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Andrew Liao is a Senior Counsel in private practice in Hong Kong, specializing in intellectual property litigation and professional legal practice as a barrister for over 40 years. He was called to the Bar in England and Wales, admitted as a barrister in Hong Kong in 1975, admitted as Barrister and Solicitor in the State of Victoria and Australian Capital Territory, and admitted as Advocate and Solicitor in Singapore. Andrew was appointed Queen's Counsel in 1989, and had been appointed Deputy High Court Judge of the Supreme Court of Hong Kong in 1990, and Recorder of the Court of First Instance of the High Court of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region in 2000-2002.

Andrew practices from his own Chambers and is an overseas member of 8 New Square. His legal practice has covered different categories of intellectual property rights, including patents, industrial designs, integrated circuit topographies, copyright, trade marks, passing off, trade secrets and allied rights. In *WTR 1000 – The World's Leading Trademark Professionals 2016*, Andrew is described as “a perennial favourite of many Hong Kong solicitors, who hail him as “a major IP authority”. He has also carried on a commercial and civil practice.

For years, apart from his professional legal practice, Andrew has continuously and actively participated in public service in matters concerning intellectual property in Hong Kong. As a member of the Law Reform Commission and its Copyright Sub-Committee, he was actively and closely involved in the reform of the copyright law, leading to the enactment of the Copyright Ordinance in 1997. He was the first Chairman of the Copyright Tribunal, and Convenor of the Hong Kong Bar's Task Force on Intellectual Property. In 2001, Andrew was awarded the Silver Bauhinia Star by the HKSAR Government for his contribution to the reform of intellectual property laws. He was Vice-Chairman of the Working Group on Intellectual Property Trading, and Chairman of the Steering Committee on Review of Intellectual Property Issues in the Innovation and Technology Sector. Presently, he is Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Review of the Patent System, Member of the

Economic Development Commission, and Member of the Advisory Committee on Promotion of Arbitration. He is Contributing Editor of the High Court Patent Rules under Order 103 of the Hong Kong Civil Procedure.

Presently, Andrew is a Non-Official Member of the Executive Council of the HKSAR, a Hong Kong Member and a Vice-chairperson the Social and Legal Affairs Committee of CPPCC. For his distinguished public service, he was awarded the Gold Bauhinia Star by the HKSAR Government in 2008.

Andrew has been actively promoting intellectual property, intellectual property trading, intellectual property arbitration and mediation, cultural and creative industries, innovation and technology in Hong Kong and Mainland China, and was the founder and organizer of the BIP Forum (Business of Intellectual Property Forum) as part of BODW (Business of Design Week) in Hong Kong from 2007 to 2011.

Andrew was Visiting Professor to Sun Yat Sen University, Adjunct Professor at City University of Hong Kong and a member of its School of Law's International Advisory Board. Presently, he is the Chairman of the Council of the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology.