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Sandy Au practices general civil and commercial litigation, with particular focus on construction law, probate and private wealth cases. Her clients include major contractors and developer, high net-worth individuals and private equity funds.

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

- Chinese (Cantonese)
- Chinese (Mandarin)
- English

- Litigation, Arbitration and Investigations
- Construction, Engineering and Infrastructure Disputes

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- Acting for the daughter of a Hong Kong-based billionaire in successfully resisting an application for an order to appoint a Committee under the Mental Health Court to manage the affairs of the client's mother. Continues to represent and assist the client in a number of legal disputes, including probate proceedings and proceedings in the Superior Court of California.
- Acting for a global commercial real estate and investment firm that is ranked on the Fortune 2019 list of the 500 US-based public companies in a multi-jurisdictional shareholder dispute with PRC counterparts in relation to an investment in a property in Shanghai. Leading the multi-jurisdiction dispute, including legal proceedings in the BVI, arbitration in Hong Kong and a successful application for an asset preservation order in the PRC.
- Acting for an Australian mining contractor in two Hong Kong High Court actions against a Hong Kong listed company to enforce a parent company guarantee over a mining project in Mongolia with claims over USD25.7 million.
- Acting for an international specialist subcontractor in a project in Djibouti, Africa, for the construction of military defence force base in its dispute with the main contractor. The dispute relates to the calculation of the Final Account for the project and covers a broad area of construction law, including the valuation of the variations, damages for delay and contra charges by the main contractor as well as economic duress. The amount in dispute was over USD9.4 million.
- Advising an international fashion retailer in its potential disputes with its fitting-out main contractor and subcontractor for fitting-out works of its first flagship store in Hong Kong. Apart from providing legal advice on the potential claim against the client's contractors and also the liability that it may face from claims made by the landlord and other tenants of the building, the team also provided

valuable advice on strategy to the client.

CREDENTIALS

Professional Qualifications

- Solicitor of the High Court of Hong Kong

Recognitions

Asia Pacific Legal 500 describes Sandy as "extremely dedicated and hardworking." (2016)

Education

- University of New South Wales, LL.B
- College of Law, Graduate Diploma in Law, Sydney Australia
- City university of Hong Kong, P.C.LL

Memberships

- Legal Practitioner of the Supreme Court of New South Wales, Australia
- Society of Construction Law, Hong Kong
- The Law Society of Hong Kong

INSIGHTS

Publications

Construction delays arising out of the Novel Coronavirus outbreak (AsiaPac)

7 February 2020

Since the first case of coronavirus was confirmed in Hong Kong in early February 2020, the government has imposed various measures in an attempt to contain the spread of the coronavirus. The resulting impact of the novel coronavirus is far-reaching and affects every industry and business in Hong Kong. This alert considers some of the key issues that construction contractors and developers in Hong Kong may face. If you need any specific advice, please contact May Ng or Sandy Au for further details.
