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Joseph is a partner in the litigation and arbitration team.

His practice focuses on commercial disputes and regulatory matters. Over the years, he advises and represents clients in international arbitration, general commercial disputes, tax and trust disputes, insolvency proceedings and regulatory investigations, with a particular focus on regulatory investigation and cross-border litigation. He represents victims to major fraud cases in pursuing recovery against the fraudsters and advises clients on new legal challenges in the new economy and digital era.

He is one of the authors of Sweet & Maxwell's Arbitration in Hong Kong: A Practical Guide, 2nd Edition, and was a contributing editor of Hong Kong Civil Procedure (the "White Book").

Track record

General commercial litigation

Acting for clients (corporations and individuals) in general commercial litigation involving matters concerning breach of contract, directors' duties, shareholders' rights, tax, fraud, claims for unjust enrichment and other restitutionary relief.

Restructuring & insolvency

Acting for liquidators in investigation of the affairs of insolvent companies, in restructuring, insolvency and other civil proceedings in Hong Kong.

Investigations

Acting for various corporations (and their directors) in investigations by the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong and the Securities and Future Commission and for international banks in fraud cases, cross-border litigation and regulatory investigations.

International arbitration work

Acting for corporations in international arbitrations in Hong Kong and in the Mainland China on high-value and complex commercial disputes.

Contentious probate

Acting for executors in the administration of estate and for beneficiaries in contentious probate disputes.

Hong Kong Inland Revenue

Acting for taxpayers in disputes with the Hong Kong Inland Revenue (at the Board of Review, the Court of First Instance and the Court of Appeal).

High value construction projects

Acting for contractors in disputes arising out of high value construction projects in Hong Kong and other jurisdictions.

Talks

- Hand in Hand - Why Strong Legal and Judicial Systems Strengthen (rather than weaken) International Arbitration, Generations in Arbitration Conference, Nov 2021
- The Future of International Arbitration in Light of COVID, HKIAC, Oct 2021
- Mediation and Arbitration in the ASEAN region, Aug 2021
- Restructuring and insolvencies in volatile times, Oct 2020
- Contract Masterclass series: Traps when amending contracts, Jul 2020
- Contract Masterclass webinar series, Apr - Aug 2020

External publications

'Investment treaties and their role in protecting Chinese businesses abroad: A look at the *Zhongshan v Nigeria* award', Mar 2022, co-author

'A radical reform of the PRC Arbitration Law: A summary of the key revisions' - Withers, 23 August 2021 - co-author

'Keepwell deeds: A pathway for enforcement', Simmons & Simmons, Jan 2021 - co-author

'Winding up listcos in Hong Kong: Beware of the jurisdiction trap', Simmons & Simmons, Dec 2020 - co-author

'Hong Kong and Mainland China: Force Majeure & Covid-19 & You', Simmons & Simmons, Apr 2020 - co-author

'What's the impact of coronavirus on international arbitration', Simmons & Simmons, Mar 2020 - co-author

Admissions

Hong Kong, 2003

England and Wales, 2008

PRC, 2012

Languages

Cantonese

English

Mandarin

Key dates

Year joined: 2021

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