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Ethan is an associate in our private client and tax team.

He advises on a wide range of private client issues, including UK taxation, trusts, asset protection, wills, estate and succession planning. Additionally, Ethan has developed a practice in advising private clients and intermediaries on legal and tax issues surrounding digital and crypto assets.

Ethan is one of the finalists in the Young Practitioner of the Year category at the STEP Private Client Awards 2022/23, and is recognized in the Citywealth's40 under 40 (IFC) List - 2023 and mentioned as one of the key lawyers in Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2023.

Track record

Proposed relocation to the UK

Advised Hong Kong residents on proposed relocation to the UK.

Family governance, succession planning, and the establishment of a family office

Advised a UK-resident non-domiciled individual on family governance, succession planning, and the establishment of a family office.

The UK tax consequences of remitting mixed funds

Advised a Chinese domiciled individual on the UK tax consequences of remitting mixed funds while she was resident and her worldwide estate planning.

Estate and succession planning

Advised a non-domiciled individual with assets in five jurisdictions on estate and succession planning.

The UK tax consequences

Advised on the UK tax consequences of restructuring the family's ownership of a UK family business, currently held through a non-UK resident trust structure, and the UK tax treatment associated with different options in holding the family's interests going forward.

The UK tax treatment of his investment portfolio and cryptocurrency

Advised a non-domiciled entrepreneur resident in the UK on the UK tax treatment of his investment portfolio and cryptocurrency.

External publications

Private Client Business 2023, Number 4, page 150-155, author

'5MLD: major changes to the UK trust register', Tax Journal - November 2020, author

'Locating the Ethereum: the situs of cryptoassets re-examined', Private Client Business 2022, Number 6, page 220-226, author

Admissions

England and Wales, 2020

Education

University College London (LL.B.)

Imperial College Business School (MSc Management)

The University of Law (LL.M.)

Languages

Cantonese
English
Mandarin

Memberships

STEP (Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners)

Key dates

Year joined: 2022

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