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Languages

English, Cantonese, Mandarin

Areas of Practice

Commercial & Banking Law
Companies
Contract
Criminal Law
Construction
Equity & Trusts
Medical Negligence and Personal Injury

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Practice Profile

Myranda is developing a broad civil and criminal practice. In her civil practice, she has worked on a wide range of cases including but not limited to judicial review, probate, company and commercial, construction, land, matrimonial, personal injury, bankruptcy and general civil. In her criminal practice, she participates in the Duty Lawyer Scheme. Myranda has appeared as an advocate (either in her own right or as a led junior) in the Magistracies, District Court, Family Court, Lands Tribunal and Court of First Instance. She accepts instructions in all areas of Chamber's work.

Outside of litigation, Myranda is actively developing a mediation practice and has provided pro-bono mediation service as a member of the Mediator Panel of Integrated Mediation Office (West Kowloon).

Myranda served pupillage with Mr Selwyn Yu SC, Mr Thomas Lee, Mr Adonis Cheung, Mr Isaac Chan and Mr Martin Ho. She was a Judicial Assistant at the Hong Kong Court of Final Appeal and since 2024, is a contributing editor of *Hong Kong Civil Procedure*'s chapters on Court of Final Appeal procedure.

Education

- BA (Law), University of Cambridge (2017)
- LLM (Corporate and Commercial Law), London School of Economics (2018)
- PCLL, University of Hong Kong (2019)

Professional Qualifications

- Member, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (MCIArb)
- HKMAAL Accredited Mediator (General), Hong Kong Mediation Accreditation Association Limited

Scholarship & Award

- The Prince Philip Scholarship (2014 - 2017)
- The Society of Construction Law Hong Kong Scholarship (2019/2020)
- Charles Ching Memorial Scholarship (2020)

Appointments

- Judicial Assistant, Hong Kong Court of Final Appeal (2020-2021)

Publications

- Contributor of headnotes, Hong Kong Law Reports and Digest (HKLRD)
- Contributing Editor, *Hong Kong Civil Procedure* (since 2024)
- Co-contributor, Issue 94 of *Atkin's Court Forms Hong Kong* – Title XVI, Insurance

Selected Cases

Insolvency

- *Joint and Several Liquidators of Hsin Chong Construction (Asia) Ltd v Wong Po Kee Ltd & Ors* [2025] HKCFI 2696 – successfully resisted the 3rd respondents' application for a stay of execution pending appeal (with Mr Jason Wong)

Land

- *Lam Wai Kong v Lam Ying Kit* [2024] HKCFI 3181 – successfully represented the plaintiff in dismissing the defendant's appeal against a costs order (with Mr Valentine Yim)
- *Wong Arlene Bei Ling and Ors v Pao Zen Kwok Peter and Ors* [2021] HKCFI 3904 – represented the plaintiffs in an application for an order for sale (with Mr Valentine Yim)
- Resisted application for leave to appeal in Lands Tribunal (as sole advocate)
  Advising parties on adverse possession, easement, interpretation of DMC, and water seepage cases

Personal Injury

- *Yeung Siu Ling v Hospital Authority* [2022] HKDC 674 – assisted Ms Jolie Chao in representing the Plaintiff in an assessment of damages hearing
- Advising parties on liability, quantum and evidence in various personal injuries cases

Matrimonial

- Represented petitioner wife to resist an application to vary maintenance order (as sole advocate)

Judicial Review and Administrative Law

- *Ahmed Noor v Director of Immigration* [2025] HKCFI 1077 – represented the applicant in an application for leave to apply for judicial review of a refusal of a dependant visa
- *Ma Mei Mei v The Hong Kong Settlers Housing Corporation Limited and The Town Planning Board* [2025] HKCFI 5772 – represented the applicant in a judicial review application concerning the redevelopment of the Tai Hang Sai Estate
- *Chan Yau Ling v Housing Appeal Tribunal and Anor* [2023] HKCFI 1192 – represented the plaintiff in an application for leave for judicial review against the Housing Authority and Housing Appeal Tribunal with regards to a decision to terminate the tenancy agreement of a public housing unit (as sole advocate)
- Represented appellant before the Torture Claims Appeal Board (as sole advocate)
- Advising parties on potential judicial review applications regarding immigration issues (non-refoulement claims and dependent visa applications)