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Overview

Allan is a partner in Dentons' Litigation and Dispute Resolution group, based in Hong Kong.

He has over 30 years of experience dealing in a broad range of dispute work, including corporate commercial, financial services and regulatory, judicial review, white collar crime, environmental, product liability, cross-border contentious insolvency, fraud and asset recovery, and employment.

He has held a number of public and professional offices, including serving as chairman of the Hong Kong Law Society's Working Party on Civil Justice Reform (2000-2004) and as a member of the Hong Kong Law Society's Working Party on Limited Liability Partnership. He is an accredited mediator. He is also a member of the Law Reform Commission and served as a Deputy High Court Judge.

Allan was a contributing editor to the Hong Kong Civil Procedure published annually by Sweet & Maxwell and co-editor of Civil Litigation in Hong Kong also published by Sweet & Maxwell.

He is widely recognized and named in a number of legal directories as an outstanding litigator. Allan is ranked, among other directories, in Dispute Resolution: Litigation - International Firms (China), *Chambers Asia Pacific 2008-2020*, Dispute Resolution - International Firms (China), *Chambers Global 2005-2019*, *The Legal 500*, *Who's Who Legal* : Litigation, *Who's Who Legal* : Asset Recovery, *Who's Who Legal* : Product Liability Defence. Most recently, Allan has been named as Dispute Resolution Lawyer of the Year at *The Macallan Asian Legal Business Hong Kong Law Awards 2019*. Clients appreciate that Allan Leung "doesn't have a skewed point of view and always keeps an open mind". Sources also report that "He is detail-oriented and really gets stuck in matters". He handles a range of commercial cases, including shareholder and joint venture disputes, and is also noted for his expertise on regulatory litigation. *Chambers Asia-Pacific, 2019*.

Prior to joining Dentons Hong Kong LLP, Allan was a partner in the dispute resolution practice of another international law firm in Hong Kong and had been the Senior and Office Managing Partner for a number of years.

Experience

Financial services litigation

- **Global bank:** Advising on a multimillion-dollar claim in Hong Kong.
- **UK-listed bank:** Advising on a high-value, multi-jurisdictional dispute with a private banking client based in Taiwan, involving investigations by Hong Kong, Singaporean, Taiwanese and Swiss regulators.
- **Banks:** Advising on financial services related litigation and on regulatory investigations.
- **Banks:** Advising on claims of alleged misselling of financial products and on related regulatory investigations.
- **Investment fund:** Advising on its claim against a company listed on the secondary board of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange for breach of contract.

Regulatory Investigation

- **Regulators:** Advising in connection with regulatory investigations and persons under investigation.

White Collar Crime and Fraud Investigations

- **A major listed company in Hong Kong:** Acting in a high profile investigation by law enforcement agencies and regulators.
- **Various corporations and their directors and employees:** Advising the clients under investigation, or whose assistance with criminal investigation of third parties was requested by the Hong Kong Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) and other enforcement agencies.
- **A European Private Bank:** Advising the client in an internal investigation in respect of an employee allegedly holding himself out as acting on behalf of the bank, and using confidential data when running his personal side business and allegedly leaking client details.
- **A number of U.S. and European companies:** Assisting in multi-jurisdictional tracing, freezing and recovery of funds misappropriated by fraudsters, including email scams.

Product Litigation

- **A European healthcare company:** Representing in an investigation by the Hong Kong Department of Health in relation to the supply of pharmaceutical products suspected to have contravened the Pharmacy and Poisons Ordinance/Regulators and the related recall thereof.
- **Various U.S. and European manufacturers:** Advising on product liability and compliance issues.

Family Disputes

- **Executors of a high net worth individual:** Advising on the dispute between his family members over his estate.
- **A company established and owned by a Hong Kong high-net-worth family:** Advising on Hong Kong legal proceedings involving monetary dispute among family members.

Judicial Reviews

- **The Hong Kong Airport Authority:** Representing in judicial review proceedings relating to the construction of the third runway.
- **Statutory bodies:** Representing in judicial review proceedings involving environmental impact assessments relating to major infrastructure projects.

Commercial Litigation

- **A Hong Kong listed company:** Acting for the Receivers of a shareholder of a listed company, and the

directors of the subsidiary who are also directors of the listed company in a dispute with the listed company.

- **A Hong Kong commodities trading company:** Representing in defending a multimillion-dollar claim regarding an alleged trade finance fraud.
- **A global film distributor and cinema house:** Advising on a shareholder dispute governed by Hong Kong law.
- **A Hong Kong subsidiary of a Malaysian-listed company:** Advising on its claim for malicious prosecution, abuse of process and deceit.
- **A major developer in Hong Kong:** Acting in connection with a myriad of disputes.
- **A U.S. media company:** Advising on a potential contractual claim regarding an agreement with a printing solutions company.
- **The founder of a major conglomerate of privately held companies in Hong Kong, Singapore and Malaysia:** Advising on a shareholders dispute with the conglomerate's board of directors.
- **A major European company:** Advising on disputes with its joint venture partner in mainland China.
- **A Scandinavian company:** Acting in arbitration proceedings against its joint venture partner in Asia.

Employment Litigation

- **Major international corporations:** Advising on employment disputes.
- **A Hong Kong manufacturing company:** Advising on claims for breach of restrictive covenants, breach of fiduciary duties, diversion of business opportunities, and misappropriation of confidential information.
- **A leading U.S. data company:** Advising on various employment matters including advice on sales compensation plan, termination of employees and potential discrimination claims.
- **A U.S. retail company:** Advising on various terminations of senior employees resulting from an investigation into suspicions of bribery, including advice on tax, insurance, and restrictive covenants.
- **An international broker and a global professional services firm:** Advising on team moves involving breach of restrictive covenants and application for injunctive reliefs.

Insolvency Litigation

- **US Proceedings:** Acting as expert on Hong Kong law in connection with US insolvency proceedings.
- **Insolvency Practitioners:** Advising on alleged breach of duties and misconduct.
- **The managing directors of an international professional services firm:** Advising on the appeal of their removal as the Court appointed liquidators of a Hong Kong company.
- **Creditors and contributories:** Advising on provisional liquidation and seeking appointment of provisional liquidators.

Recognition

- *Chambers Asia Pacific 2008-2020:* Ranked in Dispute Resolution: Litigation - International Firms (China).
- *Chambers Global 2005-2019:* Ranked in Dispute Resolution - International Firms (China).
- *The Macallan Asian Legal Business Hong Kong Law Awards 2019:* Dispute Resolution Lawyer of the Year.
- *The Legal 500 Asia Pacific:* Ranked in Dispute Resolution: Litigation (Hong Kong).

- *Who's Who Legal*: Litigation: Ranked as Recommended Lawyer (Hong Kong).
- *Who's Who Legal*: Asset Recovery: Ranked as Recommended Lawyer (Hong Kong).
- *Who's Who Legal*: Product Liability Defence: Ranked as Recommended Lawyer (Hong Kong).

Activities and Affiliations

Memberships

- Former member, Council of the Hong Kong Law Society
- Former chairman, Hong Kong Law Society's Working Party on Civil Justice Reform
- Former chairman, Hong Kong Law Society's Working Party on Specialist Accreditation
- Former member, Hong Kong Law Society's Working Party on Limited Liability Partnership
- Former member, Joint Tribunal of the Law Society and Bar Association of Hong Kong

Prior and Present Employment

- Partner, Dentons, 2019-present
- Partner, Hogan Lovells, Hong Kong (formerly Lovells; formerly Lovell White Durrant), 2010-2019
- Partner, Lovells, Hong Kong, 2000-2010
- Partner, Lovell White Durrant, Hong Kong, 1993-2000
- Solicitor, Lovell White Durrant, Hong Kong, 1989-1993
- Solicitor, Sedgwick Phelan & Partners, Manchester, 1987-1989
- Trainee Solicitor, Sedgwick Phelan & Partners, Manchester, 1984-1987

Areas of focus

Practices

- Public Law
- Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR)
- Commercial Litigation
- Employment and Labor
- Financial Regulation
- Financial Institutions Regulatory
- Financial Services Litigation
- Insolvency Litigation and Enforcement
- White Collar and Government Investigations

Education

- Manchester University, 1983, LLB (Hons), LLB Hons (Awarded Dauntsey Prize in International Law)

Admissions and qualifications

- New South Wales, Australia, 1997
- Singapore, 1993
- Australian Capital Territory, 1990
- Hong Kong, 1989
- England and Wales, 1987

Languages

- Cantonese
- English
- Mandarin