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Howse Williams is a leading, full service, Hong Kong law firm. We combine the in-depth experience of our lawyers with a forward thinking approach.

About Us

Our key practice areas are corporate/commercial and corporate finance; commercial and maritime dispute resolution; clinical negligence and healthcare; insurance, personal injury and professional indemnity insurance; employment; family and matrimonial; trusts and wealth preservation; wills, probate and estate administration; property and building management; banking; fraud; distressed debt; investment funds; technology, media and telecommunications; virtual assets; financial services/corporate regulatory and compliance.

As an independent law firm we are able to minimise legal and commercial conflicts of interest and act for clients in every industry sector. The partners have spent the majority of their careers in Hong Kong and have a detailed understanding of international business and business in Asia.

The HW partners and their teams have an excellent reputation for delivering high quality legal advice with a practical and commercial approach to solving legal issues in line with clients' commercial objectives.

General Insurance

HW acts for underwriters, brokers and intermediaries, principally regarding policy issues, coverage disputes as well as personal injury and employee compensation claims. Our core practice areas include:

- Admiralty insurance
- Asset and structured finance
- Business interruption insurance
- Corporate and regulatory insurance
- Directors' and officers' liability insurance
- Event insurance
- General insurance and reinsurance
- International trade
- P&I insurance
- Personal injury
- Professional indemnity
- Shipping insurance

We provide a full service in respect of insurance and reinsurance matters, including policy drafting and interpretation, coverage issues, contracts, regulatory advice and crisis management. Our diverse international clients include insurance and reinsurance companies, brokers, Lloyd's syndicates, corporate and individual policyholders, administrators and liquidators.

To best assist our clients, we leverage our in-depth knowledge in drafting and interpreting policy terms as well as handling non-marine and marine insurance and reinsurance disputes in litigation, arbitration and mediation. We are accustomed to working with liquidators and administrators in the insurance industry when they encounter financial difficulties.

Admiralty Insurance

With one of the most extensive maritime law practices in Hong Kong, HW's shipping team provides a full service to its clients in the shipping insurance market. Our clients include ship owners, charterers, brokers, insurance companies, P&I Clubs, trading companies, forwarders, shipping agents and cargo underwriters. We are heavily engaged in the admiralty or "wet" aspects of maritime litigation. Our team acts on maritime incidents arising in and around Hong Kong as well as throughout the Far East and Southeast Asia. The maritime documents and matters upon which we advise include:

- Actual and constructive total loss
- Measures of loss and damage
- Maritime investigations, arbitrations, mediation and litigation
- Limitation and associated matters
- Oil and other types of pollution
- Personal injury and death claims arising from maritime incidents
- Pilotage
- Salvage
- Towage
- Wreck removal
- Bills of lading
- Carriage of goods
- Collisions
- Demise, time and voyage charter parties
- P&I and defence club rules
- Limitation
- Marine insurance and reinsurance
- Oil and other pollution
- Provision of security
- Sale and purchase of vessels and oil rigs
- Ship arrests
- Shipbuilding contracts
- War risks
- Force majeure

Corporate and Regulatory Insurance

HW possesses a wealth of experience at the local, regional and international level. We offer our clients practical and commercial advice upon all aspects of company and commercial law including:

- Acquisitions and disposal of companies and their undertakings including insurance companies
- Commercial and trade agreements including agency and distribution agreements
- Insurance-related bonds, indemnity agreements and service agreements
- Mergers and acquisitions
- Regulation of insurers, brokers and intermediaries
- Restructuring and reorganizations
- Share options and profit-sharing schemes

International Trade

HW's scope of practice touches all areas of international trade law. We advise trading companies, trade associations, banks and governments and other institutions involved in international trade. Because a large portion of this work relates to goods carried by sea, we are fully versed in advising on problems arising under bills of lading, charterparties, multi-modal transport documents and contracts of insurance. Our Insurance and Shipping teams work together in the conduct of these overlapping practice areas.

Personal Injury

HW's personal injury practice in Hong Kong includes:

- Advice and representation at coroners' inquests, medical disciplinary hearings and criminal proceedings.
- General personal injury work such as employee compensation claims, road traffic accidents and personal injury claims arising in a shipping context.
- Medical litigation claims where we act primarily on behalf of medical practitioners and their insurers.
- Our Medico-Legal team is often involved with our Insurance team in the conduct of personal injury claims.

Professional Indemnity

As one of HW's key practice areas, our professional negligence experience means that we work closely with a wide range of professionals in Hong Kong and beyond as well as with a number of bodies representing professionals, including the Law Society of Hong Kong, the Hong Kong Society of Accountants, the Medical Protection Society, Dental Protection Limited, the Physiotherapy Association and other medical and professional bodies. We provide services to the following professionals:

- Accountants
- Architects
- Biotech companies
- Chiropractors
- Dentists
- Directors and officers
- Doctors
- Engineers
- Estate agencies
- Financial institutions
- Fund managers
- Health care workers
- Nurses
- Occupational therapists
- Pharmaceutical companies
- Pilots
- Private hospitals
- Property agencies
- Solicitors
- Speech therapists
- Surveyors

Providing advice and guidance to professionals on a wide range of issues, we act for professionals in disciplinary proceedings before bodies such as the Medical and Dental Councils. In addition, our advice and assistance extends to the defence of negligence and other claims against professionals. Ever mindful that cases are usually highly sensitive and that professional reputations are at stake, our approach is strictly confidential and professional.

Biotech and pharmaceutical companies are among the organizations that we represent on professional liability matters. We also provide advice upon and assistance with the drafting and interpretation of the appropriate policies and the rules of each profession.



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Chris Howse is a dispute resolution lawyer with more than 43 years of legal experience in handling commercial, insurance and maritime disputes.

Chris also has an extensive arbitration practice and has represented parties in arbitrations in China (both CIETAC and CMAC), Hong Kong, London, Singapore and Malaysia. He is a qualified arbitrator in Hong Kong, China (CIETAC and CMAC), Singapore, Korea and Malaysia and other Southeast Asian jurisdictions. Chris is also an accredited mediator.

A substantial part of Chris' practice involves insurance both advising on insurance contracts and acting for parties in insurance disputes. He provides professional indemnity advice and assistance to professionals in Hong Kong including solicitors, accountants, brokers, architects, doctors, dentists and other healthcare professionals. He heads up the medico-legal team with partner, Dr. David Kan. The medico-legal team advises doctors, dentists and their indemnity providers / insurers as well as private hospitals and other healthcare professionals. The medico-legal team also advises pharmaceutical companies on issues relating to the import and distribution of drugs from pharmaceutical products, drug liability claims and regulatory matters.

▼ *Experience*

2012 Howse Williams
2011 Reed Smith Richards Butler
2008 Richards Butler in Association with Reed Smith LLP
1983 Richards Butler, Hong Kong
1975 Richards Butler, London

▼ *Education*

1975 College of Law
1973 University of Bristol, BA (Hons)
1970 University of Geneva

▼ *Professional Admissions / Qualifications*

1978 England and Wales
1981 Hong Kong
1988 Australia

Arbitration:

Fellow, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (Hong Kong)
Fellow, Hong Kong Institute of Arbitrators Ltd
Supporting Member, London Maritime Arbitrators Association
Arbitrator, Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre
Arbitrator, China Maritime Arbitration Commission
Arbitrator, China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission
Arbitrator, Hong Kong Maritime Arbitration Group
Arbitrator, Korean Commercial Arbitration Board
Member, Hong Kong Arbitrations Law Review Committee (1996-2000)

Professional Indemnity Insurance:

Member, Hong Kong Law Society Professional Indemnity Insurance Claims Committee (1989-1999)
Deputy Chairman, Hong Kong Law Society Professional Indemnity Claims Committee (1999-2004)
Chairman, Hong Kong Law Society Professional Indemnity Claims Committee (2004-2007)
Member, Hong Kong Law Society Working Party on Professional Indemnity Insurance Scheme (1996-2004)
Chairman, Hong Kong Professional Indemnity Review Committee (2002)
Member, Hong Kong Law Society Professional Indemnity Advisory Committee (1999-2006)
Director, Hong Kong Solicitors Indemnity Fund Limited



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David is a dual qualified medical doctor/solicitor and is a Founding Member of the Faculty of Forensic and Legal Medicine of the Royal College of Physicians (UK). He "changed horses" to law almost 30 years ago and has specialized in healthcare law since.

Nowadays David and Chris Howse lead a team of healthcare lawyers, which is the largest team of its kind in HK, with extensive experience in defending clinical negligence claims.

As an experienced litigator, David has gained accreditation as a Solicitor Advocate with Higher Rights of Audience in Hong Kong's Court of First Instance, Court of Appeal and CFA. David has substantial advocacy experience before the Civil Courts, Coroner's Court, Medical and Dental Council and other professional tribunals. He appreciates the importance of getting involved in a case and managing the evidence and strategies from day 1.

David has a Master's Degree in Medical Law and Ethics which puts him on good stead in providing regulatory advice to healthcare institutions including hospitals, biotechnology companies, medical device manufacturers and specialist group practices. He has a special interest in advising on mental health law, medical criminal proceedings, clinical trials, and due diligence in corporate transactions.

In 2008, David was appointed as an Honorary Associate Professor by the Department of Pathology, Faculty of Medicine, The University of Hong Kong. He regularly lectures at the University as well as to the Specialist Colleges. He provides clients with training in clinical risk management.

David keeps up to date with clinical medicine. He has served on various governing boards including those of a government hospital and a major international school. He is a qualified coach with the Squash Rackets Association (UK) and he trains almost daily.

▼ Experience

2012 Howse Williams
2011 Reed Smith Richards Butler
2008 Richards Butler in Association with Reed Smith LLP
1999 Richards Butler, Hong Kong
1998 Bevan Ashford Solicitors, UK
1996 Lees and Partner Solicitors, UK

▼ Education

University of Hong Kong, Postgraduate Diploma in Child and Adolescent Health
Keele University, Master Degree in Medical Law
Birmingham University, LPC (with commendation)
Birmingham University, CPE
Nottingham University, Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery
Nottingham University Exhibition Prize for Medicine
Nottingham University, Bachelor of Medical Sciences (Hons)

▼ Professional Admissions / Qualifications

1999 Hong Kong
1998 England and Wales
MA (Med Law), MBBS, MFFLM, BMed Sci (Hons), PDipCAH

▼ Professional Affiliations

Honorary Legal Advisor of The Hong Kong Ophthalmological Society, Hong Kong Medical Association, Hong Kong Dental Association, British Medical Association of Hong Kong, Association of Private Eye Surgeons, Federation of Society for the Prevention of Blindness, Association of Private Medical Specialists of (HK), The College of Ophthalmologists of Hong Kong, Hong Kong Community Psychological Medicine Association (HKCPMA), Hong Kong Doctors Union and Eye Care Charitable Foundation Limited

Others:

Honorary Associate Professor in the Department of Pathology, Faculty of Medicine, The University of Hong Kong
Member, Hospital Governing Committee of the Shatin Hospital
Founding Member, Faculty of Legal and Forensic Medicine, Royal College of Physicians UK
Member, Ethics Committee for the Hong Kong College of Obstetrics and Gynaecology
Previously Panel Member, Guardianship Board of Hong Kong
Previously Vice-chairman, New Medico-Legal Society of Hong Kong
Member, Hong Kong Association of the Pharmaceutical Industry
Member, Law Society of England and Wales
Member, Law Society of Hong Kong



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David is a commercial disputes lawyer specialising in international trade disputes. David has over 25 years of experience in commercial dispute resolution. He advises a wide variety of shipping interests including marine and non-marine insurers. David also has extensive experience outside of international trade matters, including dealing with, insolvency matters, shareholder disputes and the recovery and tracing of monies lost due to internet/identity fraud.

Before qualifying as a lawyer, David served as a deck officer in the British Merchant Navy with the Cunard Steamship Company. He has dealt with several high profile casualty matters.

David has handled both Court proceedings and Arbitrations concerning a wide range of disputes in Hong Kong, England & Wales, Australia, Singapore and the United States. David is familiar with UNCITRAL rules, LMAA terms, ICDR, ACICA and SIAC Rules. David has also acted as mediator in several high value disputes.

▼ Experience

2012 Howse Williams
2005 General Counsel P&O Cruises Sydney Australia
1989 Richards Butler, Hong Kong
1976 Cunard Steamship Company

▼ Education

1985 College of Law, Chancery Lane, London, Solicitors Final Examinations
1984 Anglia University, England, BA (Hons)
1980 Riversdale College, Liverpool, England, British 2nd Deck Officer's Certificate of Competency

▼ Professional Admissions / Qualifications

1987 England and Wales
1989 Hong Kong
1991 Australia (NSW & Victoria and the ACT)

▼ Professional Affiliations

LEADR and nationally accredited mediation practitioner
Member, Law Society of Hong Kong
Member of the Hong Kong Maritime Law Association Executive Committee
Board member of the Maritime Services Training Board



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Alison previously worked as a partner with HW's senior partner Chris Howse at Richards Butler in Hong Kong. She has extensive experience in dispute resolution and commercial and professional negligence litigation. Alison moved to England in 1998 but returned to join HW in 2014.

Alison continues to advise in respect of commercial litigation matters including regulatory investigations by governmental bodies and corporate litigation including shareholder disputes. She also provides professional indemnity advice and assistance to doctors, dentists and other healthcare professionals in HW's medico legal practice.

▼ Experience

2014 Howse Williams
1991 Richards Butler

▼ Professional Admissions / Qualifications

1986 Admission as a solicitor, Hong Kong
1985 Admission as a solicitor, England and Wales

▼ Professional Affiliations

Member, Law Society of Hong Kong



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"The hardworking William Leung provides pragmatic and solutions-oriented advice." Client testimonial in Legal 500 2024

As a prominent commercial litigator with more than 24 years solid experience, William with his team of lawyers specialise in the following:

Commercial litigation

William's commercial practice ranges from companies'/shareholder's disputes, joint venture disputes, winding up/bankruptcy, restructuring and corporate risk management issues. His clients would include from prominent liquidators and/or receivers, corporates, listed companies, directors/officers of listed companies, banks/lenders, investors, charitable organisations to private/corporate shareholders and bankrupts. Notably, William and his team have recently been involved in a number of large winding up/re-restructuring matters and acting for a well-known tycoon in appealing against the bankruptcy order.

William also acts for both trustees and beneficiaries on contentious trust and probate matters, particularly for high net worth individuals on personal wealth matters.

He also handles general debt recovery matters for listed companies, financial institutions and banks and is well known for his efficiency and costs effectiveness producing great results for clients.

He has ample experience in acting for both Claimants and Recipients for funds internet fraud cases.

Insurance litigation

William acts for more than 10 large international/PRC insurers covering public liability, property, marine, travel and EC/PI insurance. He is also a leading advisor in dealing with industrial accidents with emphasis in fatal and serious injury cases. He has formed a specialist team in dealing with crisis management which would arrive at the accident scene (fatal and serious injury) quickly to deal with urgent compliance matters and enforcement authorities.

William regularly gives talks and seminars on insurance matters due to his high acclaim within the industry.

Transport litigation

William acts for shipping companies, forwarders, international logistic companies, four of the largest container terminals in Hong Kong and leading warehouse operators along with their liability/property insurers. He has unrivalled experience in handling a wide range of contentious matters on bills of lading/air waybills, cargo claims, forwarding, warehousing, logistics disputes and non-contentious matters such as drafting of complex logistic services agreements. Particularly he is a leading figure in advising container terminals on their contracts with shipping lines, emergency casualty, employment, compliance matters, property damage and fire incidents and oil spillage cases. He has advised on transport related regulatory matters such as enforcement actions by Customs and Excise Department, Labour Department, Environmental Protection Department and ICAC.

William is also on the Transportation and Logistics Committee of the Law Society of Hong Kong.

“William Leung is a very good and experienced expert to deal with complex marine claims matters.” Legal 500 2022

Pleasure crafts

William has vast experience on yacht matters including sale and purchase of super yachts (including escrow service), collision, casualty, fire and their related personal injury, insurance and litigation matters.

Escrow agent / accounts

William frequently advises on escrow agent / account agreements and their litigation risks to facilitate sale and purchase of high value yachts, club debentures offshore properties and high value antiques/ paintings etc. In appropriate cases, our firm will act as escrow agent or stakeholder.

Arts/Paintings

William also advises on sale and purchase of arts/paintings for a number of prominent collectors.

Accreditation

William has been consistently named as one of the leading lawyers in Hong Kong by various legal directories. He is admitted to practise law in both Hong Kong and England and Wales.

William also holds a number of public posts with a view to rewarding the society.

▼ Experience

2019 Howse Williams
2015 Howse Williams Bowers
2009 Eversheds
2001 DLA Piper
2000 Stevenson Wong & Co
1998 Hampton, Winter & Glynn

▼ Education

1997 PCLL, University of Hong Kong

1993 LLB, University of Wales / Portobello College, Dublin, Ireland

▼ Professional Qualifications

2001 Solicitor of England and Wales

1999 Solicitor of Hong Kong

▼ Public Office

Since 2021 Member of Patient Complaint Committee of The Prince Philip Dental Hospital

Since 2018 Transportation and Logistics Committee of The Law Society of Hong Kong (Co-option)

Since 2017 The Transport Tribunals' Panel (Member) appointed by Secretary for to Mar 2023 Transport and Housing

Since 2023 The Transport Tribunals' Panel (Chairman) appointed by Secretary for Transport and Housing

Since 2015 The Board of Review, Inland Revenue Department (Panel member) to Dec 2020

Since 2015 The Obscene Articles Tribunal (Member Adjudicator appointed by Chief to Aug 2020 Justice of HKSAR)

Since 2013 Admiralty Court Users Committee appointed by Chief Justice of HKSAR to present (Member)



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Michael is experienced in a wide range of commercial litigation, including shareholder disputes involving both listed companies and high-profile private companies (many of which involve a cross-border element). He has also acted in litigation involving financial services institutions (including mis-selling claims and negligence claims), claims involving directors, and disputes over asset acquisitions.

A large part of Michael's practice at Howse Williams involves contentious employment matters (acting for both employers and employees), including claims over termination and remuneration, enforcement of post-termination restrictions, discrimination claims and partnership disputes. He advises employers and statutory bodies on internal investigations and disciplinary proceedings, and has represented a number of individuals in SFC investigations. He also has significant experience in conducting and defending judicial review proceedings.

Michael also has extensive insurance experience, particularly in relation to the defence of professional negligence claims and advising on coverage issues. He has been a panel solicitor for the Hong Kong Solicitors Professional Indemnity Scheme since 1998, and has represented both local and international law firms in connection with a broad range of claims.

▼ Experience

2015 Howse Williams
2012 Gall
2002 Herbert Smith Freehills
1998 Wilkinson & Grist
1994 Haldanes

▼ Education

1987 The University of Sydney, LLB

▼ Professional Qualifications

1994 Hong Kong
1994 England and Wales
1987 New South Wales, Australia

▼ Professional Affiliations

Member, Law Society of Hong Kong

▼ Reported Decisions

- Philippe Delhaise v Ng & Co & Erving Brettell [HCA 10165/2000; CACV 386/2003]
- Mimi Monica Wong v Mirko Sacconi [HCA 2061/2004]
- Pat Bobby Ying Ho v Hong Kong Solicitors Indemnity Fund Ltd [HCCT 40/2004]
- Michael John Treloar Rowse v The Secretary for the Civil Service, The Chief Executive & The Chief Secretary for Administration [HCAL 41/2007]
- GFI (HK) Securities LLC v Kang Gyong Hee & ICAP Equities Asia Ltd [HCA 451/2015]

▼ Professional Recognition

Michael is currently ranked by Chambers Asia as a Band 2 employment lawyer and a Band 3 insurance lawyer. Comments include:

2017: "He has a cool, calm demeanour. We use him during a crisis."

2015: "a seasoned operator"
"a very good litigator - very experienced and steady"

2014: "is an experienced litigator who certainly knows his stuff; gives clients sensible and considerate advice."

"He is particularly adept in restrictive covenants, partnership disputes and investigations by local regulators"

2013: "very quick and very clear on providing advice" ... "his immediate response and technical support are always available"

2012: "good judgement and great technical skills"... "is a seasoned practitioner for commercial litigious matters on labour issues"

2011: "has deep rooted experience in employment litigation"



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"Gary Chow's mastery of insurance law, keen analytical skills, and pragmatic strategies have been invaluable." Client testimonial in Legal 500 2025

"Gary Chow is an excellent and professional lawyer who knows how to communicate with clients and express legal opinions and suggestions clearly." Client testimonial in Legal 500 2024

Gary was admitted in Hong Kong in 2008 and specialises in casualty and insurance related litigation. He is a highly experienced and reliable practitioner with strong technical competence. He joins HW in 2022 to reinforce HW's insurance practice.

Gary regularly acts for insurer clients in policy coverage disputes and advises on a multitude of complex policy issues. He has extensive experience in defending casualty and professional indemnity claims involving work accidents, traffic accidents, occupiers' liability, construction sites, container terminals, warehouses, retail sector, educational institutions, elderly homes, and healthcare professionals. He is expert in handling, investigating and defending highly suspicious claims.

Gary has vast experience in dealing with industrial (construction, marine, aviation related), traffic offence and other departmental summonses (for example, Labour Department, Buildings Department, Social Welfare Department, Electrical and Mechanical Services Department, etc.) involving fatal and serious injury cases. He and his team are frequently instructed by clients to handle crisis management, attend urgent site inspection, and provide immediate on-site advice in dealing with enforcement authorities (such as police, Labour Department, etc.).

Gary also has experience in advising on regulatory and compliance matters, contractual disputes, debt recovery, tenancy disputes, employment related matters, data privacy matters, arbitration and criminal matters.

Experience highlights:

- Advising insurers on policy coverage and exclusion, policy interpretation, double insurance, seeking contribution from co-insurers, repudiation of policy liability, non-disclosure, misrepresentation, recovery against insured, under-insurance, insurable interest, subrogation, liability under compulsory insurance legislation, etc.
- Handling subrogation (recovery) claims against third party wrongdoers
- Handling claims for contribution or indemnity against co-defendants

- Handling, investigating, defending and settling personal injury claims of various scale from very minor injury to MIP or paraplegic or tetraplegic or fatal claims (concluded by negotiation, mediation or trial)
- Handling, investigating and defending highly suspicious personal injury claims and claims by "professional" claimants, and succeeded in getting the claimants to withdraw or discontinue their claims, or settle at low level and early stage
- Acting for construction site contractors, container terminal operators, warehouse owners / tenants / occupiers, logistics companies, aircraft maintenance companies, ship owners, cleaning companies, security companies, property management companies, restaurants, retail shops, elderly homes, bank, offices, SMEs, etc. in handling work accident and occupational disease claims and recovery claims under Section 25 of the Employees' Compensation Ordinance against third party wrongdoers
- Acting for online food delivery platform in defending employees' compensation claim commenced by independent contractor
- Advising and handling industrial summonses (construction, marine, aviation related), compliance issues relating to safety management system, claims for non-payment of periodical payment, and complaints to the Labour Department against employers for failing to report work accident and take out employee's compensation insurance policy
- Advising and handling investigation by the Labour Department in accidents happened at container terminals involving rubber tyred gantry cranes, quay cranes, and internal container trucks
- Advising and handling investigation by the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department involving underground electricity cable damage and explosion
- Handling crisis management, attending urgent site inspection, and providing immediate on-site advice in dealing with enforcement authorities (such as police, Labour Department, etc.)
- Advising motor insurers on policy issues relating to motor insurance policy and their liability under the Domestic Agreement and the compulsory insurance legislation, and acting for their insured in defending bodily injury and property damage claims arising out of traffic accidents involving private cars, taxis, motor trade cars, commercial goods vehicles, crane mounted trucks, etc.
- Advising and handling traffic summons and criminal prosecution arising out of traffic accidents
- Advising and acting for the Motor Insurers' Bureau of Hong Kong on claims under the Domestic Agreement arising out of traffic accidents

- Acting for property management, security and cleaning companies on accidents happened at residential estates, commercial buildings and shopping malls, and advising on the related contribution or indemnity claims between the property management, security and cleaning companies under their respective public liability policies and service contracts
- Advising on water seepage claims in residential, industrial, commercial and hotel buildings
- Advising on fire incidents in warehouse and electricity power substation
- Acting for healthcare professionals (including physiotherapist, chiropractor, Chinese medicine practitioner and optometrist) in malpractice claims involving negligent treatment
- Acting for special schools and elderly homes in personal injury claims involving negligent care
- Acting for educational institutions and their management committees in defending a wide variety of claims relating to employment related matters (e.g. dismissal, suspension of employment, disciplinary procedure, variation of employment terms, reduction of wages, misrepresentation, etc.), discrimination, wrongful or negligent student care, wrongful or negligent guidance, wrongful or negligent discipline, breach of the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance, etc.
- Advising insurance broker on claim by insured for breach of professional duty
- Advising property all risks and business interruption insurer on policy liability, subrogation issue, legal liability and quantum of loss arising out of a major roof collapse incident in Hong Kong
- Advising property all risks insurer on legal liability and quantum of loss arising out of a vessel collision incident happened during super typhoon
- Advising property all risks insurer and terminal operator liability insurer on oil spillage incidents caused by vessels berthed at container ports
- Advising insurer on business interruption claims and policy coverage issues arising out of COVID-19
- Advising reinsurer on matters relating to the winding-up of a liability insurer in Hong Kong
- Advising insurer on aviation war risk claims and policy coverage issues arising out of the Russian invasion of Ukraine in 2022

- Advising insurer on exclusion clause relating to public liability policy, product liability policy and professional indemnity policy
- Advising group medical insurer on double insurance issue relating to payment of medical benefit to an insured employee
- Advising insurer on policy liability of home insurance and travel insurance
- Advising insurer on matters relating to surety bond
- Handling a telephone enquiry hotline for answering enquiries from insured relating to policy coverage and claim notification issues
- Advising on surety bond, debt recovery claims and related enforcement action and bankruptcy or winding up proceedings
- Advising on complaints filed with the Insurance Authority by insured against insurer
- Handling contractual disputes with manufacturers, suppliers and service providers
- Acting for shopping mall landlord in debt and rental recovery claims against tenants

▼ Experience

2022 Howse Williams
 2013 Clyde & Co
 2009 Leung & Lau
 2008 YC Lee, Pang & Kwok

▼ Education

2006 Postgraduate Certificate in Laws, The University of Hong Kong
 2005 Bachelor of Laws, The University of Hong Kong

▼ Professional Admissions / Qualifications

2008 Hong Kong

▼ Professional Affiliations

Member, Law Society of Hong Kong



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Tony is a Partner whose practice focusses on insurance-related matters, complex commercial litigation and arbitration proceedings. He has been with the firm since he joined as a Trainee Solicitor in 2012.

Tony has extensive experience in a range of contentious and non-contentious commercial matters, and frequently acts for and advises clients in court and arbitration proceedings on misrepresentation claims, asset recovery, shareholder disputes, internet fraud claims, fraud investigations, and construction related claims. He has significant experience in building management and tenancy related claims, and his clients include leading real estate / property service companies. Tony has advised on matters relating to data privacy, and acted for a telecommunications / media company in a key case relating to the production of journalistic materials. He also has experience in acting for professional associations and bodies in conducting and defending judicial review proceedings.

Tony has particular experience in insurance-related matters, and frequently advises and acts for clients in connection with claims involving directors and officers as well as professional negligence claims (usually with the involvement of an insurer). He also has experience with policy disputes in relation to medical, life and cargo insurance. He has been a Panel Solicitor for the Hong Kong Solicitors Professional Indemnity Scheme since 2014, advising upon both coverage and defence of a broad range of professional indemnity claims.

Tony is fluent in English, Cantonese, and Mandarin.

▼ Experience

2012 Howse Williams

▼ Education

2012 The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Postgraduate Certificate in Laws (PCLL)

2011 The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Juris Doctor

2009 University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC, Bachelor of Arts (Economics)

▼ Professional Admissions / Qualifications

2023 Civil Celebrant of Marriages

2014 Hong Kong

▼ Professional Affiliations

Member, Law Society of Hong Kong

▼ Reported Decisions

- Commissioner of Police v i-CABLE Communications Ltd. [HCMP 119/2016]
- First Asia Finance International Ltd v Tso Au Yim & Yeung [HCA 2128/2013]
- Tsui Yuen (formerly known as Ho Wai Hung) v Ho Tse Wai, Philip Li & Partners (A Firm) (formerly known as Ho, Tse & Wai & Partners) [HCA587/2015 / HKCFI 1447/2019]
- Yip Kin Kwan Kenneth v Rich Well Finance Limited v K.B. Chau & Co. (A Firm) [HCA 2181/2016 / HKCFI 456/2020]
- Chan Shu Chun and Another v Dr Kung Yan Sum and Others [HCA 832/2014 / HKCFI 840/2023]

▼ Publications

Halsbury's Laws of Hong Kong: Insurance (Vol.32(1)&(2)) (co-author)



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