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Consultant

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Practice & Expertise

Litigation & Dispute Resolution
International Arbitration
Financial Services Disputes and Investigation
Anti-Money Laundering
Corporate Crime

Languages

English

Mandarin

Cantonese



Biography

Steven is a Hong Kong-qualified solicitor specialising in complex cross-border litigation, arbitration, contentious insolvency, and financial service disputes. He advises on complex debt recovery actions, security enforcement, and banking litigation, alongside a broad spectrum of commercial disputes. These include contractual and shareholder conflicts, breaches of director duties, fraud and asset tracing, and matters arising from receivership and insolvency proceedings.

In addition to his contentious practice, Steven provides strategic advice on regulatory and enforcement matters. He represents clients in internal investigations, compliance inquiries, and enforcement actions led by the Hong Kong Monetary Authority, the Securities and Futures Commission, the Insurance Authority, and the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong. His expertise spans financial crime and market misconduct, such as mis-selling, anti-money laundering, and fraud, as well as corporate governance failures involving data breaches, internal control deficiencies, and senior management accountability.

His clients include financial institutions, licensed intermediaries, state-owned enterprises, multinational and listed companies, high-net-worth individuals, corporate senior management, and insolvency practitioners.

Fluent in English, Mandarin, and Cantonese, Steven leverages his experience at prominent international and offshore firms to deliver practical, cross-border legal solutions across multiple jurisdictions, including the PRC, England and Wales, the Cayman Islands, and the BVI.

Representative Legal Matters

Commercial Litigation & Shareholder Disputes

- Acting for the investors in high-value cross-border corporate disputes involving billion-dollar construction projects across Asia, with multi-

jurisdictional proceedings spanning the British Virgin Islands, Taiwan, and Luxembourg.

- Acting for a PRC state-owned enterprise shareholder in a just and equitable winding-up of a Hong Kong-listed cement group, defending allegations relating to share allotments, dilution, loss of negative control, and oppression in a multi-jurisdictional control dispute.
- Acting for a significant investor in a NASDAQ-listed PRC COVID-19 vaccine developer in complex shareholder disputes, including share validity, enforcement of voting rights, and setting aside injunctive relief, successfully challenging jurisdiction in favour of HKIAC arbitration before the Antiguan courts.
- Acting for the founder of a PRC pharmaceutical company in HKIAC arbitration concerning board removal and denial of access to company affairs.
- Acting for an international power equipment manufacturer on an ICC arbitration in relation to power projects in Myanmar.
- Acting for high-net-worth individual on a HKIAC arbitration in relation to mining investment disputes in China and Indonesia.

Insolvency, Restructuring, and Debt Recovery

- Acting for financial institutions in complex cross-border debt recovery and security enforcement matters, including winding-up, bankruptcy, mortgagee actions, and the enforcement and realisation of listed and unlisted securities.
- Advised Fantasia Holdings Group on its complex cross-border debt restructuring, successfully securing the sanction of a Cayman Islands scheme of arrangement running in parallel with Hong Kong scheme proceedings.
- Acting for a PRC state-owned enterprise in relation to the liquidation of its formerly Hong Kong-listed subsidiary.
- Acting for a syndicate of 10 leading financial institutions in the restructuring and winding-up of EcoGreen International Group Limited, Stock Code 2341, advising on enforcement strategy, security realisation, and parallel PRC proceedings.
- Acting for a multinational renewable energy group in successfully defending winding-up proceedings in Hong Kong pursuant to a guarantee, and coordinating the defence of parallel proceedings in the United Kingdom.
- Acting for an international bank in a contested winding-up petition of an offshore fund concerning the validity of share redemptions, and subsequently

acting for the liquidators in obtaining a court-supervised liquidation order.

- Acting for international and PRC banks in customer-initiated banking litigation, including fraud recovery actions, and advising corporates on the recovery of misappropriated assets arising from cyber fraud.
- Advising on and issuing Hong Kong legal opinions in support of PRC proceedings, covering the enforceability of finance and security documents, the scope of guaranteed liabilities, and the impact of insolvency processes.

Regulatory Investigations & Compliance

- Acting for an international bank on an investigation conducted by the Hong Kong Monetary Authority concerning the mis-selling of FX accumulators, covering issues on suitability, concentration risk, risk mismatch, product disclosure, and sales process.
- Advising a global private bank following a customer complaint that a broker had engaged in misconduct and mis-selling of high-risk products, which resulted in a subsequent Securities and Futures Commission regulatory investigation.
- Acting for a licensed corporation on an investigation conducted by the Hong Kong Monetary Authority concerning anti-money laundering and counter-terrorist financing issues, including the adequacy of internal controls, customer due diligence, and management supervision.
- Acting for the Chief Financial Officer of a Chinese financial institution against an investigation commenced by the Insurance Authority.
- Advising Hong Kong listed companies and capital markets participants, including IPO sponsors and licensed corporations, on regulatory investigations, inquiries, and compliance with disclosure and connected transaction requirements under the Listing Rules and the Securities and Futures

Admission

- 2020 – Hong Kong SAR

Education

- 2016-2017 City University of Hong Kong, Postgraduate Certificate in Law (PCLL), Dean's List

- 2012-2016 City University of Hong Kong, Bachelor of Laws (with Honours), First Class Honours

Work History/Credentials

- 2025-2026 – Legal Manager; Senior Legal Manager, Appleby
- 2019-2024 – Legal Manager; Associate, Eversheds Sutherland
- 2017-2019 – Trainee Solicitor, Eversheds Sutherland