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PRACTICE PROFILE

Raymond commenced full practice in Hong Kong in 2013 upon completing his pupillage with Mr. Paul Shieh S.C., Mr. Bernard Man S.C., Mr. Edwin Choy S.C., and Mr. Eugene Yim.

His practice area includes civil and commercial disputes. Being an associate of the Hong Kong Institute of Arbitrators, he also has extensive experience in all stages in arbitration.

He has sat as Deputy Registrar since 2024. He is a member of the HKBAR Standing Committee on Discipline and Practice Committee on Land, Probate and Trust.

He has been enrolled as a solicitor and barrister of the New Zealand High Court since 2011 and he was also enrolled as a solicitor and barrister of the Supreme Court of Australia (Vic) in 2014.

Raymond speaks English and Cantonese fluently. He has working knowledge in Putonghua.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Associate of the Hong Kong Institute of Arbitrators 2017
- Enrolled as a Solicitor and Barrister of the Supreme Court of Australia (Vic) 2014
- Called to the Hong Kong Bar 2013
- Enrolled as a Solicitor and Barrister of the New Zealand High Court 2011

EDUCATION

- **The University of Hong Kong** 2012 – 2013 PCLL
- **The University of Auckland** 2005 – 2011 LLB(Hons)/BSc

ACADEMIC PRIZES AND AWARDS

- Middle Temple Scholar 2013
- 1st in Family Property Law (University of Auckland Law School) 2009
- 1st in International Environmental Law (University of Auckland Law School) 2008
- Southern Trust Scholarship - Academic Excellence 2005
- ASB Bursary Award - Academic Excellence 2004

SELECTED CASES

General Civil and Commercial

- ***UCP International Company Limited v Katherine Morling*** HCMP 201/2025 - An anti-suit injunction against a prominent UK-artist to stop an action commenced in New York for breach of, inter alia, IP Rights. This case is cross-border across UK, US and HK.
- ***Golden Time Enterprises Ltd v Lam Jenny and Anor*** HCA 2324/2024 - A statutory derivative action (leave provided under HCMP 1981/2024) concerning a breach of fiduciary/directors' duty, breach of HK accounting standards, The subject group is substantive with turnover of \$800M to \$1B.
- ***Lo Kwok Kwei David v Yeung Kai Cheung Patrick*** HCA 638/2017: trial 10 day trial on breach of fiduciary duties based on trust and equity linked note for a commercial transaction between two professionals (led by Mr. Marc Corlett KC (NZ)). Currently on appeal led by Mr. Bernard Man SC (CACV 249/2024)
- ***Re Lau Kam Sing Dickie*** [2023] 4 HKC 1: resisting appeal against bankruptcy petition.
- ***Top Winton Ltd v Lam Chun Man*** [2018] 3 HKLRD 636: appeal to enforce contractual rate post-judgment and instatement of indemnity costs.
- ***Citic Limited (formerly known as Citic Pacific Limited) v Secretary of Justice and Commissioner of Police*** [2015] 4 HKLRD 20: Hong Kong's leading authority on legal professional privilege (led by Mr. Collingwood Thompson QC, Mr. Paul Shieh SC, Mr. Victor Dawes SC). This case set up the procedure to be used in Hong Kong when LPP is claimed over documents.
- ***Re: Mega Majestic Group Ltd*** HCMP 1832/2021: Order 88 application for \$280 million debt and full interest provision by covenant
- ***Li Chi Ngai Anthony v Siu Tak Wa*** HCA 887/2020: appeal obtaining summary judgment in regards to sale and purchase agreement of a medical business led by Mr. Victor Dawes SC.
- ***X v Y*** HCSD 25/2019: resisting statutory demand for \$300 million against private bank

Matrimonial and Probate

- ***H v C*** FCMP 182/2024 & FCMC 10905/2019: interim access of child and maintenance in cross jurisdiction case (Taiwan, Hong Kong and Australia)
- ***E v P*** FCMC 306/2022: contempt of court proceedings for willful breach of court order in regards to sale and mortgage of property
- ***A v B*** [2017] 1 HKLRD 187: division of family property in regards to enhanced earning capacity (led by Mr. Bernard Man SC)
- ***Re: a Child (Z v X)*** HCMP 1731/2019: successful urgent application in resisting removal of a child to out of jurisdiction

- ***CTK v CPL*** FCMP 167/2014: successful application after trial for limiting maintenance and obtaining custody, care and control of a child
- ***Li and Anor v Li and Anor*** HCAP 9/2008: successful change of trustees in regards to contentious probate and resisting ancillary relief of spouse of one of the beneficiaries

Land / Land Compensation / Town Planning / Building

- ***Li Pui Yin Helen v Yeung Kwong Yan t/a Yan Yan Organic Farm and Anor*** DCMP 2932/2020 – 5 day trial on adverse possession of a plot of land in the New Territories
- ***Chen Ping v Power Development Ltd*** HCA 1767/2024 – plaintiff suing repudiation of contract against a Hong Kong property developer. One of the first cases for “live first, pay later” popularised in around 2020’s.

Arbitration and related matters

- ***Fung Hing Chiu v Henry Wai & Co*** [2018] 1 HKLRD 808: stay of arbitration and application of Control of Exemption Clauses Ordinance, Cap. 71 (appeared with Mr. Kelvin Liu)
- HKIAC Administered Arbitrations involving various topics.

SELECTED ADVISORY WORK

- Construction matter regarding main contractor, liquidated damages and delay.
- Construction (in regards to a university project and applicability of technical requirement clause)
- Resisting winding-up for HK-listed companies such as Jiayuan International Group Ltd (Stock Code: 2768); Samson Papers Holding Ltd (Stock Code 731), and Italian Listed Company (PINF)
- Recovery of debt pursuant to management fees for significant hotels in the Mainland and shareholder disputes (\$80 million)
- Breach of section 375 CO in regards to long-standing printing business in HK
- Partnership disputes in regards to private dermatology practice and franchises
- Debts pursuant to illegality and enforceability of gambling (\$70 million)
- Consignment and misappropriation of goods (\$150 million)
- Injunction in regards to shareholder meeting and application of contractual terms and by-law

- Cross-border protection of assets including landed properties (in commercial and family context) \$500 million pot
- Contentious probate of \$200 million pot
- Professional negligence and disciplinary matters (accountants and medical board)

Others

- Deputy Registrar District Court (2024-current)
- Part-time Lecturer and Assessor (PCLL) at the University of Hong Kong (2020 - current)
- Committee on Land, Trust and Probate for the HK Bar Association (2022-current)
- Standing Committee on Discipline for the HK Bar Association (2023-current)
- DOJ, Commercial Unit Commentaries (2021)
- DOMANI Adjudicator and Assessor (2021)
- Hong Kong Lawyer (May 2018) “Not all Arbitration Agreements between Solicitor and Lay-client are Enforceable”
- Lexis Nexis, Lexis Practical Guidance, Contributor for Applicable Law and Jurisdiction, Litigation, Evidence and Discovery (2019, 2020)

Interests

- Sports, Fishing, Animals, Plant, Martial Arts, Gym