

# **BENNY LO**

*Barrister, Arbitrator and Mediator*

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## **PRACTICE SUMMARY**

Benny Lo is an independent barrister, international arbitrator and mediator based in Hong Kong. A member of Des Voeux Chambers (an established civil and commercial set of barristers' chambers), Benny focuses on civil, commercial, company and intellectual property dispute resolution and advises and represents clients in litigation and international arbitration.

Benny has been included by HKIAC, CIETAC, KLRCA and WIPO on their respective lists/panels of arbitrators, including HKIAC's Panel for Arbitrators for Intellectual Property Disputes. He has been engaged in domestic and international disputes on commercial, intellectual property, construction and insurance matters, either as sole counsel, co-counsel, sole arbitrator or co-arbitrator under the HKIAC or the UNCITRAL arbitration rules. Since October 2013, Benny has been teaching international arbitration practice at the International Arbitration and Dispute Settlement (IADS) Course at Tsinghua University School of Law, Beijing. To promote the use of arbitration as a means to resolve Intellectual Property-related disputes, Benny has been active as a speaker both in and outside Hong Kong on the subject.

Besides litigation and arbitration practice, Benny has been an accredited mediator since 2009 and has conducted a large number of mediations as sole mediator for disputes relating to the sale of goods, solicitors negligence, partnership, defamation, personal injury, landlord and tenant, conveyancing, land ownership, land compulsory sale and intellectual property.

In terms of public service, Benny has been appointed as a Chairman of the HKSAR Appeal Tribunal Panel (Buildings), a Member of the HKSAR Appeal Panel (Housing) and a Member of the HKSAR Fishermen Claims Appeal Board (Trawl Ban). In January 2017, Benny was appointed by the Chief Justice of Hong Kong to sit as a Deputy District Judge.

## **PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS**

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| 2017 | Panel of Arbitrators, China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission (CIETAC)                |
| 2017 | Panel of Arbitrators, Kuala Lumpur Regional Centre for Arbitration (KLRCA)                                  |
| 2016 | Panel of Arbitrators for Intellectual Property Disputes, Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre (HKIAC) |
| 2016 | List of Arbitrators, World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)  |
| 2016 | Member, Asian Patent Attorneys Association (APAA)   |
| 2014 | List of Arbitrators, Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre (HKIAC)                                     |

- 2014 Fellow Member, The Hong Kong Institute of Arbitrators (FHKI Arb)
- 2014 Fellow Member, The Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (FCI Arb)
- 2013 Accredited General Mediator, Hong Kong Mediation Accreditation Association Limited (HKMAAL)
- 2009 Accredited General Mediator, Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre
- 2008 Barrister of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (Full Practice)

#### **APPOINTMENT TO PUBLIC OFFICES**

- 2017 Deputy District Judge, HKSAR Judiciary (1.2017)
- 2017 HKSAR Fishermen Claims Appeal Board (Trawl Ban) (from 10.4.2017)
- 2017 Member, HKSAR Appeal Panel (Housing) pursuant to section 7A(1) of the *Housing Ordinance* (Cap. 283) (from 1.4.2017 to 31.3.2019)
- 2015 Chairman, HKSAR Appeal Tribunal Panel (Buildings) pursuant to section 45 of the *Buildings Ordinance* (Cap. 123) (from 1.12.2015 to 30.11.2018)

#### **TALKS ON GENERAL ARBITRATION AND IP ARBITRATION**

- June 2016 Invited speaker at the “2016 粵港知識產權與中小企業發展（深圳）研討會” (2016 Guangdong-Hong Kong Seminar on Development of Intellectual Property in Small-Medium Enterprises) organized by the Guangdong Intellectual Property Office, Shenzhen Municipal Government, Hong Kong Intellectual Property Department and the Hong Kong Trade and Development Council on “中國企業走出去--知識產權糾紛的爭議解決” (Resolution of Intellectual Property Disputes), including arbitration of intellectual property disputes
- June 2016 Invited speaker by the Hong Kong Institute of Trade Mark Practitioners on “*Arbitrating IP Disputes*”
- September 2014 Invited speaker by the Lions Club of the Peak Hong Kong on the topic of “*Alternative Dispute Resolution – Arbitration*”

#### **SELECTED AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS**

- 2007 Charles Ching Memorial Scholarship, Hong Kong Bar Association
- 2001 Croucher Foundation Research Fellowship for Postdoctoral Research
- 1998 Croucher Foundation Research Scholarship for Ph.D. studies

1997 Fitzhugh Memorial Prize for the most outstanding student, University of Nottingham, UK

1997 Anita and Nicola Lee Prize for Research, University of Nottingham, UK

## **EDUCATION**

2006-2007 University of Hong Kong  
Postgraduate Certificate in Laws (PCLL) with Distinction

2004-2006 University of Cambridge, UK  
Bachelor of Arts (Law Tripos); Master of Arts (2010)

1998-2001 University of Nottingham, UK  
Ph.D. in Pharmaceutical Sciences (Biotechnology)

1994-1997 University of Nottingham, UK  
Bachelor of Pharmacy (1<sup>st</sup> Class Honours & Top of Year)

## **LANGUAGES**

Chinese (Mandarin and Cantonese, both written and spoken)

English

**May 2017**