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Personal Profile

A driven solicitor with **international executive and corporate experience**, an **entrepreneurial and business-focused attitude** and **expertise in commercial disputes**. A strong technical and commercial background with leadership experience of multidisciplinary teams in Europe and Asia. Motivated, reliable, versatile, and keen to take on new challenges. Admitted in England & Wales (2014), Hong Kong (2019).

Experience

2012 – Present: Senior Associate, Holman Fenwick Willan

On qualification with HFW in 2014, I relocated to Hong Kong to join the firm's dispute resolution team. I apply my legal knowledge and corporate experience to the challenging situations that arise in international trade and commercial disputes, delivering proactive and results-focused advice to clients including world-leading traders, financial institutions and service providers.

Contentious highlights:

- Lead associate in tracing the proceeds of a US\$16m email fraud on a US asset manager, involving successful parallel applications for *Mareva* and Norwich Pharmacal relief (High Court);
- Lead associate in a joint-venture dispute involving US\$17m of offtake agreements and working capital loans, backed by guarantees and security arrangements against distressed assets in Mongolia (SIAC / UNCITRAL);
- Assisting with the complex contentious insolvency of a Hong Kong gas trader with substantial claims (US\$700m+) against its customers, to restore value for our creditor clients' US\$250m+ claims against the trader (High Court / HKIAC / SIAC);
- Lead associate in a complex multi-party dispute in respect of breaches of financing and related security agreements involving the US\$7.7bn acquisition of a major datacentre company (High Court);
- Lead associate in a shareholder dispute involving a substantial US\$150m+ mixed-use property development in Mainland China (HKIAC);
- Lead associate in a complex US\$35m+ multi-party commodities arbitration, including multiple successful interlocutory and procedural applications. A five-day hearing resulted in two awards in our clients' favour and a crucial finding of joint and several liability; currently supervising enforcement and related applications by overseas lawyers (HKIAC);
- Lead associate in defending a challenging US\$37m arbitration claim for non-delivery of hard commodities (HKIAC);
- Lead associate in a contentious restructuring of c.US\$20m in loans advanced to a Central Asia raw materials producer (various);
- Various contentious insolvency, debt recovery and commercial litigation and arbitration matters.

January – October 2016: Key client secondment

One of Asia's largest trading houses, and HFW Hong Kong's then-largest single client by revenue, requested a 4PQE+ secondee for a six-month secondment. I had requested a client secondment when relocating, and at <2PQE joined the client's small legal team as assistant to the Senior Legal Counsel. A series of time-critical matters (both contentious and transactional) allowed me to build strong relationships with several key commercial teams in Asia, Europe and Africa, and at the client's request my secondment was extended to nine months.

August 2008 – June 2010: Graduate Management Scheme, AP Møller-Mærsk Group

I joined Mærsk's management programme upon completing my Engineering degree. Attached to a European subsidiary as a project manager assisting the country Head of Operations, I was responsible for overseeing a variety of operational and procurement projects in the Port of Dover, UK, the organisation's single biggest revenue generator. Following a successful secondment application, I spent a year at the subsidiary's headquarters in The Hague, Netherlands, where I gained valuable management and leadership experience in an overseas corporate environment. During this period I also established a strong global professional network, which I have worked to maintain as my peers and I have progressed in our careers.

Education

- 2010 – 2012 Kaplan Law School, London
Legal Practice Course: Pass with Distinction (Graduate LLB)
Graduate Diploma in Law: Pass with Commendation
- 2004 – 2008 St Chad's College, University of Durham
MEng General Engineering: First Class Honours
 Second-highest overall mark in my year
- 1994 – 2004 Bradford Grammar School, United Kingdom
 4 A-Levels: Mathematics (A), Physics (A), Chemistry (A), English Literature (A)

Achievements

- 2022 British Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong:
 Chairman, Future Leaders Committee (since 2017)
 Member, Logistics Committee; General Committee (since 2016)
- 2021 Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (East Asia Branch):
Law, Practice and Procedure of International Arbitration (Pass, 77%)
- 2019 Qualified as a solicitor of the High Court of Hong Kong
 Speaker, 2019 Hong Kong Trade Development Council Belt & Road Summit:
"Resolving Disputes Along the Belt & Road"
- 2018 Arranged a "fireside chat" event at HFW's offices with a former head of the
 Institute of Directors and UK Atomic Energy Authority