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Profile

Anna heads OLN's Tax Advisory & Private Client Departments, where she provides expert guidance on a wide range of tax issues, including tax compliance, planning for tax efficiency, and transactional tax structuring. Her dual qualification in both law and accounting, along with her solid financial and banking background, positions her as a leading litigator for complex commercial disputes, particularly those requiring forensic accounting and a deep understanding of financial intricacies.

In addition to her tax practice, Anna serves as a Dispute Resolution Partner. She has acted in several high-profile and landmark cases in the High Court and Court of Appeal, involving shareholders' disputes, debt recovery, civil fraud, derivative actions, contentious regulatory matters, intellectual property disputes, and complex probate matters. Her strategic approach has consistently helped clients achieve favorable outcomes, earning her high praise from those she represents.

Among her many accolades, Anna was honored as the Private Client Lawyer of the Year at the 2024 Asia Legal Awards and as the Winner – Hong Kong SAR Lawyer of the Year 2024 at the Asialaw Awards. These awards reflect her dedication to excellence and her commitment to delivering outstanding results for her clients.

Admissions and Memberships

Since 2012 - Solicitor, Hong Kong Special Administrative Region

Notable Cases

Tax Advisory

Advised multi-national insurance broker and hotel chain on group structure to achieve tax-efficiency

Advised on tax optimization and compliance issue of a merger and acquisition involving issues of China Land Appreciation Tax, Corporate Income Tax and Circular 698

Commercial Litigation

Obtained Mareva/ Proprietary injunctions, disclosure orders and default judgment in fraud cases TOKIĆ, D.O.O. v HONGKONG SHUI FAT TRADING LIMITED [2020] HKCFI 1822 and TAIHEI DENGYO KAISHA, LTD v. BOK JOENG HONG KONG CO LTD AND OTHERS [2022] HKCFI 2377

Advised and acted for professional liquidators in the realization of assets, claw back, regulatory reporting of a number of listed companies in liquidation

Obtained Winding Up Order in contested liquidation involving cross claim in different jurisdiction RE AWP GROUP LTD [2021] HKCFI352

Obtained summary judgment, receivership, garnishee, charging order and other enforcement orders for clients in various debt recovery matters

Obtained Wallersteiner Order in the landmark case of Waxman v Li Fei Yu & anor [2017] HKEC 561

Advised on high profile white-collar crime case

Acted for creditor in the Winding Up Petition of Country Garden

Estate Planning, Trust and Probate

Representing administrator of a high-profile estate in contentious probate matters (with intensive media attention) including the estate of Sir David Tang

Successfully obtained Letters of Administration Ad Colligenda Bona and Beddo Orders

Acted for applicants in Mental Health Ordinance related proceedings

Structured and set up US foreign grantor trust for client

Commercial Transaction

Represented a global leading brand developer, on various projects and transactions involving Greater China, including (i) the JV arrangement of Ted Baker, the renowned British fashion brand; (ii) the acquisition of IPR of Hunter, an outdoor lifestyle British heritage brand famous for its iconic Original Wellington boot; (iii) acquisition of Boardriders, a global action sports brand with Quiksilver, billabong, Roxy under its portfolio; and (iv) the JV set-up for athleticwear icon Champion, the originator of the sweatshirt and a pioneer in activewear.

Represented Hulic Co., Ltd., a Japanese real estate giant, on its Hong Kong acquisition of Rays Company HK Ltd., (holding shares in Raysum Co., Ltd., a Japanese listed real estate asset management and real property management company).

Awards

2026

ITR World Tax

Highly Regarded – Private Client; Tax Controversy

Women in Tax Leader

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Winner – Client Choice – Private Client & Offshore Services

The Legal 500 Asia Pacific

Practice Head – Domestic and International Corporate Tax

Practice Head – Private Client and Family

Practice Head – Labour and employment

Practice Head – Dispute resolution: litigation

Recommended Lawyer – Regulatory: white-collar, compliance and investigations

2025

Asialaw Awards

Hong Kong SAR Female Lawyer of the Year 2025 – Shortlisted

Asialaw Profiles

Distinguished Practitioner – Dispute Resolution

Asian Legal Business (ALB)

Ranked – Asia Super 50 Disputes Lawyers 2025

IFLR1000

Notable Practitioner – Restructuring and Insolvency

ITR World Tax

Highly Regarded – Private Client; Tax Controversy

Women in Tax Leader

The Legal 500 Asia Pacific

Practice Head – Domestic and International Corporate Tax

Practice Head – Private Client and Family

2024

Asialaw Awards

Winner – Hong Kong SAR Lawyer of the Year 2024 (Client Choice Award)

Asialaw Profiles

Rising Star – Tax Advisory & Private Client

Asia Legal Awards

Winner – Private Client Lawyer of the Year

Shortlisted – Litigator of the Year

ITR World Tax

Highly Regarded – Private Client

Highly Regarded – Tax Controversy

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Ranked in Private Client Trust and Advisory Services

The Legal 500 Asia Pacific

Recommended Lawyer – Domestic and International Corporate Tax

Recommended Lawyer – Private Client and Family

2023

Asian Legal Business (ALB)

Recognised as one of Asia Super 50 Disputes Lawyers

Asian Legal Business (ALB) Hong Kong Law Awards

Nominated for Young Lawyer of the Year

ITR World Tax

Highly Regarded – Private Client

Highly Regarded – Tax Controversy

Women in Business Law Awards APAC 2023

Finalist – Rising Star Tax

2022

Asian Legal Business (ALB)

Recognised as one of Asia Super 50 Disputes Lawyers

IFLR Rising Stars Awards 2022 APAC

Rising Star – Labour and Employment; Tax Dispute Resolution

ITR World Tax

Highly Regarded – Private Client

Highly Regarded – Tax Controversy

The Legal 500 Asia Pacific

Recommended Lawyer – Labour and Employment

LexisNexis 40 Under 40

Recognised as one of the 40 Under 40 2022

Women in Business Law Awards APAC 2022

Finalist – Rising Star – Tax