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Leo Cheng has over 15 years of experience and he focuses on commercial dispute resolution, financial service disputes, and shareholders and joint venture disputes.

Leo advises clients in all levels Hong Kong court and regularly represents clients in international and domestic arbitration.

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

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

- Litigation, Arbitration and Investigations

English Chinese
(Cantonese) Chinese
(Mandarin)

- Representing a substantial shareholder of a listed company in Hong Kong to obtain an injunction from the Hong Kong High Court to prevent the defendants from dealing with certain shares of the said HK listed company pledged by the said substantial shareholder to the defendants pursuant to the non-recourse loan agreements, in aid of two ad hoc arbitrations in The Bahamas
- Representing a US-listed water heating equipment manufacturer and seller in an ICC arbitration against a PRC individual for breach of guaranty agreement and fraudulent representations relating to an acquisition transaction in the PRC, including obtaining a pre-action worldwide mareva injunction from the Hong Kong High Court against the defendant in aid of the ICC arbitration and proceeding with an application for contempt of court against the defendant for his breach of the mareva injunction
- Representing one of the world's largest containers manufacturers in a successful ICC arbitration (seated in Hong Kong) to recover the sum of US\$15 million from a container leasing company for its breach of a container purchase agreement. Issues involved the interpretation and operation of various provisions in the United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods (**Vienna Convention**)
- Acting for the Hong Kong subsidiary of a company listed on the NASDAQ Stock Market in the US in its recovery actions for the total sum of US\$46 million which was transferred out of the company account to accounts of individuals/companies located in Hong Kong, PRC, Poland, Hungary, Russia and Slovakia as a result of cybercrime, including obtaining various mareva and proprietary injunctions from the Hong Kong High Court to freeze the funds located in Hong Kong

- Representing the Hong Kong subsidiary of a leading bookseller in Australia in a Hong Kong High Court Action against a law firm in Hong Kong for professional negligence as a result of the law firm's failure to advise the Hong Kong subsidiary of the effect of the Transfer of Business (Protection of Creditors) Ordinance when it took over the store of its franchisee
- Representing a leading airline operator in Hong Kong in seeking a declaratory relief from the Hong Kong High Court regarding the interpretation of a general confidentiality clause entered into by the airline operator and its consultant
- Advising one of the largest PRC insurance companies in the recovery of a loan of US\$20 million against a US based private equity fund arising out of a PRC investment project.
- Representing a company listed in the Korean stock exchange in successfully defending a Hong Kong High Court Action commenced by its former financial advisor for alleged breach of the financial advisory agreement
- Representing a UK based financial institution in a Hong Kong High Court Action against a company incorporated in Hong Kong for recovery of funds transferred out of an account of the bank's customer as a result of a fraudulent scheme
- Representing a Fortune 500 American manufacturer of industrial tools and household hardware (and its subsidiaries) in defending an ad hoc arbitration (seated in Hong Kong) commenced by a PRC supplier for alleged breach of a manufacturing agreement

CREDENTIALS

Professional Qualifications

- Solicitor of the High Court of Hong Kong

Education

- City University of Hong Kong, LL.B., 2000
- City University of Hong Kong, P.C.LL., 2001

INSIGHTS

Publications

Force Majeure Certificates in a global context: What are they and what is their effect?

30 April 2020

On 30 January 2020 the China Council for the Promotion of International Trade announced that it would offer Force Majeure Certificates to local businesses. The intention was to assist them in prospective disputes with foreign counterparties.

Events

Previous

White Collar Crime, Investigations and Compliance Symposium

5 October 2021

Webinar
