

Mark Lin

Partner

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Biography

He is not your ordinary litigator. Mark Lin has mastered the art of asking the right questions to find the right solutions. He has been using this solution-driven approach to help clients, particularly those in the financial services and multimedia sectors, since the 1990s.

Mark is highly experienced dealing with courts, tribunals, and regulators in Hong Kong, Singapore, and Asia Pacific. He is effective at handling cross-border crises and multi-jurisdictional investigations. He is a seasoned advocate who has advocated for clients in international arbitrations in Hong Kong, London, Paris, Gothenburg, Singapore, Shanghai, and Beijing.

Mark is recognized for commercial dispute resolution and contentious regulatory investigations by leading legal directories including *Chambers* (Leading Lawyer, Dispute Resolution) and *Legal 500* (Hall of Fame, Regulatory).

Mark has been a partner at Hogan Lovells since 2003 and is a fellow of the Hong Kong Securities Institute.

Representative experience

Advising a Chinese investment bank in responding to a document production notice issued by the SFC in aid of an insider dealing investigation by the SEC.

Successfully representing a European client in reaching a Cooperation Agreement and settling the Hong Kong Competition Commission's concerns.



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Languages

English

Cantonese

Mandarin

Practices

Investigations, White Collar, and Fraud

Administrative and Public Law

Financial Services

Litigation Services

International Arbitration

Corporate and Securities Litigation

Commercial Litigation

Banking and Finance Litigation

Insurance Litigation

Advising various multi-national clients on navigating through compliance with sanctions and anti-sanctions laws in multiple jurisdictions.

Advising an international bank in relation to the first ever investigation by the HKMA under the new anti-money laundering law covering financial institutions.

Assisting a public transport operator to secure an interim injunction in relation to transport disruption caused by protests in Hong Kong in August of 2019.

Assisting a government statutory body to secure an interim injunction in relation to transport disruption caused by protests in Hong Kong in August of 2019.

Successfully defending an ex-director of CITIC Limited in High Court and Market Misconduct Tribunal proceedings alleging market misconduct in claims exceeding \$1.9 billion.

Advising the vice chairman of a global US bank in relation to the hiring probe by the SEC/DOJ.

Advising an international bank on regulatory/legal/internal corporate governance issues arising from staff/customer fraud involving regulators in Hong Kong, UK, Singapore and Taiwan.

Advising a multinational transport company in petitioning for the winding up of a PRC incorporated company in Hong Kong.

Advising a Hong Kong government statutory body in successfully defeating judicial review application challenging the construction and financing of a third runway.

Defending a Hong Kong bank in a multi-million dollar arbitration claim brought by an Australia-headquartered technology company in relation to additional payment for works.

Acting in the first ever application to set aside an arbitration award under the UNCITRAL Model Law in Hong Kong.

Insolvency Litigation

Private Equity

Investment Funds

Industries

Manufacturing and Industrials

Financial Institutions

Insurance

Technology and Telecoms

Areas of focus

Bribery and Corruption

Anti-money Laundering

Financial Services Regulatory
Investigations and Enforcement

Judicial Review

Alternative Dispute Resolution

Education and admissions

Education

LL.M., The University of Hong Kong,
1993

B.A., Keele University, 1987

Memberships

Member of Legal Committee of
Hong Kong General Chamber of
Commerce

Fellow of Hong Kong Securities and
Investment Institute

Associate of the Chartered Institute
of Arbitrators

Advising an international bank in dealing with a monitor appointed by the Department of Financial Services New York.

Advising a global investment bank in investigations by the MAS and the HKMA into alleged AML breaches.

Awards and rankings

- Hall of Fame, Regulatory (Hong Kong), *Legal 500*, 2020-2022
- Regulatory (Hong Kong), Leading Individual, *Legal 500 Asia Pacific*, 2006-2022
- Dispute Resolution: Litigation (Hong Kong), *Legal 500 Asia Pacific*, 2012-2022
- Dispute Resolution: Litigation - International Firms (China), *Chambers Asia-Pacific*, 2008-2022
- Financial Services: Contentious Regulatory - International Firms (China), *Chambers Asia-Pacific*, 2013-2021
- Dispute Resolution - International Firms (China), *Chambers Global*, 2006-2021
- Acritas Star, *Acritas Stars Independently Rated Lawyers*, 2020
- International Arbitration (Hong Kong), *Legal 500 Asia Pacific*, 2018
- National Leader - Business Crime Defence & Investigations, *Who's Who Legal*, 2022
- Global Leader - Investigations, *Who's Who Legal*, 2022
- Thought Leader - Commercial Litigation, *Who's Who Legal*, 2022

Latest thinking and events

- News
 - Parallel lines – Hong Kong Airlines undergoes English and Hong Kong restructuring
- News

Member of the Hong Kong Institute of Directors

Member of the Law Society Committees on Civil Litigation and the Overseas Lawyers Qualification Examination

Member of the Inter-Pacific Bar Association

Member of the International Association of Defense Counsel

Bar admissions and qualifications

Australia

Solicitor, England and Wales

Hong Kong

- Hybrid jurisdiction clauses – two new English and Hong Kong cases give confidence to lenders
- News
 - Financial Institutions Horizons 2023
- News
 - Privilege claimed, privilege protected? English court orders release of "privileged" documents adopting "fraud exception"
- News
 - Keep out of the way – first Hong Kong conviction for obstruction under s.382 SFO
- News
 - RCEP – Hong Kong seeks early accession to world's largest free trade agreement