

Timothy Lam



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Languages

English, Cantonese, Mandarin

Areas of Practice

Commercial & Banking Law
Companies
Competition
Compulsory Sales of Land
Conflicts of Law
Construction
Contract
Criminal Law
Defamation
Employment
Equity & Trusts
Family & Matrimonial Law
Financial Services Regulation
Injunction & Contempt
Insolvency
Intellectual Property
Medical Negligence & Personal Injury
Probate & Succession
Property & Land
Public Law & Judicial Review
Regulatory & Disciplinary
Unjust Enrichment

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Practice Profile

Timothy read law at St. Catherine's College, University of Oxford.

Timothy joined Chambers following the completion of his pupillage with Mr Robert Pang SC, Mr Abraham Chan (now Mr Abraham Chan SC), Mr Tony Li (now Mr Tony Li SC), Mr Simon Chan, and Mr Eugene Yim.

Timothy is a highly versatile advocate who maintains a deliberately diverse practice, spanning different areas of civil law and encompassing also criminal law, with general commercial litigation, trust and probate matters, defamation, regulatory complaints, employment and matrimonial disputes as areas of particular focus.

The breath of his practice saw him acting in cases involving a large variety of entities or individuals, including state-owned organizations, multi-national brands, and local celebrities.

Timothy frequently appears in his own right against significantly more senior barristers, and has substantial experience of conducting complex disputes and long trials.

He is capable of providing submissions and advice (both oral and written) in Chinese and English.

Education

- BA (Hons.) Jurisprudence, University of Oxford (2013)
- PCLL, University of Hong Kong (2014)

Scholarship & Award

- Academic Exhibition Award

Selected Cases

Commercial / General Civil

- *Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher (a firm) v Sunshine Success Global Inc* [2026] 1 HKLRD 83 – acted for the defendants in successfully staying a taxation application in relation to bill of legal costs in favour of arbitration and resisting an application for interim payment
- *Stephen Mark Drimmer & Anor v Hongkong Seiyo International Co Ltd & Ors* [2023] 1 HKLRD 373 – acted for the defendant in successfully appealing a master's decision to refuse to grant security for costs against a foreign plaintiff in a case involving an e-mail fraud (as sole counsel)
- *Joyful Delight Ltd & Anor v Active Access Holdings Ltd & Ors* [2022] 5 HKLRD 1 [2022] 6 HKC 714 – acted for the defendant in resisting a summary judgment application and an appeal against a master's decision to set aside a default judgment (as sole counsel)
- *Lam Chun Shu v Jiang Zexin (D3) & Ors*, HCA 475/2023 – acting for the 3rd defendant in an ongoing proceeding where the 3rd defendant is alleged to be a second-layer recipient of fraudulent money
- *Lee Charles Goon Lok v Lee Kwok Ching & Ors* [2025] HKCFI 2444 – acted for the 1st, 2nd 4th and 5th Defendants in successfully resisting an application to amend pleadings and introduce

additional expert evidence

- *China Securities International Brokerage Ltd v So Calvin Jik To*, DCCJ 295/2022 – acted for a securities firm in a trial concerning outstanding margin calls amount (judgment pending)
- *Chan Kon Fung v Gallop Pioneer Ltd & Ors* [2024] HKCFI 1766 – acted for a defendant company in a 12-day trial involving disputes as to a joint venture agreement with a state-owned company in PRC in relation to the investment and management of one of the world's largest operating tin mines in Australia
- *Feng Bo v Dela Cruz Anabelle Gamoso* [2024] HKCFI 1819 – acted for the plaintiff in successfully securing a judgment for damages arising out of a crypto currency fraud
- *Li Wenjun v Chen Chun Hui & Anor* [2023] HKCFI 405 – acted for the plaintiff in an action concerning deceit and conspiracy to injure, and successfully resisted an application for stay of proceedings in favour of arbitration (as sole counsel)
- *Full Ying Holdings Ltd v Active Access Holdings* [2022] 4 HKC 111 – acted for the defendant in resisting a summary judgment application (as sole counsel)
- *Hotung Investment (China) Limited v Eric Shea Kim Hotung*, HCA 77/2012 – acted for the successful plaintiff in obtaining damages against the defendant in excess of US4million after a trial for assessment of damages (with Mike Lui, now Mike Lui SC)
- *G v T & L* [2022] HKCFI 2214 – successfully applied for a stay of proceedings in favour of arbitration for the defendant (as sole counsel)
- *Redoak Capital Ltd v Standard Industrial International Company Ltd*, HCA 1625/2017 – successfully resisted an appeal against master's decision to order securities for costs (led by C Y Li SC)
- *Ho Kwok Wa v Yip Yuk Kwan*, HCA 1096/2023 – acted for the defendant in a trial of preliminary issue concerning whether a settlement agreement had been reached; the plaintiff conceded on the preliminary issues on the first day of trial (as sole counsel)
- *Chan Yin Ting v Chan Chun Choi* [2023] HKDC 264 – acted for the plaintiff in successfully resisting an appeal against a master's decision to grant summary judgment (as sole counsel)

Company

- *Re Ting Wai Monastery* [2018] 1 HKLRD 346 [2018] 2 HKC 6 – winding up and provisional liquidation of a company formed for charitable purposes (with Jason Yu)
- *Yuen Kong Brothers Ltd v Li Tina & Anor* [2025] 5 HKC 1 – acted for the plaintiff company in successfully seeking an order to remove certain disputed documents from the Companies Registry
- *Re Sunac China Holdings Ltd* [2026] HKCFI 68 – acted for the interested creditors in an application seeking sanction of a scheme of arrangement promoted by a PRC company
- *Valuable Capital Limited v Li Guangyu*, HCMP 112/2025 – acted for the plaintiff company in securing a *quia timet* injunction to restrain the presentation of winding up proceedings against the company (with Vincent Chan)
- *Valuable Capital Limited v Yonxi Great China Fund SPC – Yonxi Brilliance Fund P*, HCMP 373/2025 – acted for the plaintiff company in securing a *quia timet* injunction to restrain the

presentation of winding up proceedings against the company, with indemnity costs awarded to the company (as sole counsel)

- *Re Sky River International Trading (HK) Limited*, HCCW 225/2018 – acted for the successful petitioner in a contested winding-up petition and obtained a personal costs order against the opposing contributories (as sole counsel)
- *Re Castle Asset Holdings Ltd*, HCMP 582/2021 – acted for the petitioner in an unfair prejudice petition (as sole counsel)

Equity / Trust / Property Dispute

- *Sze Ka Wai v Choy Wai Ka* [2022] HKCA 74 (on appeal from HCA 1825/2018) – acted for the successful respondent in an appeal arising from a trial concerning the beneficial ownership of a landed property (led by Jonathan Chang SC) and in the trial below (as sole counsel)
- *Kwok Siu Mui Diana, the administrator of the estate of Leung Shui Lin v Kwok Siu Yee & Anor*, HCA 380/2014 & HCA 2492/2017, acted for the successful plaintiff (by original action) and defendant (by counterclaim) in a 13-day high court trial concerning the beneficiary interest of landed properties, recovery of misappropriated sums belonging to an estate as well as defamation claims (as sole counsel)
- *Lee Tung Kin Manda v Chan Yan Wing Vivien* [2024] HKFC 554 – acted for the successful plaintiff in a trial concerning the beneficial ownership of landed properties (as sole counsel)
- *TKF v NT*, FCMC 13902/2017 – acted for the successful respondent husband in a preliminary issue trial concerning the beneficial ownership of 101 items of valuable stone seals (as sole counsel)
- *CCP v LYKK & LCK*, FCMC 1659/2015 – acted for the petitioner husband in a preliminary issue trial concerning the beneficial ownership of two real properties; the respondent wife and the intervenor conceded on the preliminary issue on the 2nd day of trial, with costs awarded to the petitioner husband (as sole counsel)
- *LKFJ v CFH*, FCMC 10082/2016 – acted for the successful respondent and 1st intervenor in a preliminary issue trial concerning the beneficial ownership of landed properties (as sole counsel)

Injunction

- *Ting Wai Monastery Ltd (in liq) v Lung Yan Loi & Ors*, HCA 182/2018 – obtained Mareva injunction against the former directors and staff of the plaintiff (with Jonathan Chang, as Jonathan Chang SC then was)
- *Sincere Brand Management Ltd v Phua Cheng Kee, Francis (D4) & Ors*, HCA 823/2023 – successfully acted for the 4th defendant in resisting an *interim interim* injunction application to restrain the defendants from selling or distributing Franck Muller watches in Hong Kong, Macao, Taiwan and Mainland China pending the determination of the interlocutory injunction application, and in obtaining costs. The Plaintiff also eventually withdrew its interlocutory

injunction application upon receiving the affirmation in opposition filed by the 4th defendant (as sole counsel)

- *First Strong Workshop Ltd & Ors v Tsoi Chau Ping*, HCA 1721/2021 – acted for the 1st to 3rd plaintiffs, a group of companies which manage the affairs of a local celebrity, in successfully obtaining a Mareva Injunction against the defendant, a former employee, for misappropriation of funds and breach of fiduciary duties (as sole counsel)
- *CK v TCH*, FCMC 5240/2011 – successfully resisted an application to vary a Mareva injunction order (as sole counsel)
- *Valuable Capital Limited v Li Guangyu*, HCMP 112/2025 – acted for the successful plaintiff company in securing a *quia timet* injunction to retrain the presentation of winding up proceedings against the company (as sole counsel)
- *Siraj Ahmed v Rafeeq Ahmed* [2025] HKCFI 2472 – acted for the successful defendants in resisting the application for a proprietary injunction and/or preservation order arising out of a partnership dispute (as sole counsel)
- *Tsoi Shek Leung v Cheng Fu Ying* [2025] HKCFI 4248 – acted for plaintiff in securing an injunction to retrain the disposition of the sale proceeds generated by a property held by the plaintiff's wife (as sole counsel)

Employment

- *李青 (Li Qing) v 廣州基金國際股權投資基金管理有限公司 (SFund International Investment Fund Management Ltd)* [2025] 2 HKC 17 – acted for the successful defendant company in an appeal against the decision of the Labour Tribunal (as sole counsel)
- *Valuable Capital Limited v Li Guangyu*, HCMP 112/2025 – acting for and advising a securities firm in relation to an ongoing proceeding concerning bonus payments which involve a sum of over HK\$200,000,000
- *Leung Yee Lin v Fine Bright Development Limited & Ors*, HCLA 5/2022 (on appeal from LBTC 2718/2019) – advised and acted for the defendant companies in respect of an appeal against a decision of the Labour Tribunal (as sole counsel)

Family / Matrimonial

- *WMH v LCY* [2025] 1 HKLRD 1096 – acted for the respondent husband in successfully obtaining leave to appeal against an ancillary relief order made by the Family Court
- *QMY v GSS* [2020] HKFLR 474 – acted for the successful applicant in a trial concerning an application for child maintenance and carer's allowance under the Guardianship of Minors Ordinance (with Eugene Yim)
- *Chan Cheuk Luen Margo v Chui Nga Sue Isabelle* [2021] HKFC 205 – acted for the successful respondent mother in a 6-day trial for resisting an application for variation of maintenance (as sole counsel)
- *CW v CC* [2024] HKFC 92 – acted for the respondent husband in successfully securing an order

to dismiss the divorce petition for want of jurisdiction (led by Jonathan Chan SC, with Velda Yau)

- *SYC v XWS*, HCMP 2269/2018 – acted for the applicant in a wardship application (as sole counsel)
- *PYK v CCLA*, [2023] HKFC 11 – acted for the respondent wife in seeking interim maintenance against the petitioner husband for the benefit of two daughters (as sole counsel)

Probate

- *Lee Lap Yan v Lee Yuet Kwai* (D2) & Ors, HCAP 24/2014 – acted for the 2nd Defendant in a probate trial concerning the revocation of a grant of letters of administration (as sole counsel)
- *Shih Teh Ping & Shih The Yee v Shih Tak Cheung* – acted for the 1st and 2nd Plaintiffs in a trial to challenge the validity of a purported will (as sole counsel)

Securities & Regulation

- *SFC v Andrew Liu & Ors*, HCMP 2653/2016 – acted for the 8th respondent in a s.214 trial where the SFC sought a disqualification order against the respondents for the decisions made by them as the former directors of a listed company, and successfully secured an unconditional withdrawal of the claim against the 8th respondent by the SFC on the 3rd day of the trial (led by Robert Whitehead SC)

Land / Landlord & Tenant Disputes

- *Au Chee Cheong v 匹永昌 & Anors* [2024] HKFC 1602 – acted for the plaintiff in successfully establishing that a purported tenancy agreement is a forged document and obtaining vacant possession of the property after a 3-day trial (as sole counsel)
- *Shum Sau Yuen v The Estate of Shum Kar Fun* [2024] HKCFI 304 – obtained a declaration of adverse possession for the successful plaintiff (as sole counsel)
- *Ng Tung v Tang Kwan Ho & Ors*, DCCJ 3574/2024 – acting for the plaintiff in a claim for adverse possession of land in New Territories culminating in a 12-day trial (as sole counsel)
- *Lee Charles Goon Lok v Lee Kwok Ching & Ors* [2025] HKCFI 2444 – acted for the 1st, 2nd 4th and 5th Defendants in an ongoing proceedings concerning the disposal of Tso (祖堂) properties

Intellectual Property

- *Vogel Industries (M) Sdn Bhd v Vogelsitze GmbH*, HCIP 56/2023 – acting for a company which carried on the business of designing, developing, manufacturing and supplying passenger seats for buses and coaches in Hong Kong, and successfully resisted a (misconceived) application for striking-out (as sole counsel)

Defamation

- *Kwok Siu Mui Diana, the administrator of the estate of Leung Shui Lin v Kwok Siu Yee & Anor*, HCA 380/2014 & HCA 2492/2017, acted for the successful plaintiff (by original action) and defendant (by counterclaim) in a 13-day high court trial concerning the beneficiary interest of landed properties, recovery of misappropriated sums belonging to an estate as well as defamation claims (as sole counsel)

Criminal

- *HKSAR v Sze Karen*, ESCC 1602/2019 – successfully secured an acquittal of the charge of “Failing to Provide Specimen of Breath for Analysis” for the defendant (led by Selwyn Yu SC)
- *HKSAR v Superwick Limited*, KTS 9323/2019 – advised and acted for an residential estate developer in relation to summons issued under the Residential Properties (First-hand Sales) Ordinance (Cap 621) (led by Selwyn Yu SC, with Michael Chai)
- *HKSAR v 謝國銳* [2024] HKFC 692 – successfully secured an acquittal of the charge of “Causing Grievous Bodily Harm by Dangerous Driving” for the defendant (led by Martin Hui SC)
- *香港特別行政區 v 梁肇倫*, WKCC 2347/2017, HCMA 538, 2018 – represented a former HSBC staff on charges of bribery in a 15-day trial and magistracy appeal (with Adonis Cheung)