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EUGENE KWOK

Admissions

2023	Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (FCIArb)
2008	Barrister, Hong Kong
2003	Solicitor, England & Wales
2002	Solicitor, Hong Kong
2001	Solicitor, New South Wales (Australia); High Court of Australia

Academic

1999	Bachelor of Laws (First Class Honours)
1995	Bachelor of Commerce (Accounting & Finance)

Experience

2008 – Present	Barrister and Arbitrator, Prince's Chambers
2002 – 2007	Solicitor, Dispute Resolution Group, Baker & McKenzie
2000 – 2002	Trainee Solicitor, Baker & McKenzie

Commentary

"Eugene is an outstanding barrister. He is responsive, approachable, and efficient. He consistently provides comprehensive and strategic legal advice, and he is skilled in advocacy, with effective interactions."

– Legal 500 (Hong Kong Bar – Commercial Disputes), 2026.

"Eugene is perfect in providing comprehensive legal advice after intensive perusal of the available documents. His advocacy in the court and interaction with the opponents is highly recommended."

– Legal 500 (Hong Kong Bar – Commercial Disputes), 2025.

"Eugene is very thorough and has good legal knowledge. He is responsive and has good initiative, and is skilled in advocacy."

– Legal 500 (Hong Kong Bar – Commercial Disputes), 2024.

"Eugene is efficient and extremely user-friendly. His knowledge of the law is thorough whilst his strategic advice is practical."

– Legal 500 (Hong Kong Bar – Commercial Disputes), 2022 & 2023.

"Best Commercial Disputes Specialist 2021 (Hong Kong)".

– APAC Insider Legal Awards.

"A calm and collected barrister with an impressive depth and breadth of knowledge and a keenly analytical mind. User-friendly and helpful."

– Legal 500 (Hong Kong Bar – Commercial Disputes), 2021.

Practice profile

Eugene Kwok has been a commercial disputes lawyer for over 20 years, first as a solicitor and now as a barrister and arbitrator based in Hong Kong.

He is regularly instructed to advise and appear in a broad range of commercial disputes, including commercial litigation and arbitration, contractual and transactional disputes, corporate insolvency and restructuring, shareholder disputes, bankruptcy, and probate disputes.

Eugene graduated with a Bachelor of Commerce (majoring in Accounting and Finance) in 1995 and a Bachelor of Laws (with First Class Honours) in 1999. He then trained and practised as a solicitor with Baker & McKenzie in its Dispute Resolution Group, and was admitted as a solicitor in New South Wales (Australia), Hong Kong, and England & Wales. Eugene joined the Hong Kong Bar in 2008.

Apart from his work as counsel in court and in arbitrations, Eugene also accepts appointments as an independent arbitrator. He is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (FCIArb) and completed the CIArb Applied Arbitration for Fellows course, and is on the Panel of Arbitrators of the Beijing Arbitration Commission / Beijing International Arbitration Court (BAC/BIAC) and the Chinese Arbitration Association, Taipei (CAA). He is also listed on the databases of arbitrators for the London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA) and the Hong Kong Bar Association.

From 2011 to 2016, Eugene was a part-time Lecturer (Non-Clinical) at the University of Hong Kong, teaching Civil Litigation and, in 2013, Professional Practice & Management. He is a contributing author to *Companies Law in Hong Kong – Insolvency*.

Eugene speaks fluent English and Cantonese.

Selected cases

Trials:

- *Macro Charm Ltd v Phoenix Nicaragua S.A. & Others* [2022] HKCFI 1822 (fraudulent misrepresentation/deceit)
- *Chen Yung Ngai Kenneth v Ho Yuk Wah David* [2020] HKCFI 2518 (sham transactions and the beneficial ownership of companies)
- *Re Trade Treasure Ltd* [2019] HKCFI 2976 (intervention over the Companies Register; extension of “Duomatic principle” to unregistered beneficial share owners)
- *Re Shiu Kwong Man Jimmy; Re Siu Kong Fai* [2018] HKCFI 2504 (bankruptcy petitions involving the sale of secured property at an undervalue)
- *Ding Yong v Song Lihua* [2018] HKCFI 1285 (breach of contract)
- *Re Kwong Wing & Co (China) Ltd; Re Kingsway Int'l (HK) Corporation Ltd* (HCCW 61-62/2017) (creditor's winding up petition)
- *Owyang Loong Shui Ivan v Winco Paper Products Company Ltd* (DCCJ 4867/2014) (detinue and conversion of property)
- *Re Longmay International Ltd* (HCCW 268/2012) (creditor's winding up petition)
- *Re Capital Globe Ltd* (HCCW 422/2010) (creditor's winding up petition)
- *Pearldelta Group Ltd v Huge Winners International Ltd* (CACV 105/2010 & HCA 595/2008) (claim under a convertible bond)
- *Lee Hung Chiu, Philip v Becton Dickinson Asia Ltd* (HCA 2830/2000) (unfair dismissal from employment)

Arbitration:

- *Friendship Shipping & Trading SA v IVL Dhunseri Polyester Co SAE* [2024] HKCFI 3180 (anti-suit injunction seeking to restrain Egyptian legal proceedings in favour of arbitration)
- *China Solar Power (Holdings) Ltd v Ulvac, Inc* (HCMP 1191/2015) (setting aside an arbitral award)
- Representing Dutch electronics conglomerate in a dispute concerning the licensing of optical disc patents (Hong Kong seated arbitration)
- Representing luxury Swiss watch maker in a dispute with its exclusive Hong Kong and China distributor (Geneva seated arbitration)
- Empanelled with the Beijing Arbitration Commission/Beijing International Arbitration Court (BAC/BIAC) and the Chinese Arbitration Association, Taipei (CAA), and listed on the database of arbitrators for the London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA) and the Hong Kong Bar Association Arbitrator List.

Fraud and asset recovery:

- *Lesnina H. D.O.O. v Wave Shipping Trade Co Ltd* [2022] 2 HKLRD 727 (defending innocent recipient of stolen funds)
- *Gaming Partners International Corporation v Paulo Da Silva* (HCMP 3354/2015) (search and seizure (or “Anton Piller” order) over a former employee’s residential premises)
- *Anello Asset Management LLP v General Trading Credit Carbon* (HCA 208/2013) (urgent injunction to freeze assets (or “Mareva” order) with disclosure orders against banks)

Company law and insolvency:

- *Re Huafang Group Inc* [2025] HKCFI 4938 (validation orders for solvent investment holding company and shareholders’ scheme of arrangement)
- *Re Rich Region Holdings Ltd* [2023] 2 HKLRD 636 (court ordered meeting of shareholders)
- *Re Lucky Legend Industries Ltd; Re Vintage Wine Cellar Ltd* [2021] 4 HKC 556 (dismissal of unfair prejudice petition in a shareholders dispute)
- *Chan Kai Yan v Leung Chi Kit* [2019] HKCFI 1828 (striking out “reflective loss” claims in a shareholders’ dispute)
- *Re Siberian Mining Group Company Ltd* (HCCW 392/2015) (striking out a shareholder’s petition against a listed company)
- *Tam Wing Yuen & Chow Doi Yik Caniel v Siberian Mining Group Company Ltd & Others* (HCA 2694/2015) (striking out a shareholder’s derivative action against a listed company)
- *Zhi Charles v Kim Young Jun & Others* (HCA 1821/2015) (dismissal of injunction against a listed company from holding its Annual General Meeting)
- *Zhi Charles v SRK Consulting Ltd & Others* (HCA 2247/2014) (striking out a shareholder’s derivative action against a listed company)
- *Zhi Charles v Jang Sam Ki & Others* (HCA 1151/2014) (striking out a shareholder’s derivative action against a listed company)
- *Re Siberian Mining Group Company Ltd* (HCCW 282/2014) (striking out a creditor’s winding up petition based on a promissory note)
- *Re KB (Asia) Ltd* (HCMP 307/2013) (schemes of arrangement – principles for ordering the meeting of creditors)
- *Abdul Aziz Essa v Capital Globe Ltd* [2012] 6 HKC 472 (personal costs order against non-party director in winding up proceedings)

- *Re 3D-Gold Jewellery Holdings Ltd* (HCCW 503/2008) (private examination orders against a company's former auditors)
- *Re Gold Pleasure Industrial Company Ltd* (CACV 21/2009 & HCCW 49/2006) (removal of provisional liquidators from office)

Personal bankruptcy:

- *Re Ho Yuk Wah David* [2025] 1 HKLRD 648 (implied undertaking over documents produced to trustees-in-bankruptcy)
- *Re Ho Yuk Wah David* [2020] 2 HKLRD 608 (private examination orders in bankruptcy)

Wills, probate and trusts:

- *Chi Dong Eun v Choi Sung Min* (HCA 2676/2015) (striking out a claim brought by a beneficiary under a trust)
- *Re Haque Shaquil* [2012] 1 HKLRD 689 (creditor bypassing an executor in probate)
- *Re Drake & Morgan Ltd* (HCMP 1490/2009) (management of trust assets)
- *Re Wong Wai Fat* (HCAP 30/2012) (appointing professional administrators over an intestate estate)

Professional disciplinary proceedings:

- *Re Lai Man Chun Anthony* (17 June 2011) (Solicitors Disciplinary Tribunal)

Intellectual property:

- *Television Broadcasts Ltd v Warner Music Hong Kong Ltd & Others* (CT2, 3 & 4 of 2009) (Copyright Tribunal)
- *Revocation of Trade Mark 200001494 "All Saints"* (Trade Marks Registry)

Interlocutory proceedings:

- *Sun Hing Ginza Ltd v Chan Kai Yan* [2023] HKCFI 2410 (admissibility of expert evidence)
- *Chan Kai Yan v Leung Chi Kit* [2023] 5 HKLRD K1 (admission of new witness testimony for trial)
- *China Industrial Securities International Brokerage Ltd v Li Hailong* [2022] HKCFI 2694 (service of process out of jurisdiction)
- *Union Bank of India v Glory Universal Group Inc* [2021] 1 HKLRD 381 (asymmetric jurisdiction clauses)
- *Asia-Pac Infrastructure Development Ltd v Shearman & Sterling* [2020] 1 HKC 13 (trial of a preliminary issue on maintenance and champerty)
- *Re Trade Treasure Ltd* [2019] 5 HKLRD 355 (security for costs against intended intervener)
- *Asia-Pac Infrastructure Development Ltd v Shearman & Sterling* [2018] 1 HKLRD 113 (joint privilege over client documents held by former solicitors)
- *Zhi Charles v Lim Hosok* [2017] 2 HKLRD 35 (constitutionality of section 22 of the Securities and Futures Ordinance)
- *Siberian Mining Group Company Limited v Zhi Charles* [2016] 4 HKLRD 88 (restraining order against a vexatious litigant)

- *Elco Holland BV v Airwell Air-Conditioning (Asia) Company Ltd* [2015] 5 HKC 375 (implying terms into a contract and the meaning of “business efficacy”)
- *Re Lucky Ford Industrial Ltd* [2013] 3 HKLRD 550 (cost principles in a winding up)
- *Macro Charm Ltd v Phoenix Nicaragua S.A. & Others* (HCA 484/2012) (security for costs and non-party cost orders)
- *Falcon Insurance Company (Hong Kong) Ltd v Flagship Underwriting Management Ltd* [2011] 1 HKLRD 489 (admissibility of evidence for appeals)
- *Re Capital Globe Ltd* [2011] 3 HKC 19 (discovery and inspection of audited accounts in a creditor's winding up petition)

Publications

- Contributing author, *Companies Law in Hong Kong – Insolvency*.