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Profile

Kristine is admitted to practice since 2020 and joined the firm's Tax Advisory Team since 2023. She specializes in dispute resolution and commercial litigation, effectively guiding clients through a range of contentious matters. Kristine has ample experience in handling commercial and general dispute, asset tracing, debt recovery, shareholder disputes, land disputes, personal injury claims, judicial review proceedings, and employment law issues. Her goal is to effectively advocate for her clients while ensuring their legal rights are protected in the dynamic legal landscape of Hong Kong.

In her criminal practice, Kristine has represented clients at all levels of courts, assisting distinguished counsel and senior counsel to advocate for client's rights and argue significant legal issues.

Kristine graduated from the University of Hong Kong for her legal studies. She earned her Master of Laws (LLM) from University College London in 2021 on scholarship. She takes great satisfaction in resolving complex legal challenges and achieving favourable outcomes for her clients.

She is the Legal Innovation and AI Research Lead of the Firm. She is highly interested in niche areas of the laws, including crypto asset tracing and AI-related developments.

Admissions and Memberships

Since 2020 - Solicitor, Hong Kong Special Administrative Region

Since 2023 - Solicitor, England and Wales

Areas of Expertise

1. Commercial and General Litigation

- Represented majority shareholders in complex shareholder disputes, protecting corporate interests and ensuring compliance with Hong Kong company law.
- Assisted client to handle trust-related disputes, involving multi-jurisdictional and cross border elements.
- Experienced in industry-specific disputes, including real estate, property management, jewellery, construction work, garment industry and banking services.
- Proficient in resolving contractual disputes, tortious claims, and bailment cases.
- Advised teachers, asset managers, and general employees on summary dismissal claims against schools, organisations and companies.
- Advised or defended in tenancy disputes, including the enforcement of land covenants in Hong Kong residential and commercial properties.
- Advised creditors and debtors on effective strategies for debt recovery and winding-up proceedings.

2. Fraud and Asset Tracing

- Successfully acted for victims of complex fraud schemes, initiating actions in the High Court and obtaining injunction orders that resulted in the recovery of millions of dollars.
- Represented victim clients in cases of imposter fraud, telecom scams, and employee fraud, providing comprehensive support throughout the reporting process to law enforcement and in civil claims.
- Provided legal advice on anti-money laundering cases.
- Engaged forensic experts for recovery actions related to lost cryptocurrency assets.
- Advised clients on navigating freezing orders and anti-money laundering investigations.

3. Regulatory Compliance, Investigation, and Enforcement

- Represented clients during investigations, interviews, and searches conducted by law enforcement, including the Police and Customs & Excise Department, Immigration Department, etc.
- Defended clients against allegations of bribery and anti-money laundering offences, theft, public order offences and assaults.
- Advocated for victims in cases of fraud, theft, sexual offences, and various criminal offenses.

4. Personal Injury Law in Hong Kong

- Represented plaintiffs and claimants in seeking damages for traffic accidents, slip and fall incidents, assault, and workplace injuries.
- Defended against high-value multi-party claims for individuals and insurers.
- Advised clients on medical negligence cases.

- Assisted in defence against employee compensation claims and various workplace injury matters.

5. Insolvency & Restructuring Law

- Acted on behalf of creditors in winding-up petitions for high-profile and listed companies and private companies.
- Advised creditors in debt recovery and bankruptcy processes.

6. Judicial review proceedings and disciplinary cases

- Acted for disciplinary and professional bodies on disciplinary actions, regulations and code of practices.
- Advised applicants on judicial review applications including areas of human rights, statutory interpretations and policy executions