

Johnny Mok SC

YEAR OF CALL: 1986 YEAR OF SILK: 2006

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Practice Overview

Johnny Mok SC is a door tenant of Brick Court Chambers who is based in Hong Kong, practising principally from Des Voeux Chambers.

In his early days as a law student at Hong Kong University he won the coveted Winner's Cup at the Law Faculty's Mooting Competition and represented Hong Kong in the initial two years of its participation in the International Jessup Moot Court Competition, as well as various Baker & McKenzie prizes for his distinctive performance. He has won plaudits particularly for his work on public and administrative law and has been appointed by the Hong Kong Government (and by the PRC Government) to fill a host of responsible positions including an appointment by the National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China to be one of 12 members on the Basic Law Committee.

Mr Mok is lauded for his strengths across the board from his practice in the field of constitutional and administrative law to corporate and general commercial work (including trusts and property related litigation.)

He produces "incisive and combative work in the commercial and judicial arenas" (Chambers & Partners 2010) and is regarded as a bit of a legal wizard and a solid advocate generally.

Public Law

In 2006, Mr Mok was appointed as Senior Counsel by the Chief Justice of Hong Kong.

Mr Mok regularly receives quality instructions to advise and represent the Government of Hong Kong and numerous public bodies (including the Hong Kong Monetary Authority and the Securities and Futures Commission). For example, in 2007, he represented the then Secretary for Education and Manpower and former Commissioner for the Independent Commission Against Corruption in a public inquiry on allegations concerning the Hong Kong Institute of Education.

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Hong Kong.

In 2009, Mr Mok was appointed by the Hong Kong Monetary Authority to represent him in the inquiry conducted by the Legislative Council into matters relating to the Lehman Brothers Minibonds.

In 2010, Mr Mok was appointed as an advisor to the Bauhinia Foundation Research Centre, a Hong Kong-based think-tank which conducts researches, talks and networking activities relating to public policies concerning Hong Kong and the mainland China.

He regularly works with leading Counsel from the UK and has co-authored a book entitled Judicial Review in Hong Kong with Richard Gordon QC of Brick Court Chambers in London, which was published in late 2010.

Mr Mok also represents high profile individuals and corporations in a large variety of cases ranging from corporate and commercial arbitration and litigation, probate and estate cases, matrimonial and guardianship dispute resolution, to regulatory and white-collar criminal investigations and arbitration proceedings.

In the recent two years (2010-2011), Mr Mok acted for (among other clients) two of the Kwok brothers of the Sun Hung Kai Properties group of companies in an important matter; the father-in-law of Nina Wang in a probate matter relating to the estate of Nina Wang; a French bank (Natixis) in an arbitration against a mainland Chinese company on the financing of the purchase of a ocean-going vessel; Mr Peter Lee of the Henderson Properties group on a personal matter; Mr Chen Din Hwa of the Nan Fung group in a matrimonial case brought by his wife; the widow of Mr Chiu Yau Chuen, a property tycoon in Hong Kong, in a probate action; the Director of Immigration in a judicial review application brought by the Falun Gong; the Director of Highways and Director of Lands in another judicial review application brought by the Hong Kong Broadband; the Cheung Kong group in a matter relating to a property development called One Beacon Hill; an international firm of accountants on a disciplinary matter; the descendants of the founder of Po Chai Pill in a company matter against its directors; a barrister in a case for breach of confidentiality against a firm of solicitors.

Further information

Languages

English, Cantonese, Mandarin

Memberships and Appointments

Advisor, Bauhinia Foundation Research Centre, a Hong Kong-based think-tank, focused on public policies and economic developments in Hong Kong and mainland China (2010 to now)

Member, Basic Law Committee, appointed by the National People's Congress, People Republic of China under the Basic Law of Hong Kong (2008 to now)

Door Tenant, Brick Court Chambers, London (2007 to now)

Senior Counsel, High Court, Hong Kong (2006 to now)

Member, Air Transport Licensing Authority, Hong Kong (2001 - 2003)

Member, Hong Kong Consumer Council (1989-1994)

Advocate and Solicitor, Supreme Court, Singapore (1993)

Part-time Member, Hong Kong Central Policy Unit (1992)

Publications/Lectures/Talks

Richard Gordon QC & Johnny Mok SC, Judicial Review in Hong Kong