

Adrian commenced practice in 2020. He has a broad civil practice, having appeared as sole counsel or a led junior in various levels of the Hong Kong courts and other specialist regulatory tribunals. As a Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, he is also developing an international arbitration practice, and is an HKIAC-accredited Tribunal Secretary.

Prior to joining the Bar, Adrian qualified as a solicitor after training with an international law firm. He obtained his LLB and PCLL from the University of Hong Kong, and further obtained his LLM with first class honours from the University of Cambridge.

Adrian is a recipient of the Middle Temple Advocacy Scholarship.

RECENT HIGHLIGHTS

- Competition Commission v Midland Realty International Ltd & Ors (CTEA 3/2023): defending one of Hong
 Kong's leading real estate agencies in the Commission's enforcement proceedings for alleged breach of
 the First Conduct Rule by entering into a price-fixing arrangement (led by Norman Nip S.C. and with Catrina
 Lam)
- Fong Chak Kwan v Employees Compensation Assistance Fund Board & Ors(2022) 25 HKCFAR 135,
 [2022] 5 HKC 426: acted for the Board in leading case on jurisdictional gateways in service-out applications and interpretation of tort gateway (led by Horace Wong S.C. and with Clark Wang)

OTHER NOTABLE CASES

Commercial & Banking

- **Mei-King Engineering v Prizemart Ltd** [2024] HKCFI 2428: appeal against master's decision to allow amendment of pleadings in action for outstanding instalments in relation to delivery and installation of production lines for nut powder
- China Health Group Ltd v Chiu & Partners (a firm) [2024] HKCFI 943: striking-out indorsement/statement of claim and resisting variation of costs order
- Bel International Logistics Ltd v CTS International Logistics Corporation (HK) Ltd [2023] HKCFI 3000: trial of dispute between air freight forwarders involving claim for unpaid invoices and counterclaim for paid invoices (with Isaac Chan)
- Base Media Technology Group Ltd v Cedarwood VFX & Animation Holding (Singapore) Pte Ltd & Ors
 (HCA 852/2023): resisting application for interim injunction restraining receivers from realising borrower's assets
- Wang Yuexian v Xinyang Maojian Group Ltd (HCA 231/2022): resisting partial summary judgment application for sums allegedly due under bond issued by listed company by way of admission

- **CMB Wing Lung Bank Ltd v Guang Rong Finance Company Ltd** (HCA 419/2021): opposing continuation and discharge of worldwide Mareva injunction against subsidiary of state-owned enterprise for breach of banking facilities (with Michael Lok)
- Bank of Baroda v Goyal Mukesh Kumar & Ors (HCMP 891/2019): resisting mortgage action based on liabilities under banking facilities (with Christopher Chain)

Civil Fraud & Asset Recovery

- Tong Xin v Great Bay Securities Ltd & Ors (HCA 482/2024): action for breach of contract and conversion against brokerage firm for unauthorised disposal of listed shares worth over HK\$95 million (with Alexsander Wong)
- **Z v BEA & Ors** (HCMP 1656/2022): applications for gagging/anonymity orders and **Norwich Pharmacal** relief to trace monies totaling around HK\$400 million misappropriated by phone scam (with Isaac Chan)
- *Man Shu Fai v Man Shu Kwan* (HCA 1662/2021): joinder application by third parties to set aside default judgment obtained by fraud
- NongHyup Bank v Universe Income Builder Fund Series VI LLC & Ors [2021] HKCFI 107 (proprietary injunction), [2021] HKCFI 3519 (interpleader): action based on breaches of trust/contract and conspiracy arising from fraudulent investment scheme for gold trading worth over USD30 million (with Roger Phang)
- **Kot See For v Au Yeung Ho Sum & Ors** (HCA 2208/2019): application to strike out claim to recover funds allegedly misappropriated through a massive fraudulent investment scheme involving hundreds of millions of dollars

Regulatory & Public Law

- China Wood Optimization (Holding) Ltd v The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Ltd [2023] HKCFI 1000: application for leave for judicial review against Stock Exchange's decision to delist trading of listed company's shares (led by Norman Nip S.C.)
- Competition Commission v Kam Kwong Engineering Co Ltd & Ors [2020] 4 HKLRD 61, [2020] 5 HKC 470: representing the Commission in landmark case where the Tribunal adopted the Carecraft procedure in the competition context (led by Victor Dawes S.C. and with Isaac Chan)
- Defending authorised insurer in proceedings before the Insurance Appeals Tribunal against Insurance Authority's disciplinary action to impose public reprimand and substantial pecuniary penalty (led by Ambrose Ho S.C. and with Isaac Chan)

Company & Shareholder

- Lam Shu Chung v Hyperlink International Real Estate Development Company Ltd(HCMP 303/2023): application for orders for delivery of share certificates and calling of annual general meetings under ss. 145 and 610 Companies Ordinance
- Rayben Technologies (HK) Ltd v Lam Wai Kin Raymond (HCA 1775/2022): action against ex-director and beneficial owner for breach of duties, debts and economic torts
- Lui Lai Yan v Nova Entertainment Ltd & Ors (HCA 1286/2022): interlocutory proprietary and prohibitory injunctions restraining disposal of company's share transferred by fraud and dissipation of company's assets (led by Norman Nip S.C.)
- Yuen Chun Max v Chong Man Yuk & Anor (HCA 1740/2015): trial of business dispute over chain of medical practices held through corporate structure (led by Victor Dawes S.C. and with Michael Lok)

Bankruptcy & Insolvency

- Re Centre Rise Trading Ltd [2024] HKCFI 2315: application under s. 290 Companies (Winding Up and Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance for Lazarus order to revive dissolved company with substantial assets based on the Mainland
- Re Wu Ming Fat Simon, ex p. Zhongtai Financial Investment Ltd (HCB 5397/2023): petition for bankruptcy order for non-compliance with statutory demand for sums due under cost order
- Joint and Several Trustees in Bankruptcy of the Property of Yeung Chun Wai Anthony v Yannie
 Investment Ltd (HCA 1644/2022): defending against bankruptcy trustees' claims over beneficial interest in residential property (led by Norman Nip S.C.)
- The Joint and Several Trustees of the Property of Yeung Wing Sing v Yeung Wing Sing [2021] HKCFI 2018: application to set aside transaction at undervalue under s. 49 Bankruptcy Ordinance (with Norman Nip)
- Acting for various petitioners or supporting creditors in compulsory winding-up of listed companies, state-owned enterprises or their subsidiaries, including Forever Winner International Development Ltd (HCCW 80/2021), North Mining Shares Company Ltd (HCCW 452/2021) and Carnival Group International Holdings Ltd (HCCW 48/2020)

Private Client

- In the Matter of NKS (HCMH 31/2022): representing next of kin of mentally incapacitated person to oppose applications for intervention and discharge of committee appointed under Part II Mental Health Ordinance
- Tam Miu Chi (in her capacity as the Executrix of the Estate of Ho Hiu Kwing) v Ho Man Che Peter (HCA 1309/2021): defending against action claiming life interests in shares held on trust for the deceased (led by Edward Chan S.C.)
- **Ho Man Che Peter v Tam Miu Chi** (HCAP 1/2021): probate action to propound will of the late founder of the 'Hsin Kuang' restaurants (led by Edward Chan S.C.)

Employees' Compensation & Torts

- Hui Kin Hung v Cheer Prospect Services Ltd & Ors (DCEC 781/2020): representing Employees

 Compensation Assistance Fund Board ("Fund Board") in trial of claim for employees' compensation

 where both liability and quantum are disputed
- Advising Fund Board on issues relating to interaction between relief payment and Director of Legal Aid's first charge
- Advising Fund Board on coverage of Bullock orders within scope of s. 23 Employees Compensation Assistance Ordinance (with Horace Wong S.C.)

Employment & Insurance

- Acting for insurers in various claims against ex-insurance agents for signing fees and bonuses pursuant to
 contractual post-termination 'clawback' provisions, including FWD Life Insurance Company (Bermuda)
 Ltd v Cheung Lik Keung (HCA 705/2020)
- *UPFitness Ltd v Daniel Dubois* (HCA 1531/2020): resisting interim injunction enforcing restrictive covenants under an employment contract
- Wong Ka Yick v AXA China Region Insurance Co Ltd (HCA 421/2017): dispute involving breach of contract and misrepresentations in relation to setup and operation of a 'general agency' model (led by Norman Nip S.C.)

Land & Tenancy

- Kafayat Khan (trading as "Oriental Rugs") v Au-Yeung Lun & Ors(HCA 522/2023): claim against bailiffs and landlord for wrongful distress for rent in arrears
- Cheung Kei Center Ltd v Mount Kelly International Ltd (HCA 1383/2019 & HCA 1668/2019): defending claim in relation to early termination of commercial lease
- Tang Ling Choa Tso (with Tang Ho Fai Allan, Tang Kwok Kuen, Tang Ying Kim Kenn and Tang Ching Cheung Carol as the Managers) v ??? & Anor (HCA 222/2018): defending against claim for vacant possession of land, injunction and mesne profits

Construction

- Baosteel Engineering & Technology Group Co Ltd v Xinyang Maojian Group Ltd [2022] HKCFI 2343: resisting enforcement of arbitral award relating to contractual dispute over construction project on the Mainland
- Converge Design and Construction Co Ltd v Mount Kelly International Ltd [2020] HKCFI 2433 (evidence), [2021] HKCFI 1591 (trial), [2021] HKCFI 1908 (interest): dispute over outstanding sums due under renovation contracts (with Desmond Leung)

Arbitration & Related Proceedings

- Techteryx Ltd v Crossbridge Capital Asia Pte Ltd & Ors (HCA 1906/2023): application to set aside order granting leave to serve out or stay proceedings on basis of Singapore arbitration agreement (led by Norman Nip S.C.)
- Lo Ngar Mi v Man Shu Kwan (HCCT 3/2022): oral examination of judgment debtor to facilitate enforcement of SCIA arbitral award (with Lau Ka Kin)
- Wen Yuzhou & Ors v Man Shu Kwan [2021] HKCFI 2510: application for and extension of worldwide Mareva injunction in aid of SCIA arbitration proceedings in Shenzhen relating to dispute over refund agreements for purchase price of Mainland properties
- **HKIAC Arbitration** involving a USD45 million claim for breach of software licensing agreements, copyright infringement, fraud/deceit and unfair competition

EDUCATION

- LLB, University of Hong Kong
- PCLL, University of Hong Kong
- LLM, London School of Economics (Distinction, top 10% of cohort)
- LLM, Magdalene College, Cambridge (First Class, rank 4th in cohort)

SCHOLARSHIPS AND PRIZES

- Middle Temple Advocacy Scholarship
- Magdalene College Bundy Scholarship
- Magdalene College Prize for Law
- Haldanes Criminal Law Moot Champion and Best Mooter
- HKU Worldwide Exchange Scholarship to Cornell Law School, USA
- Dean's Honours List

MEMBERSHIPS AND APPOINTMENTS

- Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators
- HKIAC-accredited Tribunal Secretary

LECTURES AND SEMINARS

- International Commercial Mediation Course at the University of International Business and Economics (Autumn 2024) on the topic of "Tomlin Orders: Enforcement of Settlement Agreements" (with Norman Nip S.C.)
- "Breaking Down Boundaries: Unlocking Jurisdictional Complexities and Deciphering Enforcement Dilemmas in International Arbitration" (June 2024), joint seminar with HFW supported by the Shenzhen Court of International Arbitration
- Essentials of Common Law Lecture Series at Peking University (May 2024) on the topic of "Oral and Written Submissions" (with Horace Wong S.C., Clark Wang and Jiang Zixin)

LANGUAGES

- English (fluent)
- Cantonese (native)
- Putonghua (proficient)

LINKEDIN

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