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Victor is a commercial litigator with substantial experience in a wide range of commercial, chancery and regulatory disputes including international arbitration, equity and trusts, probate, company law, and banking and financial disputes.

Since the financial crisis in 2008, he appeared for a large number of financial institutions in the most significant mis-selling cases concerning a wide range of investment products: e.g. *Selina Kwok v HSBC*, *DBS Bank v Sit*, *Chang v Bank of Singapore* and *Shine Grace v Citibank*.

Victor also has a substantial practice in high value trust disputes, most recently appearing in *China Life Trustees Limited v China Energy Reserve and Chemicals Group and Anor* in the Court of Final Appeal.

As part of his ADR practice, Victor appears regularly as counsel in arbitrations and related court applications, and sits as arbitrator in a wide range of commercial disputes. He is on the HKIAC Panel of Arbitrator, the HKIAC Panel for Financial Services Disputes, the SHIAC Panel and the SCIA Panel.

As to his regulatory practice, throughout his career, Victor acted regularly as advocate for both regulators and market participants. Recent cases include acting for the Hong Kong Stock Exchange in a number of judicial review proceedings regarding decisions of the Listing Appeals Committee. In July 2020, Victor was appointed as a Non-Executive Director of the Securities and Futures Commission.

PRACTICE AREAS

- Banking / Finance
- Securities & Regulation
- Commercial
- Injunction / Contempt
- Arbitration
- Defamation / Media
- Civil Fraud / Asset Recovery
- Company
- Equity / Trust
- Insolvency
- Mental Health
- Property & Conveyancing
- Probate / Succession
- Professional Liability

SELECTED CASES

BANKING / FINANCE

- *Shine Grace Investment Ltd v Citibank N. A. & Anor* [2022] HKCA 134; [2018] HKCFI 1737
- *DBS Bank v Sit Pan Jit* (FAMV 45/2016, CACV91/2015, HCA 382/2009)
- *Chang Pui Yin v Bank of Singapore Ltd* [2017] 4 HKLRD 458
- *Kwok Wai Hing Selina v HSBC Private Bank (Suisse) SA* (HCCL 7/2010, 21 June 2012)

COMMERCIAL

- *Hong Kong Sai Kung Ngong Wo Resort Development Limited v. TotalCorp (Nominees) Limited* (2022) 25 HKCFAR 376
- *Bonds Group Company Ltd v Kwan Daniel and Others* [2024] 1 HKLRD 541
- *Hu Lan v David Golden* [2024] 1 HKLRD 1252
- *Bei Ni Ltd v Cornwell (Hong Kong) Ltd* [2023] HKCFI 1799
- *Far East Consortium Ltd and Another v The Trustees of the property of Margaret Chiu* [2021] HKCFI 3707
- *Delco Participation BV v HWH Holdings* [2021] HKCA 1889; [2021] HKCFI 869; [2021] HKCFI 265; [2021] HKCFI 250; [2021] HKCFI 249; [2020] 5 HKLRD 712; [2020] HKCFI 2511
- *Goldbay Fortis Ltd v. Asia Allied Infrastructure Holdings Ltd* [2021] HKCFI 1684

COMPANY

- *Shi Jiu Xing v. Hong Kong A-Sun Group Co Ltd* [2023] HKCFI 1852
- *Peng Yingzhen v Absolute Skill Holdings Ltd and Others* [2022] HKCFI 3328
- *Gentle Soar Ltd v. CMB Capital Finance Ltd & Ors* [2021] HKCFI 3450
- *Sand Aire Ltd & Ors v. Jin Zhanjie & Anor* [2021] HKCA 1672; [2020] HKCFI 3015
- *Hu Hung Chiu v. Pacific Electric Wire & Cable Ltd & Ors* [2021] 2 HKLRD 477
- *Wang Haihong & Ors v J. P. Morgan Securities (Asia Pacific) Ltd & Anor* [2021] 4 HKLRD 770

PROPERTY & CONVEYANCING

- *Sky Globe Holding Ltd v Hung Lee Estates Ltd* [2023] 4 HKLRD 413
- *Simply Power Ltd v Billy Chua and Others* [2023] HKCFI 944
- *Jumbo Fair Ltd and Others v Pacm Series 235 Ltd* [2022] HKCFI 3750

- *Wharf Reality Ltd v Abebi Limited t/a “Armani Junior”* [2022] HKCFI 2036
- *Tan Wai Kee v Marspan Ltd and Another* [2021] HKCFI 3707
- *AFH Hong Kong Stores, Ltd v. Fulton Corporation Ltd* [2021] HKCFI 873
- *Bright Gold Ltd v Mega Well Development* [2020] HKCA 575

EQUITY / TRUST

- *China Life Trustees Limited v China Energy Reserve and Chemicals Group and Another* [2024] HKCFA 15; [2023] HKCA 966
- *Leung Ping Chiu, Roy v Wai Wai Chen & Anor* [2022] HKCA 1730; [2021] HKCA 941
- *Jong Yat Kit as Sole Administrator of the Estate of Li Chung (Deceased) v Lee Man For also known as Lee Man For Dennis & Ors* [2018] HKCA 235
- *Herman Budihardjo (alias Sim Hok Tjong) (since deceased) & Ors v Di Gunawan (alias Sim Hok Kui) & Ors* [2018] HKCFI 145

INJUNCTION / CONTEMPT

- *Sun Min and Others v Chu Kong* (2022) 25 HKCFAR 318
- *Airport Authority v Persons Unlawfully and Wilfully Obstructing with the Use of the Hong Kong International Airport* [2019] HKCFI 2104
- *Ming Hsieh v Xu Zhe & Ors* [2019] HKCA 101
- *SJ v Siew Yun Long & Ors* [2018] 4 HKLRD 438

PUBLIC LAW / JUDICIAL REVIEW

- *China Trends Holdings Ltd v. The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Ltd* [2023] HKCA 705
- *Fan Ren Da Anthony and another v. The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Ltd* [2023] HKCFI 2932
- *Titan Petrochemicals Group Ltd v The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong* [2023] HKCFI 2935
- *CIL Holdings v The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Ltd* [2023] HKCFI 1618
- *Sino Energy International Group Holdings Ltd v The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Ltd* [2022] HKCFI 3409
- *The Hong Kong Journalist Association v The Commissioner of Police & Anor* [2022] 5 HKLRD 20; [2020] 5 HKLRD 653
- *Up Energy Development Group Limited (in provisional liquidation) (for restructuring purpose) v The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited* [2021] HKCFI 3813
- *Cai Zhenrong v. The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Ltd* [2021] 4 HKLRD 57; [2021] HKCFI 1899
- *Longrun Tea Group Co Ltd v. The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Ltd* [2021] HKCFI 1883
- *Bolina Holding Co Ltd (in liquidation) v. The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Ltd* [2021] HKCFI 460



EDUCATION

1998 LLB – London School of Economics and Political Science
1999 PCLL – HKU

APPOINTMENTS AND PUBLIC OFFICE

- Recorder of the High Court
- Non-Executive Director of the Securities and Futures Commission
- Chairman of the Investor and Financial Education Council
- Council Member of the HKIAC
- Chairman of the Hong Kong Bar Association (2022-2024)

LANGUAGES

English and Chinese (Cantonese and Putonghua)