

Barry Hoy

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OVERVIEW

Over 30 years of broad ranging commercial litigation experience enables me to meet all your needs in this field.

Barry Hoy qualified in England in 1983, was admitted as a Solicitor in Hong Kong in 1985 and joined Robertsons in 1990. He was made a Partner of the firm in 1991 and now heads the firm's Dispute Resolution Department.

Barry's own areas of practice are in Commercial Litigation, Commercial Fraud and Tracing Claims, Employment Law, Corporate, Regulatory (Securities and Futures Commission / The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong) Inquiries and Tribunals, International Arbitrations and urgent interlocutory applications and remedies, including Mareva and Anton Piller Injunction Orders.

As a litigator, Barry has been regularly identified and recommended for litigation in Hong Kong publications such as "Who's Who of the Law". He is a Contributing Editor to the Hong Kong Supreme Court Practice (White Book), was appointed to a Specialist Law Society appointed Committee advising on Civil Procedure Reforms in Hong Kong, an appointed Panel-Prosecutor for the Law Society of Hong Kong in Disciplinary Proceedings brought against members of the profession, and he has for several years and continues, to lecture in Contract law and the law of Torts, part time at the University of Hong Kong and was recently recognised and appointed as an Adjunct Professor in the Department of Earth Sciences by the University for the school years of 2023 to 2025.

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Top Litigator of the Year
Global Legal Association
2026

Litigation Star, Commercial & Transactions
Benchmark Litigation Asia-Pacific
2026

Recommended Lawyer of Mainland China, Hong Kong SAR and Macao SAR (Commercial Litigation)
Lexology Index
2025

Distinguished Practitioner (Dispute Resolution)
asialaw
2025

TESTIMONIALS

> Barry Hoy is a highly regarded litigation lawyer recognised for his deep experience in complex commercial disputes and regulatory matters, delivering effective representation in high stakes cases. Clients and industry peers emphasise his “excellent reputation and deep command of the law”.
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> **Lexology Index (Mainland China, Hong Kong SAR and Macao SAR), 2025**

> As a widely recommended commercial litigation lawyer, Barry Hoy receives acclaim as a “robust advocate” whose practice is marked by handling complex disputes in Hong Kong and advising clients on a broad range of contentious matters.
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> **Lexology Index (Commercial Litigation), 2025**

> Barry Hoy brings extensive capabilities in commercial litigation, fraud claims, employment law, and regulatory inquiries.
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> **Benchmark Litigation Asia-Pacific, 2025**

PRACTICE AREAS

LITIGATION & DISPUTE RESOLUTION

- Litigation & Dispute Resolution
- Mediation

BANKING & FINANCE

- Banking & Finance — Contentious

REGULATORY

- Regulatory Investigations & Proceedings

EMPLOYMENT

INSOLVENCY & RESTRUCTURING

LANGUAGES

English

QUALIFICATIONS & EDUCATION

- Solicitor, England & Wales
- Solicitor, Hong Kong
- Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.), Liverpool John Moores University

MEMBERSHIPS

- The Law Society of Hong Kong
- Law Society of England & Wales
- Member, Law Society Committee on Civil Procedure Reforms

EXPERIENCE

LITIGATION & DISPUTE RESOLUTION

- Leading a team acting for a Hong Kong Listed "Red Chip" Company in relation to Securities and Futures Commission (SFC) and Commercial Crime Bureau (CCB) investigations on allegations of fraud and defalcation of trust. This case involved legal proceedings brought against the Commissioner for Police and Secretary for Justice concerning the scope of search warrants and issues of legal professional privilege, resulting in "break-through" case law developments relating to legal professional privilege in Hong Kong and limited waiver thereof.

- Acting for a major international law firm in broad ranging, multiple party litigation and proceedings on issues of fraud, ostensible authority and tracing claims related to knowing receipt and knowing assistance.

- Advising multiple US Plaintiffs in pursuit of remedies and relief following on from US Judgment obtained concerning a multi billion Hong Kong dollar insolvency.

- Assisting a NYSE Listed Group of Companies in complex litigation proceedings brought in Hong Kong relating to allegations of breaches of fiduciary duties and employment contracts, the scope of enforceability of restrictive covenants of senior management and restraint of trade issues as well as intellectual property and confidentiality issues.

- Bringing legal proceedings in Hong Kong for the Hong Kong arm of a US Group of Companies in relation to action pursued against ex-employees concerning breaches of confidentiality, and trade secrets. This case also involved restraining, tracing and Anton Piller injunctive relief.

- Advising an owner and founding shareholder of a Japanese owned Hong Kong Company with significant manufacturing interests in the PRC in relation to Board disputes leading to multi-jurisdictional legal proceedings.

- Pursuing double derivative legal proceedings in Hong Kong on behalf of a Malaysian shareholder of a listed Hong Kong company with significant real estate holdings and ventures in the PRC.

- Leading a team advising and representing two Banks in Hong Kong dealing with Hong Kong Monetary Authority (HKMA) and SFC investigations and interviews, arising from the notorious allegations of mis-selling of Lehman Mini-Bonds.

- Pursuing fraud and tracing claims concerning misappropriations from a world renowned business, operating principally out of Singapore, involving a whole raft of interlocutory injunction applications and orders, and associated orders and remedies, including Norwich Pharmacal disclosure orders.