

## WINNIE TAM, SC

Winnie is a barrister in private practice and a Senior Counsel of the Hong Kong Bar. She is also the Chairman of the Hong Kong Bar Association since 2015. She practices from Des Voeux Chambers and is widely known for her professional reputation in intellectual property law. She was also admitted to practise as a barrister in England and Wales, and as a barrister and solicitor in Singapore and the Australian Capital Territory.

Since 2010, Winnie has accepted appointments as Deputy High Court Judge of the Hong Kong SAR from time to time. In 2015, she was appointed as a Recorder of the Court of First Instance, High Court of the Hong Kong SAR. In her capacity as a Deputy High Court Judge and then Recorder, she has been adjudicating on civil matters of all nature. Winnie is a Fellow of the Hong Kong Institute of Arbitrators and an accredited mediator.

Winnie was admitted and remains to date as an overseas member of 8 New Square, one of the most prominent sets of barristers' chambers in London specialising in patent law. Winnie has been involved as counsel in a wide range of notable cases in copyright, musical rights, media and entertainment, industrial designs, technology licensing and transfer, patents, trade secrets, trade marks and trade names, with issues in cross-border disputes and infringement, and multi-jurisdictional protection and enforcement. In recognition of her professional excellence and integrity, and her experience in the field, she was conferred the title of "Senior Counsel" in 2006 by the Chief Justice of Hong Kong SAR.

The World Trade Mark Review of 2014 notes that "Winnie Tam SC of Des Voeux Chambers is held in equally high esteem [as another Senior Counsel who is the most senior barrister in intellectual property] for her 'hard-won experience and solid IP knowledge'. She has argued a vast number of landmark cases."

Other appointments on the strength of her specialisation include the Hong Kong SAR Government's Working Group on the Arbitrability of Intellectual Property Rights, and the Expert Committee of the SCIA High Technology and Intellectual Property Arbitration Committee in Shenzhen. Winnie is a frequent speaker in Hong Kong, China and overseas on issues in intellectual property law and on pre-emptive legal remedies in commercial matters. Her research interests includes the use of a combined procedure of mediation and arbitration in the resolution of international intellectual property disputes that commences as infringement claims. She is an adjunct professor of the East China University of Political Science and Law.