising on problems arising under bills of lading, charterparties, multi-modal transport documents and contracts of insurance. Our Insurance and Shipping teams work together in the conduct of these overlapping practice areas.

Personal Injury

HW's personal injury practice in Hong Kong includes:

- Advice and representation at coroners' inquests, medical disciplinary hearings and criminal proceedings.
- General personal injury work such as employee compensation claims, road traffic accidents and personal injury claims arising in a shipping context.
- Medical litigation claims where we act primarily on behalf of medical practitioners and their insurers.
- Our Medico-Legal team is often involved with our Insurance team in the conduct of personal injury claims.

Professional Indemnity

As one of HW's key practice areas, our professional negligence experience means that we work closely with a wide range of professionals in Hong Kong and beyond as well as with a number of bodies representing professionals, including the Law Society of Hong Kong, the Hong Kong Society of Accountants, the Medical Protection Society, Dental Protection Limited, the Physiotherapy Association and other medical and professional bodies. We provide services to the following professionals:

- Accountants
- Architects
- Biotech companies
- Chiropractors
- Dentists
- Directors and officers
- Doctors
- Engineers
- Estate agencies
- Financial institutions
- Fund managers

- Health care workers
- Nurses
- Occupational therapists
- Pharmaceutical companies
- Pilots
- Private hospitals
- Property agencies
- Solicitors
- Speech therapists
- Surveyors

Providing advice and guidance to professionals on a wide range of issues, we act for professionals in disciplinary proceedings before bodies such as the Medical and Dental Councils. In addition, our advice and assistance extends to the defence of negligence and other claims against professionals. Ever mindful that cases are usually highly sensitive and that professional reputations are at stake, our approach is strictly confidential and professional.

Biotech and pharmaceutical companies are among the organizations that we represent on professional liability matters. We also provide advice upon and assistance with the drafting and interpretation of the appropriate policies and the rules of each profession.



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Chris specialises in maritime and commercial dispute resolution, handling a wide range of disputes in Hong Kong courts and international arbitrations throughout Asia. He has considerable experience in all types of dry shipping litigation on behalf of owners, charterers and their P&I Clubs. He also has particular expertise handling problems arising from the shipment of coal, iron ore, nickel ore and fluorspar.

Chris possesses more than 35 years of legal experience. He built the Hong Kong office of Richards Butler and he was Senior Partner and Managing Partner of that office from 1983 to 2011. He has considerable experience in arbitration and he is qualified as an arbitrator in Hong Kong, China (CMAC), Korea, Malaysia and other Southeast Asian jurisdictions. He has represented parties in arbitrations in China (both CIETAC and CMAC), Hong Kong, London, Singapore and Malaysia. In addition, Chris is an accredited mediator.

Chris also provides professional indemnity advice and assistance to a full spectrum of professionals in Hong Kong, including solicitors, accountants, brokers, architects, doctors, dentists and other healthcare professionals.

Chris leads the medico-legal team with fellow partner David Kan. They advise doctors, dentists and their indemnity provider – the Medical Protection Society and Dental Protection Ltd – as well as private hospitals and other healthcare professionals. Chris also advises private hospitals, corporate healthcare providers and pharmaceutical companies on issues relating to the import and distribution of drugs and pharmaceutical products, drug liability claims and other regulatory matters.

▼ *Experience*

2012 Howse Williams
2011 Reed Smith Richards Butler
2008 Richards Butler in Association with Reed Smith LLP
1983 Richards Butler Hong Kong
1975 Richards Butler London

▼ *Education*

1975 College of Law
1973 University of Bristol, BA (Hons)
1970 University of Geneva

▼ *Professional Qualifications*

1978 England and Wales

1981 Hong Kong

1988 Australia

▼ *Professional Affiliations*

Arbitration:

Fellow, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (Hong Kong)

Fellow, Hong Kong Institute of Arbitrators Ltd

Supporting Member, London Maritime Arbitrators Association

Arbitrator, Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre

Arbitrator, China Maritime Arbitration Commission

Arbitrator, Hong Kong Maritime Arbitration Group

Arbitrator, Korean Commercial Arbitration Board

Member, Hong Kong Arbitrations Law Review Committee (1996-2000)

Professional Indemnity Insurance:

Chairman, Hong Kong Law Society Professional Indemnity Claims Committee (2004-2007)

Deputy Chairman, Hong Kong Law Society Professional Indemnity Claims Committee (1999-2004)

Member, Hong Kong Law Society Professional Indemnity Insurance Claims Committee (1989-1999)

Member, Hong Kong Law Society Professional Indemnity Advisory Committee (1999-2006)

Member, Hong Kong Law Society Working Party on Professional Indemnity Insurance Scheme (1996-2004)

Chairman, Hong Kong Professional Indemnity Review Committee (2002)



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David is a dual qualified medical doctor/solicitor and is a Founding Member of the Faculty of Forensic and Legal Medicine of the Royal College of Physicians (UK). He "changed horses" to law almost 25 years ago and nowadays he and Chris Howse lead a team of experienced healthcare lawyers which handle all types of clinical negligence claims, including complex high value and fatal accident claims.

As an experienced litigator, David has gained accreditation as a Solicitor Advocate with Higher Rights of Audience in Hong Kong's Court of First Instance, Court of Appeal and Court of Final Appeal. David has substantial advocacy experience representing clients before the Civil Courts, Coroner's Court and Medical and Dental Council.

David also has considerable experience in advising on mental health law, medical criminal proceedings, clinical trials and risk management issues.

David has a Master's Degree in Medical Law and Ethics which placed him on good stead to provide healthcare regulatory advice to healthcare professionals as well as institutional clients including hospitals, pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies, medical device manufacturers, specialist group practices and corporate healthcare providers. In 2008, David was appointed as an Honorary Associate Professor of the University of Hong Kong Faculty of Medicine. He regularly lectures at HKU as well as to the Specialist Colleges. He also provides clients and others with training in healthcare law. He is an advisor to various entities including the British Medical Association (HK) and the Hong Kong Medical Association.

Outside of private practice, David has served on the governing boards of a government hospital and a major international school for many years. He is also a qualified coach with the Squash Rackets Association (UK) and he trains almost daily.

▼ *Experience*

2012 Howse Williams
2011 Reed Smith Richards Butler
2008 Richards Butler in Association with Reed Smith LLP
1999 Richards Butler, Hong Kong
1998 Bevan Ashford Solicitors, UK
1996 Lees and Partner Solicitors, UK

▼ *Education*

2007 University of Hong Kong, Postgraduate Diploma in Child and Adolescent Health

1996 Keele University, Master Degree in Medical Law

1996 Birmingham University, LPC (with commendation)

1995 Birmingham University, CPE

1991 Nottingham University, Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery

1990 Nottingham University Exhibition Prize for Medicine

1989 Nottingham University, Bachelor of Medical Sciences (Hons)

▼ *Professional Qualifications*

1999 Hong Kong

1998 England and Wales

MA (Med Law), MBBS, MFFLM, BMed Sci (Hons), PDipCAH

▼ *Professional Affiliations*

Member, Hospital Governing Committee of the Bradbury Hospice

Founding Member, Faculty of Legal and Forensic Medicine, Royal College of Physicians UK

Member, Fitness-to-Practice Committee, University of Hong Kong Medical School

Legal Advisor, Hong Kong Medical Association

Legal Advisor, British Medical Association of Hong Kong

Member, Ethics Committee for the Hong Kong College of Obstetrics and Gynaecology

Panel Member, Guardianship Board of Hong Kong (2005-2008)

Vice-chairman, New Medico-Legal Society of Hong Kong (2005-2007)

Member, Personal Injury Medical Negligence Law Association of Hong Kong

Member, Hong Kong Association of the Pharmaceutical Industry

Member, Law Society of England and Wales

Member, Law Society of Hong Kong



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David is a commercial disputes lawyer specialising in international trade disputes. David has over 25 years of experience in commercial dispute resolution. He advises ship-owners, charterers and various property and liability insurers. David also has extensive experience outside of international trade matters, including dealing with shareholder disputes and the recovery of monies lost due to internet/identity fraud.

Before qualifying as a lawyer, David served as a deck officer in the British Merchant Navy with the Cunard Steamship Company. He has dealt with several high profile casualty matters.

David has handled arbitrations concerning a wide range of disputes with proceedings in Hong Kong, England & Wales, Australia, Singapore and the United States. David is familiar with UNCITRAL rules, LMAA terms, ICDR, ACICA and SIAC Rules. David has also acted as mediator in several high value disputes.

▼ *Experience*

2012 Howse Williams
2005 General Counsel P&O Cruises Sydney Australia
1989 Richards Butler, Hong Kong
1976 Cunard Steamship Company

▼ *Education*

1985 College of Law, Chancery Lane, London, Solicitors Final Examinations
1984 Anglia University, England, BA (Hons)
1980 Riversdale College, Liverpool, England, British 2nd Deck Officer's Certificate of Competency

▼ *Professional Qualifications*

1987 England and Wales
1989 Hong Kong
1991 Australia (NSW & Victoria and the ACT)

▼ *Professional Affiliations*

LEADR and nationally accredited mediation practitioner
Member, Law Society of Hong Kong
Member of the Hong Kong Maritime Law Association Executive Committee
Board member of the Maritime Services Training Board



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Alison joined HW in March 2014, having previously worked as a partner with HW's senior partner Chris Howse at Richards Butler in Hong Kong. She specialized in professional negligence and commercial litigation and has extensive experience in dispute resolution and commercial and professional negligence litigation. Alison returned to England in 1998 and was appointed as a Tribunal Judge with her Majesty's Courts and Tribunals Service specializing in Social Security law (including human rights and EC law, tax credits and benefit fraud). She was also appointed as a legally qualified chairperson for the Residential Property Tribunal in Wales, hearing appeals in respect of service charge disputes, enfranchisement valuations, determinations of fair and market rents, HMO licensing, rent repayment orders, park homes and local authority gypsy and traveller licensing issues and Right to Manage disputes. She continues to sit in both jurisdictions, returning to the UK for short periods to do so.

Alison continues to advise in respect of commercial litigation matters but also provides professional indemnity advice and assistance to doctors, dentists and other healthcare professionals in HW's medico legal practice.

▼ *Experience*

- 2014 Howse Williams
- 2008 Judicial appointment, legally qualified chairperson, Residential Property Tribunal (Wales).
- 2001 Judicial appointment, tribunal chairperson then tribunal judge, HMCTS (social entitlement chamber)
- 1991 Richards Butler

▼ *Professional Qualifications*

- 1986 Admission as a solicitor, Hong Kong
- 1985 Admission as a solicitor, England and Wales



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As a prominent commercial litigator in Hong Kong, William has extensive experience in Shareholder's disputes and company's risk management issues. He has almost two decades of experience in advising companies (including listed companies) on shareholder's disputes and other regulatory issues. He also acts for both trustees and beneficiaries on contentious trust and probate matters. His clients span a wide range of industries including investment, real estate, maritime and logistics, retail, financial institutions and insurance. William also regularly acts for high net worth individuals on personal wealth matters.

William has been consistently named as one of the leading lawyers in Hong Kong. (AsiaLaw, 2013; Chambers Asia 2014 – 2017; Asia Pacific Legal 500 2014 – 2018)

William also specialises in contentious disputes covering logistics / transport, maritime arbitration and marine insurance matters. He has unrivalled experience in handling a wide range of contentious matters with a particular emphasis on bills of lading/air waybills, cargo claims, demurrage, forwarding and logistics disputes. He has advised on various marine insurance matters and various regulatory matters such as enforcement actions by Customs & Excise, Labour Department and Environmental Protection Department. He also leads a team of dedicated lawyers specialising in marine/terminal related EC/PI cases.

William leads a market leading practice and he is appointed as panel lawyer for major blue-chip insurance companies, international logistic companies, 4 out of 5 containers terminals in Hong Kong and major 3PL and 4PL providers in Hong Kong. He has also acted for prominent maritime liquidators and major shipowners and their liability insurers on substantial disputes in London and Hong Kong.

He has also advised on yacht matters including sale and purchase, collision, casualty, fire and their related insurance matters.

William regularly gives talks and seminars on shipping matters and is well known within the shipping circle. He is admitted to practice in both Hong Kong and England & Wales.

▼ *Experience*

2015 Howse Williams
2009 Eversheds
2001 DLA Piper
2000 Stevenson Wong & Co
1998 Hampton, Winter & Glynn

▼ *Education*

1997 PCLL, University of Hong Kong

1993 LLB, University of Wales / Portobello College, Dublin, Ireland

▼ *Professional Qualifications*

2001 England and Wales

1999 Hong Kong

▼ *Public Posts*

Since 2018 to present	Transportation and Logistics Committee (Member) appointed by The Law Society of HKSAR (Co-option)
Since 2017 to present	The Transport Tribunals' Panel (Member) appointed by Secretary for Transport and Housing
Since 2015 to present	The Board of Review, Inland Revenue Department (Panel member)
Since 2015 to present	The Obscene Articles Tribunal (Member Adjudicator appointed by Chief Justice of HKSAR)
Since 2013 to present	Admiralty Court Users Committee appointed by Chief Justice of HKSAR (Member)



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Michael is experienced in a wide range of commercial litigation, including shareholder disputes involving both listed companies and high-profile private companies (many of which involve a cross-border element). He has also acted in litigation involving financial services institutions (including mis-selling claims and negligence claims), claims involving directors, and disputes over asset acquisitions.

A large part of Michael's practice at Howse Williams involves contentious employment matters (acting for both employers and employees), including claims over termination and remuneration, enforcement of post-termination restrictions, discrimination claims and partnership disputes. He advises employers and statutory bodies on internal investigations and disciplinary proceedings, and has represented a number of individuals in SFC investigations. He also has significant experience in conducting and defending judicial review proceedings.

Michael also has extensive insurance experience, particularly in relation to the defence of professional negligence claims and advising on coverage issues. He has been a panel solicitor for the Hong Kong Solicitors Professional Indemnity Scheme since 1998, and has represented both local and international law firms in connection with a broad range of claims.

▼ *Experience*

2015 Howse Williams
2012 Gall
2002 Herbert Smith Freehills
1998 Wilkinson & Grist
1994 Haldanes

▼ *Education*

1987 The University of Sydney, LLB

▼ *Professional Qualifications*

1994 Hong Kong
1994 England and Wales
1987 New South Wales, Australia

▼ *Professional Affiliations*

Member, Law Society of Hong Kong

▼ *Reported Decisions*

- Philippe Delhaise v Ng & Co & Erving Brettell [HCA 10165/2000; CACV 386/2003]
- Mimi Monica Wong v Mirko Sacconi [HCA 2061/2004]
- Pat Bobby Ying Ho v Hong Kong Solicitors Indemnity Fund Ltd [HCCT 40/2004]
- Michael John Treloar Rowse v The Secretary for the Civil Service, The Chief Executive & The Chief Secretary for Administration [HCAL 41/2007]
- GFI (HK) Securities LLC v Kang Gyong Hee & ICAP Equities Asia Ltd [HCA 451/2015]

▼ *Professional Recognition*

Michael is currently ranked by Chambers Asia as a Band 2 employment lawyer and a Band 3 insurance lawyer. Comments include:

2017: "He has a cool, calm demeanour. We use him during a crisis."

2015: "a seasoned operator"
"a very good litigator - very experienced and steady"

2014: "is an experienced litigator who certainly knows his stuff; gives clients sensible and considerate advice."

"He is particularly adept in restrictive covenants, partnership disputes and investigations by local regulators"

2013: "very quick and very clear on providing advice" ... "his immediate response and technical support are always available"

2012: "good judgement and great technical skills"... "is a seasoned practitioner for commercial litigious matters on labour issues"

2011: "has deep rooted experience in employment litigation"



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Eviana is one of our partners specialising in commercial litigation and marine disputes. She has been admitted to practice in Hong Kong since 2008.

With her strong Chinese language skills (Eviana is fluent in both written Chinese and oral Mandarin) and broad exposure to the Chinese market, Eviana focuses on cross border practice and often acts for Mainland, foreign and local corporations and private clients, ranging from state-owned enterprise, senior management, start-up companies, Chinese insurers to high net worth individuals. She focuses on the firm's China practice and mainly advises on shareholders disputes, trade conflicts, recovery of high value debts, arbitration, injunction and other procedural matters.

Eviana started off as a litigator handling commercial disputes and private clients matters. She then focused on the marine and international trade practice. Prior to joining Howse Williams Bowers, Eviana was promoted as senior associate of an international law firm regularly acting for prominent insurers and local and foreign corporations in a variety of commercial, trade disputes and regulatory matters.

Eviana offers practical solutions and strategic planning to accommodate clients' business and personal needs. As an experienced litigator, she has both contentious and non-contentious practices which cover a wide spectrum over cross border and international trade disputes, liquidation and bankruptcy, shareholders disputes, insurance, regulatory and enforcement, and marine.

Eviana speaks fluent in English, Mandarin and Cantonese.

▼ *Experience*

2019 Howse Williams (Partner), Maritime & Commercial Litigation
2018 Howse Williams Bowers (Partner), Maritime & Commercial Litigation
2015 Howse Williams Bowers (Senior Associate), Maritime & Commercial Litigation
2014 Eversheds (Senior Associate), Dispute Resolution
2012 Reynold Porter Chamberlain (formerly known as Smyth & Co.)
2011 Clyde & Co.
2010 Barlow Lyde & Gilbert (merged with Clyde & Co. since 1 November 2011)
2008 Wilkinson & Grist

▼ *Education*

2006 PCLL, City University of Hong Kong
2005 LLB, King's College London

▼ *Professional Qualifications*

2013 Accredited Mediator on the HKMAAL general panel
2011 Accredited Mediator on the HKIAC general panel
2008 Solicitor of HKSAR

▼ *Professional Affiliations*

2018 Fellow Member of the Hong Kong Sea Transport and Logistics Association
2018 Chartered Member of the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport (CMILT)

▼ *Public Office*

April 2019 Building Committee (Member) of the Hong Kong Housing Authority
June 2019 New Territories Regional Mainland Affairs Committee (Member) of Scott Association of Hong Kong
July 2019 The Road Safety Council (Member) appointed by Secretary for Transport and Housing
October 2019 Adjudicator of the Immigration Tribunal appointed by Secretary for Security
December 2019 The Unsolicited Electronic Messages (Enforcement Notices) Appeal Board (Member) appointed by Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development
January 2020 The Liquor Licensing Board (Member) appointed by Secretary for Food and Health

Our Team

Heidi Sheung

Consultant

Heidi has a great depth of experience in personal injury and contentious insurance matters having been engaged in them since the outset of her traineeship in 2000. She advises on all aspects on liability ranging from statutory, employees' compensation, product liability, medical negligence, occupational disease claims, motor vehicle accidents and construction sites, with a particular emphasis on accidents on board ships and at container terminals and maritime industrial undertakings. She has handled and given advices on a very wide range of cases from the most serious tetraplegic to the more run of the mill minor accidents acting for numerous major liability insurers. She is frequently called on by clients to construe terms of policies of insurance and review on policy coverage disputes. She is acutely aware of the commercial needs of the insurers in economic and practical claims handling and seeks to work closely with the instructing claims officers making her one of the most user friendly defence lawyers in town.

In addition to her insurance practice Heidi has throughout her career been engaged in major commercial litigations.

She is also an accredited mediator on the HKIAC General Panel and Law Society of Hong Kong since 2009 and acts regularly as a mediator in numerous disputes of various natures.

Kane Mak

Senior Associate

Kane is a Senior Associate in the firm's commercial dispute resolution practice. He regularly advises on litigation and contentious regulatory matters. He has extensive experience handling disputes involving financial institutions and multinational corporations, and handles regulatory investigations (including criminal investigations) and 'white-collar' defence work. His experience includes advising corporations on handling urgent search warrants issued by law enforcement agencies, and handling urgent injunctions. He also advises corporations on compliance policies and training.

Kane is a member of the Law Society of Hong Kong's Criminal Law and Procedure Committee and is an accredited general mediator.

Kane is fluent in English, Cantonese and Mandarin.

Germaine Ko

Senior Associate

Germaine is an associate who specialises in insurance litigation. She is very experienced in advising all aspects of insurance and personal injury litigation including advising renowned insurers on policy issues and defending claims involving Employees' Compensation for various business sectors, Contractor's All Risks, Public Liability, Motor Vehicle Liability, and Professional Indemnity Liability.

Having been trained and practised in renowned law firms specialising in insurance matters and attended secondment with major insurer, she has gained vast experience in advising insurance companies in substantial claims on liability and quantum, pragmatic settlement strategy, including mediation option in order to minimise costs exposure for her clients. She has represented companies in various sectors, including major construction companies, cleaning companies, property management companies, and container terminals etc.

She is an accredited mediator on general panel of Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre since 2012. She is fluent in English, Cantonese and Mandarin.

Tony Leung

Associate

Tony joined HW as a Trainee Solicitor in 2012. He completed his training contract and was admitted as a Solicitor in Hong Kong in 2014 after gaining experience in general commercial, shipping and medico-legal litigation and corporate/corporate finance work. Tony joined HW's commercial dispute resolution team on qualification and is regularly involved in commercial and insurance litigation and dispute resolution. He has experience in insurance (including D&O liability and professional indemnity), misrepresentation claims, debt recovery, shareholder disputes, and construction / building management matters. Tony has also advised on matters relating to data privacy, and acted for a telecommunications / media company in relation to the production of journalistic materials.

Since 2014, Tony has been a Panel Solicitor for the Hong Kong Solicitors Professional Indemnity Scheme, advising upon both coverage and defence of a broad range of professional indemnity claims. Tony is fluent in English, Cantonese and Mandarin.

Viviane Lok

Associate

Viviane joined HW in November 2014 as a paralegal and became a Trainee Solicitor in 2015. On qualification in March 2017, she joined the firm's commercial dispute resolution team as an Associate. Viviane has particular involvement in the handling of commercial litigation, insurance and professional indemnity, employment, broadcast / telecommunications and property / building management matters.

Before becoming a lawyer, Viviane was a fundraiser for a local Hong Kong not-for-profit organization.

Viviane is fluent in English, Cantonese and Mandarin.



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