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Overview

James is a managing associate in Dentons' Litigation & Dispute Resolution group in Hong Kong.

James is developing a broad civil and commercial practice. He has a wide range of experience, including company law and insolvency, shareholders' disputes, professional negligence, fraud and asset recovery, trade secrets and confidential information, judicial review, product liability, recognition and enforcement of foreign judgments and arbitral awards, international and domestic arbitration, SFC and regulatory investigations, and disputes with a cross-border or China element.

Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2020 ranked James as a "Rising Star" in Dispute Resolution: Litigation in Hong Kong. Between 2017 and 2019, James was listed as a "Next Generation Lawyer" in the same practice area by *Legal 500 Asia Pacific*, which praised him as 'having more experience than one would expect in an associate' and "working tirelessly".

James is the author of the Hong Kong chapter of *Recognition and Enforcement of Judgments in Civil and Commercial Matters* (2019, Hart Publishing), in the series of *Private International Law Asia*. He is a regular contributor to legal publications.

Experience

Commercial litigation

- **A wine merchant group:** Acted for a British wine and spirit merchant in Hong Kong court proceedings against its former distributor in Hong Kong.
- **A PRC state-owned company:** Acted for client in a court action concerning the control and ownership of various companies.
- **An English footwear brand:** Acted for clients in defending claims of their former distributor in Hong Kong regarding the termination of the distributorship arrangement.

- **A New Zealand dairy company:** Advised and acted for client in its claim against two PRC companies.
- **A bank:** Advised client in relation to the publication of defamatory materials and relevant commercial disputes with an investor.
- **Various financial institutions and multinational corporations:** Acted for clients in relation to the recovery of mistaken payments due to various cyber-frauds.

Professional negligence litigation

- **Various international and local law firms:** Acted for clients in defending claims in professional negligence.
- **A garment manufacturing group:** Acted for the client group in its professional negligence claims against two firms of auditors.
- **A private equity fund:** Acted for client in its professional negligence claims against an international law firm.

Insolvency litigation

- **The creditors/petitioners:** Acted for clients in the winding up proceedings of Hong Kong Sports Industrial Development Limited (formerly known as LeTV Sports Culture Develop (HongKong) Co., Limited) in the Hong Kong court.
- **A Hong Kong listed company:** Defended various claims relating to international sale of iron ores contracts and loan agreements, and resisted a winding up petition.
- **Liquidators of a company:** Advised in relation to the liquidation process which involves potential claims against a shareholder and its related parties and the distribution of surplus assets among contributories including the said shareholder.
- **An Italian bank:** Advised in relation to various debt collection proceedings and on the related bankruptcy and winding up proceedings.
- **Confidential client:** Acted for client in bankruptcy proceedings and a related civil action.

Product litigation

- **A manufacturing group of plastic products:** Acted for clients in defending claims of a Japanese supplier for unpaid invoices on the ground of defective products.
- **A Hong Kong company:** Acted for client in relation to product liability issues regarding separate products supplied by various international suppliers.
- **Various U.S., European and Chinese manufacturers:** Advising on product liability and compliance issues, and communicating with the local authorities on behalf of the clients.

International and Domestic Arbitration

- **An Asian airline:** Acted for client in a SIAC arbitration against a service provider, which related to the termination of various high-value service agreements for its aircraft and their engines.
- **A Japanese electronics company:** Acted for client in an arbitration concerning claims for defective electronic products against its former supplier.
- **A U.S.-based global manufacturer:** Acted for client in an HKIAC arbitration against its PRC supplier, in connection with misappropriation of trade secrets, know-how and designs.
- **A Singapore-based private equity fund:** Acted for client in an HKIAC arbitration against its co-investor

and majority shareholder in the holding entity for a business engaged principally in electronics manufacturing in Asia.

- **A Korean biopharmaceutical company:** Advised in its claim against an Indian contractor for the latter's failure to properly perform its contractual obligations in relation to develop and manufacture pharmaceutical products.
- **A Chinese company:** Acted for client in an HKIAC arbitration against a U.S. company.
- **A main contractor:** Acted against its sub-contractor in an arbitration involving claims for unpaid work done and counterclaim for loss and damage, resulting from a wrongful abandonment of sub-contract works, and in a related appeal to the High Court on questions of law relating to an interim arbitral award.
- **A contractor:** Advised in its claim against the employer for damages for wrongful termination of a construction contract, payment of unpaid work done, retention and loss and expense for disruption.

Insights

- Author of the Hong Kong chapter in "Recognition and Enforcement of Judgments in Civil and Commercial Matters", edited by Anselmo Reyes, *Hart Publishing*, 2019
- Joint editor, "Restrictive Covenants and Trade Secrets in Employment Law: An International Survey (Vol. 2), 2016 Cumulative Supplement," *Bloomberg BNA*
- Regular author of legal articles and updates in various publications, including the *Hong Kong Lawyer* and *Lexology*.

Activities and Affiliations

Presentations

- Guest lecturer, "Investment Treaty Arbitration," Keio University (慶応義塾大学), 2018
- Guest lecturer "Selected Legal Issues in Commercial Practice," The University of Hong Kong, 2016
- Regular speaker at seminars and client trainings on topics relating to dispute resolution, including legal professional privilege, competition law, fraud and asset tracing

Memberships

- Tribunal secretary, HKIAC (Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre), 2015–present

Prior and Present Employment

- Managing associate, Dentons, Hong Kong, 2020 to date
- Associate, Dentons, Hong Kong, 2018–2020
- Associate, Bird & Bird, Hong Kong, 2013–2018
- Trainee Solicitor, Mayer Brown JSM, Hong Kong, 2011–2013

Areas of focus

Practices

- Litigation and Dispute Resolution

Education

- University of Hong Kong, PCLL
- University of Hong Kong, LLB

Admissions and qualifications

- Hong Kong, 2013

Languages

- Cantonese
- English
- Mandarin