



Frank Szeto

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OVERVIEW

Very personable, an advisor of first choice.

Frank is a partner in Robertsons' Dispute Resolution Department. He advises listed companies, private corporate entities, SMEs, as well as assisting individuals on practice areas that include arbitration, banking and finance, company disputes, employment, intellectual property and probate litigation. Following his admission in 1998, he has accumulated considerable experience in commercial litigation and is a long-standing contributing editor of the "White Book" (Hong Kong Civil Procedure), the leading publication on court practice and procedure in Hong Kong.

Frank is a member of Robertsons' management committee and, as Head of Compliance & Ethics, he leads a team that closely monitors anti-money laundering / counter-terrorist financing and anti-bribery regulations and he maintains an important role in monitoring professional ethics and risk management protocols. Frank is regularly called upon to advise clients on regulatory compliance issues and he is also experienced on National Security Law related matters.

PRACTICE AREAS

LITIGATION & DISPUTE RESOLUTION

- ◆ Litigation & Dispute Resolution
- ◆ Mediation

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

- ◆ Intellectual Property — Contentious

EMPLOYMENT

BANKING & FINANCE

- ◆ Banking & Finance — Contentious

PRIVATE CLIENT

- ◆ Private Wealth — Contentious
- ◆ Family & Matrimonial Matters

INSOLVENCY & RESTRUCTURING

LANGUAGES

English

Cantonese

QUALIFICATIONS & EDUCATION

- ◆ Solicitor, Hong Kong (1998)
- ◆ Solicitor, England & Wales (2008) (Non-practising)
- ◆ Bachelor of Laws (Hons.), University of Wolverhampton
- ◆ Postgraduate Certificate in Laws (PCLL), City University of Hong Kong

MEMBERSHIPS

- ◆ The Law Society of Hong Kong
- ◆ The Law Society of England and Wales

EXPERIENCE

LITIGATION & DISPUTE RESOLUTION

- ◆ Bringing contempt of court proceedings against director of debtor company.
- ◆ Assisting in recovery of funds following email fraud and securing proprietary injunction.
- ◆ Stay of court proceedings where conflicting jurisdictions are involved.
- ◆ Assisting shareholders to obtain leave to bring statutory derivative action for remedies against prospective defendants on claims involving breach of fiduciary relationship.
- ◆ Successfully defending USD5million medical negligence claim on behalf of an international medical practice and obtaining Restrictive Applications Order and Restricted Proceedings Order, to restrict further related claims.
- ◆ Assisting client in the dissolution of a partnership and recovery of assets.

PRIVATE WEALTH — CONTENTIOUS

- ◆ Assisting administrators secure vacant possession of property and recovery of Estate assets against asserted claim of proprietary estoppel.
- ◆ Enforcement of mediation agreement and advising Executor on claims involving assets located in North America, Hong Kong, China and Singapore.

BANKING & FINANCE

- ◆ Assisting client on claim for breach of fiduciary duty against a bank's failure to consider the appropriateness of the investments made in conflict with the bank's position vis-à-vis management fees.

INSOLVENCY & RESTRUCTURING

- ◆ Assisting executive director on corporate insolvency proceedings asserted by liquidator in excess of USD1billion.
- ◆ Assisting client in setting aside judgment orders of USD44million in value and setting aside related prohibition orders.