

Tax Advice for Employers & Employees

Our team also comprises of solicitors who are dual qualified tax practitioners who constantly provide tax advice to employers and employees in an employment context, including but not limited to:

- Formulating domestic and cross-border personal tax planning
- Advising employers on the potential issue or risk of creating permanent establishment by assigning employees to work in overseas jurisdictions and how to minimise such tax risk
- Structuring more tax efficient termination compensation packages (including but not limited to ex-gratia payment, statutory severance payment and relocation allowance)
- Advising on and structuring employee phantom shares and equity option plans and other award schemes in a tax efficient manner

OUR TEAM



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About OLN

Life does not have to be complicated. We provide an individual perspective to ensure the most efficient and customised solutions for you, those close to you and your business. We pride ourselves on having a practical approach as well as an innovative and commercially-minded outlook, stemming from over three decades of experience in the private client and corporate commercial fields, and our expertise in dispute resolution and the business world.

OLN is a highly regarded Hong Kong-based law firm, whose commitment to professional excellence has been the cornerstone of the firm since its creation in 1987. With many years of experience practising in Hong Kong, our diverse global employees, who embody the firm's East-West culture, are able to deliver an integrated suite of legal and business solutions.

We currently have some 45 lawyers, admitted to one or more jurisdictions, including Hong Kong, France, the United Kingdom, the United States, Australia and Canada. We also have a thriving China practice, carried on from our Hong Kong and Shanghai offices and when necessary with our associate legal network in Mainland China.

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EMPLOYMENT AND BUSINESS IMMIGRATION LAW

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A leading employment lawyer in Hong Kong

We are experienced in advising and strategizing for both employers and employees in all aspects of the employment relationship from interviewing and recruiting, to termination and enforcement of post termination restrictions.



Labour and employment law in Hong Kong and China is rapidly increasing and becoming more complex, especially with the implementation of further anti-discrimination legislation.

The Employment Practice Group is constantly developing to keep pace with the law and has gained a respected position with employers, employees and among our peers as being at the forefront of providing practical and straightforward advice in a complex and developing area of law.

Advice for Employers

We pride ourselves in being able to provide practical legal advice in a timely fashion to avoid a small problem escalating into something much greater. If a problem does escalate, we continue to be on hand to take immediate action to prevent damage or disruption to a business.

Advice for Employees

We recognize both the legal and emotional stress that employment issues often cause and work together with individual employee to provide practical advice. We address their immediate concerns while also forward planning to ensure that they remain protected in the future.

International Employment and Labour Law

We are experienced in advising both employers and employees in employment disputes with cross border and multi-jurisdictional aspects including SE Asia, China, Australia, EU and the USA. We also provide invaluable strategic legal advice in relation to "team moves" between high profile employers.

Our Employment Practice Group advises and acts in the following matters:

- Drafting contracts of employment, senior executive service agreements and staff handbooks including MPF issues
- Drafting consultancy agreements
- Summary dismissal, termination of employment and severance packages
- Employee resignation and "constructive dismissal"
- Redundancy programmes, redundancy and long service payments
- Maternity issues and dismissal during maternity leave
- Enforcement of restrictive covenants, including obtaining and defending urgent and ex parte injunctions
- Employment aspects of corporate deals
- Bonuses including non-payment of "discretionary" bonuses
- Claims of discrimination and avoiding potentially discriminatory practices



Business Immigration

Ensuring that key employees are legally in the right place at the right time is an essential business need, especially in Hong Kong with its large international population.

We pride ourselves on treating each employee as an individual and we recognize the stress and difficulties that can be caused to an individual, his/her family and a business when delays occur and things go wrong.

A key function of the Employment Practice Group is to ensure that business immigration processes are completed as smoothly and efficiently. We regularly advise and act for global employers, individuals, Hong Kong startup companies and entrepreneurs.

Business Immigration Services include advising on the following matters:

- Obtaining work visas and extensions
- Advising on the effect and consequences of visitors' visas
- Obtaining spousal and dependent visas
- Obtaining business investment visas