



Heidi Chui

Partner

Practice Area:

Arbitration, Banking & Finance, Debt Restructuring, Employment Law, Litigation & Disputes Resolution, Regulatory Enforcement

Heidi was admitted to practise as a solicitor in Hong Kong in 2002. She joined the firm in 2012.

Heidi heads the litigation and dispute resolution department and had served as the internal legal advisor of several Chinese banks.

She is strong in handling disputes involving companies, including but not limited to shareholder disputes, derivative actions, petitions relating to unfair prejudicial conduct, breach of fiduciary duties by directors or senior management. She acts for banks, financial institutions, listed companies, directors, management team, shareholders and investors in urgent applications regarding affairs of the company, holding of AGMs and EGMs, removal of directors or senior executives, misappropriation of assets, investigations relating to irregularities in corporate transactions and fraudulent conduct. She had acted in high profile and landmark cases such as Qunxing Paper Holdings Company Limited and China Metal Recycling (Holdings) Limited, involving investigations by the Securities and Futures Commission, winding-up petition, urgent injunction applications and appointment of receivers.

Heidi specializes in commercial litigation, arbitration and dispute resolution and frequently assists banks, borrowers, insurance companies, property management companies, funds, listed companies and financial institutions in resolving various vexatious problems. Heidi is experienced and adept at providing legal advice on asset tracing, mortgage litigation, corporate takeover, enforcement of judgments, winding-up of companies and bankruptcy.

Heidi is an arbitrator on the panel of The Law Society of Hong Kong, one of the few solicitors who got accreditation and listed on the panel. She is also an accredited mediator of Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre, The Law Society of Hong Kong and a Panel Mediator for Buildings Management Cases of the Lands Tribunal, a fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (U.K.) and a Civil Celebrant of Marriages. She is also a China Appointed Attesting Officer as appointed by the Ministry of Justice PRC. She has been appointed as Expert of professional Committee on Real Estate Arbitration of China Academy of Arbitration Law. She has been also appointed by The Honourable Chief Justice Geoffrey Ma, the Chief Justice of the Hong Kong Court of Final Appeal, as a Practising Solicitor Member of the Solicitors Disciplinary Tribunal Panel. She has also been appointed by the Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region as a member of Disciplinary Panel A of the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

In addition, Heidi provides legal advisory services for cases adjudicated in mainland China, taking the role of an expert witness in Hong Kong law and is experienced in cross-border litigation and international arbitration. She regularly represents individuals and corporations to handle investigations and lawsuits conducted by enforcement agencies and regulatory organisations.

Heidi also specialises in handling matters relating to default of payment and commercial fraud, assisting liquidators, receivers, official receivers, creditors and other professionals in charge of insolvency and bankruptcy matters in relation to debt restructuring and cross-border asset tracing.

Heidi and her team have provided or are providing legal services to a number of banks, including Bank of China (Hong Kong) Limited, Industrial and Commercial Bank of China (Asia), China CITIC Bank International Limited, China Construction Bank (Asia), Bank of Communications Co., Ltd. Hong Kong Branch, Nanyang Commercial Bank, China Merchants Bank and Industrial Bank Co., Ltd.

Heidi is frequently invited to attend legal subject talks and seminars, to share her invaluable experience and views on commercial law, insolvency law, banking law, regulatory enforcement, arbitration, litigation and dispute resolution. She has been recognized as a Client Choice winner in Litigation practice in Hong Kong in 2016 which is organized by the International Law Office and Lexology.

Legal Specialisations:

Arbitration, Commercial Litigation, Dispute Resolution, Insolvency Litigation, Investigations and Prosecutions by law enforcement and regulatory authorities

Professional Qualifications:

- Solicitor of the High Court of Hong Kong - 2002
- Arbitrator, The Law Society of Hong Kong (Panel Arbitrator)
- Accredited Mediator, Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre (General Panel)
- Fellow of Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (U.K.)
- Accredited Mediator, The Law Society of Hong Kong
- Accredited Mediator, Hong Kong Mediation Accreditation Association Limited
- Accredited Mediator, Hong Kong Panel Mediator for Building Management Cases of the Lands Tribunal
- Civil Celebrant of Marriages – 2010
- China Appointed Attesting Officer - 2015



Education:

- University of Hong Kong (LL.B., 1999)
- University of Hong Kong (PCLL, 2000)
- The Accord Group, Australia
(Certificate of Commercial Mediation, 2004)
- University of Oxford and University of Hong Kong
(Certificate of Senior Executive Programme, 2009)
- Peking University
(Certificate of Legal Training, 2010)
- Harvard Law School
(Certificate of Negotiation, 2012)
- The University of New South Wales
(Certificate of International Commercial Arbitration, 2013)
- East China University of Political Science and Law
(Certificate of Arbitration Practice, 2014)
- Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (U.K.)
(Diploma in International Commercial Arbitration, 2015)

Language:

English, Cantonese and Mandarin

Professional Membership:

- Fellow of Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (FCIArb)
- Member of the Hong Kong Institute of Bankers
- Member, International Council for Commercial Arbitration (ICCA)

Public Office and Community Activities:

- Expert of Professional Committee on Real Estate Arbitration of China Academy of Arbitration Law
- Practising Solicitor Member of the Solicitors Disciplinary Tribunal Panel
- Member of Disciplinary Panel A of the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants
- Vice-President of Young Partners' Roundtable, The Law Society of Hong Kong until 2016
- Member of Arbitration Committee, The Law Society of Hong Kong
- Member of Standing Committee on Standards and Development, The Law Society of Hong Kong
- Member of Member Benefit Committee, The Law Society of Hong Kong

- Member of Organizing Committee for the Cross Strait Four Regions Young Lawyers Forum organized by The Law Society of Hong Kong (2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018)
- Member of Belt and Road Committee, The Law Society of Hong Kong (2017, 2018)
- Member of Executive Committee of the University of Hong Kong Law Alumni Association
- MC for The Law Society of Hong Kong's 110th Anniversary Gala Dinner, 2017
- MC for the Breakout Session on "International Arbitration and ADR" at the Belt and Road Summit, Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre, 2017
- MC for Members Forum and Dinner Gathering of The Law Society of Hong Kong, 2015, 2016 and 2017

Publication:

- Co-author of The Hong Kong Encyclopaedia of Forms and Precedents – Insurance Volume



Seminars / Talks:

- Bank of China (Hong Kong) Limited "Key Points on Dealing with Non-Performing Loans", 2009
- Bank of Communications Hong Kong Branch "Cross-Border Litigation and Asset Tracing", 2010
- Speaker at Breakout Session at the Cross Strait Four Regions Young Lawyers Forum on the new trends of Hong Kong litigation law and practice, 2013
- Moderator at the forum on "New Trends in International Arbitration, Dispute Resolution and Cross-Border Litigation" at the Cross Strait Four Regions Young Lawyers Forum, 2014
- Moderator at the Breakout Session on "Mock Arbitration" at the Cross Strait Four Regions Young Lawyers Forum, 2016
- Delivered a presentation to 77 bankers from over 40 banks in China on the topic of "Arbitration and Cross-border Litigation" at the Shanghai Banking Association, 2014
- Speaker at a forum organised by Shanghai International Arbitration Center on "Interim measures: cross border enforcement", 2016
- Speaker at a seminar hosted by Ningbo Arbitration Commission on the topic "Interim measures in aid of enforcement in arbitration and Cross Border Litigation Strategies", 2017
- Lecturer of CPT for The Institute of Securities Dealers Limited, 2015 and 2017
- Speaker at Legal Service Week of Jiangsu International Chamber of Commerce on the topic of "The Judicial Practice of Enforcement of the Mainland Arbitral Awards in Hong Kong", 2017
- Speaker at The Third "Qianhai Legal Forum" in Qianhai, Shenzhen, on the topic of "Practical Strategies on Cross-Border Litigation and Arbitration Between Hong Kong and the Mainland", 2017
- Speaker at the Breakout Sessions on "The Recognition and Enforcement of the Arbitral Awards in International Commercial Arbitration" and "The Mock Arbitration of ICC International Court of Arbitration" at the forum on "Foreign Arbitration in Jiangsu: International Commercial Arbitration Practice Discussion and Mock Arbitration" in Nanjing hosted by Jiangsu Lawyer Association, 2017
- Speaker at The First Mainland & Hong Kong Arbitration Practice Discussion Forum hosted by Langfang Arbitration Commission of Heibei Province on the topics "The Latest Developments of Enforcement of Judgments and Arbitral Awards between the Mainland and Hong Kong" and "Mock Arbitration", 2017
- Moderator at the Breakout Session on "The Future of Young Lawyers – How to Face the Era of Artificial Intelligence and Big Data" at the Cross Strait Four Regions Young Lawyers Forum, 2017
- Industrial Bank Co., Ltd "The Implementation of Cross-border Guarantee", 2017
- Speaker at "New Finance, New Arbitration - Joining Hands in Leading Edges" International Arbitration Forum organized by Shanghai International Arbitration Center, 2017
- Lecturer for training by International Chamber of Commerce for "The Training Programme on International Arbitration for Selected Elite Young Lawyers of Jiangsu Bar Association", and Speaker on the topic of "Selection and Appointment of Arbitrators from the Point of View of the Parties" in Nanjing organized by Jiangsu Lawyers Association, 2018