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Harris Chan has in-depth experience in commercial litigation and brings extensive court experience across all court levels in Hong Kong and arbitration. His broad clientele includes banks, securities companies, listed companies and high net worth individuals in Hong Kong, PRC and abroad.

Harris' practice covers advising on shareholders' and directors' disputes, winding-up proceedings, banking and investment disputes, construction disputes, internet fraud, and employment and administrative law matters. Harris also has vast experience in handling regulatory defence matters concerning investigations by the Securities and Futures Commission and white-collar crimes involving the Independent Commission Against Corruption and the Commercial Crime Bureau.

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

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

- Advising and acting for a leading financial services group in Asia in a number of claims by individual investors on allegations of, amongst other things, mis-selling of financial products that were credit linked to a basket of reference entities that included Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc. and Fannie Mae.
- Advising the partners at Deloitte who were appointed by the Court as provisional liquidators of Asia Television Limited in relation to its high profile shutdown and cessation of broadcasting and ensuring the partners were always acting properly in their due execution of their duties prescribed by the Court.
- Advising a multinational bank regarding disputes arising from its investments in China for the development of a residential complex in Zhuhai. Due to a sudden change in zoning of the land,

- Litigation, Arbitration and Investigations
- International Arbitration
- Construction and Engineering
- IT and Telecoms Disputes
- Real Estate Litigation
- Banking and Finance Litigation
- Corporate and Securities Litigation
- Restructuring
- Construction, Engineering and Infrastructure Disputes
- Public and Administrative Law

- Media, Sport and Entertainment
- Energy and Natural Resources

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the Zhuhai Government proposed to exchange land with the project company owned by the client and the team advised the client on strategy and legal issues arising from the same.

English

- Advising a foreign bank in respect of a shareholders' dispute over control of a joint venture company that was established to develop a commercial complex in Seoul, Korea.
- Advising a foreign bank, which is a shareholder of a joint-venture company, in respect of the joint-venture company's decision to settle an arbitration proceedings between the joint-venture company and a third party. The settlement amount was US\$18,000,000.
- Acting for the majority shareholders against the minority shareholders in a shareholder dispute regarding a digital broadcasting company in Hong Kong and successfully applied to the High Court on three occasions for an urgent injunction, order for inspection of documents and appointment of receivers.
- Acting for a shareholder in respect of an international arbitration regarding payment of PRC taxation arising out of an acquisition of a PRC project work claim amount of RMB 600 million.
- Providing regulatory advice for a large financial services company in the PRC and Hong Kong in respect of its Account Opening flows and agreements, as well as suggesting ways to improve its internal control on account opening.
- Advising a large clothing company in the PRC in response to investigations conducted by the Securities and Futures Commission of Hong Kong. The investigations focused on whether persons involved in the management of the company engaged in defalcation, fraud, misfeasance or other misconduct towards the company or its members; and whether there was non-disclosure of information with respect to the company's affairs.
- Advising an investment holding company that engages in the manufacture and sale of coal mining machinery in the PRC in response to investigations regarding insider dealing conducted by the Securities and Futures Commission of Hong Kong. There was no follow up from the Securities and Futures Commission of Hong Kong after several rounds of enquiries.

CREDENTIALS

Professional Qualifications

- Solicitor of the Senior Courts of England and Wales
- Solicitor of the High Court of Hong Kong

Recognitions

- Named by Chambers Asia Pacific 2018 as a leading individual in the area of Dispute Resolution: Litigation (International Firms) in China
- Described by Chambers Asia Pacific 2018 as "very diligent" and "leaves no stone unturned for his client."
- Noted by Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2018 for his mobile payments and securities regulation expertise in the area of Regulatory in Hong Kong."
- Described by Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2018 as "always provides professional advice and convincing recommendations."

Education

- The University of Hong Kong, LL.B.
- The University of Hong Kong, P.C.LL

Memberships

- Society of Construction Law
- The Hong Kong Institute of Arbitrators
- The Chartered Institute of Arbitrators

INSIGHTS

Publications

Harris is the author of the construction chapter of *Chitty on contracts*, Hong Kong specific volume; the mediation chapter of *Hong Kong civil justice reform practice manual*; and the construction chapter of *Legal Studio Online*.

NEWS

DLA Piper helps CAPE win High Court claim for seller misrepresentation

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DLA Piper has advised China Agri-Products Exchange Ltd, a company listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange, on a complex cross border litigation heard in the High Court of Hong Kong.
