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Qualification

HKMAAL Accredited Mediator
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Year of Call

2020 (Hong Kong)
2025 (Greater Bay Area)

Practice Profile

Kelly is developing a broad criminal and civil practice with experience in handling matters involving commercial, company, insolvency, land, trust and probate, employment, family and arbitration. She is a Patrick Yu Scholar and a contributing author to Archbold Hong Kong: Criminal Law and Procedure. She served pupillage with Mr. Ambrose Ho S.C., Mr. Martin Hui S.C., Mr. Mike Lui (now Mr. Mike Lui S.C.) and Mr. Isaac Chan.

Kelly has appeared as an advocate in the Court of Final Appeal, the Court of Appeal, the Court of First Instance, the District/Family Courts, the Magistrates' Courts and the Lands Tribunal, both in her own right and as a led junior. She also acts as a prosecutor on fiat for the Department of Justice, and accepts instructions from Legal Aid.

Prior to joining the private practice, Kelly served as a Public Prosecutor, and a Legal Trainee (Barrister) in Civil Division and Prosecutions Division at the Department of Justice, where she worked on public law and criminal cases.

Selected Cases

Company / Commercial Disputes

- ***Tsoi Chik Sang Lawrence v Tardi Holdings Ltd*** - HCA 2061/2018: acted for the Defendant in resisting the Plaintiff's application to consolidate two actions
- ***Tasty Catering Group Ltd & Anor v Cheng Hung Kit & Ors*** - HCA 1130/2011 & HCA 1137/2011 (consolidated): acted for the 1st and 2nd plaintiffs (by Original Action) to among others restrain defendants as former directors/shareholders to act on behalf of the company and particularly to rectify Hang Heung Cake Shop Company Limited's register and other company records
- ***Cheung Kong Property (Business Development) Ltd v Gold Brilliant Investment Ltd & Anor*** - HCA 280/2021: acted for the 1st defendant in defending a breach of deed of right of first refusal claim involving the Homantin property development project with MTR
- ***E&P Global Holdings Limited v Cheung Keng Ching & Ors*** - [2023] HKCFI 1847: acted for claim against ex-directors of a listed company for fraud and negligence
- ***Industrial & Commercial Bank of China (Asia) Ltd v Interpro Manufacturing Ltd (in liquidation) & Ors v Chung Chi Man*** - HCMP 1619/2016: acted for the third party in defending misrepresentation, breach of contract and/or tort of negligence claim
- ***Tsung Tsin Association & Anor v Lai Kwok Wai & Ors*** - CAMP 170/2022; HCA 516/2021: resisted an injunction application and subsequent leave to appeal applications concerning entry into school premises and management of school affairs
- ***Jumbo Mind Ltd v Active Access Holdings Ltd, Tian-Yu Ltd, Lee Chu & Ip Wan Chung*** - HCA 1315/2022: sought leave to amend the Statement of Claim and obtained summary judgment in respect of an agreement for sale and purchase of shares
- ***Re AJK Company Limited*** - HCMP 3179/2013, HCA 175/2018, HCA 721/2019 & HCA 1537/2019: resisted consolidation application
- ***Daily Tone Ltd & Ors v Orient Alliance Inc. & Ors*** - HCA 1946/2014: successfully resisted the renewed security for costs application
- ***Li Guozhu v Shu Weimin, Ma Hongqi & Cai Hongming*** - CACV 174/2018: acted for the

petitioner in opposing charging order being made absolute

- ***Bellefontaine International Ltd v Kan Pui Kwan & Ors*** - HCA 1626/2016: resisted security for cost application

Land / Trusts / Probate

- ***Simply Power Ltd v Billy Chua & Ors*** - [2023] HKCFI 944 & 1685: acted for Midland Realty in successfully defending a misrepresentation claim against estate agent and seller of industrial building
- ***Chan Lai Kam v Chan Lai Wah*** - HCCA 2993/2022: acted for the person warning to strike out caveat and resist stay of execution pending appeal
- ***Chang-Heathcote, Darryl v Robin Lynn Burch*** - HCMP 2465/2023: represented the defendant re rectification of wills of deceased parents around the globe
- ***Lin Tsz Yau v Lin Chin Chung*** - HCMP 72/2023: acted for the son in seeking relief order against the father as an executor, and to furnish investor and account of the estate etc.
- ***Mok Ching Ha v Wong Yik Lung and/or his administrator(s), executor(s) and assign(s)*** - DCMP 3740/2022: sought compensation upon the Government's land resumption

Civil Fraud / Asset Recovery

- ***Lim Woojung v Unknown Persons*** - HCA 2337/2025: acting for the plaintiff to trace and recover the stolen cryptocurrencies from unknown fraudsters (ongoing)
- ***Tsang Li Nor v Tau Limited & Ors*** - DCCJ 1865/2026: acting for the defendant to seek pre-action recovery against third party banks as well as trace and recover the stolen invested sum in relation to London Gold (ongoing)
- ***Zhang Xiaolin v Zhang Rui Qin & Anor*** - DCCJ 6227/2025: acting for the 1st defendant in a crypto asset platform fraud case (ongoing)

Matrimonial

- ***KM v KI*** - FCMC 17071/2013: acted for the Respondent in seeking upward variation of monthly amounts paid by the Petitioner by way of a Consent Order years ago
- ***LCTD v CKMC*** - FCMC 6340/2018: acted for the four Interveners in a 8-day trial regarding trusts over two Hong Kong companies' shares

Intellectual Property

- ***Hang Heung Cake Shop Company Ltd v Tsoi Chik Sang Lawrence & Anor*** - HCA 988/2004, HCA 989/2004, HCA 1075/2004 & HCA 1327/2013 (consolidated): commencing claims involving infringement of intellectual property rights, demand of outstanding money and loan payments, and breach of fiduciary duties
- ***Hang Heung Cake Shop Company Ltd v Cheng Hung Kit*** - HCIP 61/2020: acted for the plaintiff in a dismissal of a stay application by the defendant

Discrimination / Employment

- ***Haden, Francis William v Leighton Contractors (Asia) Ltd*** - [2022] 1 HKLRD 995; [2022] HKDC 423, 823: acted for the Respondent in successfully defending a race discrimination claim, with references to gweilo in workplace; and obtained adverse cost order against the losing applicant

Criminal Law

- ***HKSAR v Li Qingbin*** - FACC7/2024: acted for the defendant to appeal against his convictions, a landmark case establishing key principles under the Immigration Ordinance (Cap 115)
- ***HKSAR v Fung Cheuk-hei*** - HCCC 74/2025: acting for the defendant in a jury trial re rape charges (ongoing)
- ***HKSAR v Chan Yiu-lung*** - HCCC 243/2024: acted for the 2nd defendant in a jury trial re murder, preventing the lawful burial of a body and blackmail charges
- ***HKSAR v Chung Wai Ching*** - HCCC 71/2024: acting for the defendant in a jury trial re trafficking in dangerous drugs (ongoing)
- ***HKSAR v Chan Wong & Anor*** - HCMA 314/2022: acted for the 2nd defendant to appeal against both conviction and sentence re two counts of aiding and abetting the 1st defendant in practising dentistry within Hong Kong whilst not being a registered dentist
- ***HKSAR v Yeung Hoi Chun*** - CACC 135/2024: acted for the defendant to appeal against sentence and had his sentence reduced
- ***HKSAR v Yuen Chi Ping & Ors*** - DCCC 469/2022: acted for the 1st defendant re breach of listing rules and had all the 6 charges against him dismissed
- ***HKSAR v Chiu Yuen Ting*** - DCCC 435/2026: acting for the defendant re one charge of perverting the course of justice (ongoing)
- ***HKSAR v Cheung Man Wo*** - DCCC 1623/2025: acting for the defendant re one charge of arson (ongoing)
- ***HKSAR v Yeh Chienlin*** - DCCC 1329/2025: acting for the defendant re one charge of conspiracy to defraud (ongoing)
- ***HKSAR v Wun Shu Fai*** - DCCC 1092/2025: acting for the 1st defendant re one charge of burglary and one charge of handling stolen goods (ongoing)
- ***HKSAR v Pei Hongying*** - DCCC 603/2025: acting for the defendant re 2 charges of dealing with proceeds of crime in a 6-day trial (ongoing)

HKSAR v Zhu Chadian - DCCC 419/2025: acted and mitigate for the defendant re 2 charges of burglary

- ***HKSAR v Kwok Chi Ming*** - DCCC 748/2025: acting for the defendant re one charge of trafficking in dangerous drugs (ongoing)
- ***HKSAR v Kwok Wing Shan*** - DCCC 690/2025: acting for the defendant re one charge of dealing with proceeds of crime in a 4-day trial (ongoing)
- ***HKSAR v Chau Ting Fung & Ors*** - STCC 1754/2025: acted and mitigate for the 3rd defendant re the offence of conspiracy for an agent to accept an advantage
- ***HKSAR v Gao Yanling*** - KCCC 1107/2025: successfully secured the defendant's acquittal on a money laundering charge
- ***HKSAR v Francisco Susan Garces*** - STCC 900024/2025: obtained acquittal for the defendant who was a foreign domestic helper on a breach of condition charge
- ***HKSAR v Li Yin, Renee*** - ESCC 1151/2022: defended the accused on 4 charges of conspiracy to defraud charges in relation to an insurance fraud

Others

- ***Zurich Insurance Company Ltd v Yeung Sing Hai*** - HCMP 1143/2023: acted for insurance company to avoid the private motor vehicle insurance policy under s.10(3) of the Motor Vehicles Insurance (Third Party Risks) Ordinance (Cap.272)
- ***COG v ES*** - HCMP 172/2022: in relation to the enforcement of arbitral award
- ***Li Guandi v Ho Sik Yuen*** - HCA 22/2023, HCMP 41/2023: successfully struck out/dismiss the plaintiff's claim
- ***CLSA Ltd v Ling Chi Contracting Ltd*** - DCCJ 1405/2020: represented the insurer plaintiff in opposing of the introduction of expert evidence by the defendant

Education

PCLL, University of Hong Kong (2019)

LLB, University of Hong Kong (2018)

Scholarship and Prizes

Patrick Yu Memorial Scholarship (2024)

Champion & Best Speaker, Criminal Law Mooting Competition, Haldanes Solicitors and Notaries and University of Hong Kong (2019)

Dean’s Honour List (2018)

Best Team (2nd runner-up), The 8th Cross-straits Enterprise M&A Mooting Competition (2018)

LexisNexis Book Prize for Legal Research Skills (2016)

Appointments and Public Office

HKSAR Government

- Member, Competition Commission (2026-)
- Member, District Youth Community Building Committee, Central and Western (2025-)
- Member, Appeal Board (Hotel and Guesthouse Accommodation) (2024-)
- Member, Appeal Board (Clubs (Safety of Premises)) (2024-)
- Member, Appeal Board (Bedspace Apartments) (2024-)
- Adjudicator, Registration of Persons Tribunal (2023-)
- Member, Area Committee (Central and Western District - Sheung Wan & Sai Ying Pun) (2024-2026)
- Member, District Youth Development and Civic Education Committee, Central and Western (2023-2025)
- Member, Commission on Children (2018-2024)
- Member, Advisory Committee on Legal Advice for Unrepresented Litigants (2018-2020)
- Member, Panel of Advisers on Film Censorship (2018-2019)

Hong Kong Bar Association

- Member/Assistant Secretary, Practice Committee on Mediation (2023-)
- Member, Practice Committee on Criminal Law and Procedure (2023-)
- Member, Standing Committee on Legal Education (2021-)
- Member, Standing Committee on Practice Development (2021-)
- Member, Practice Committee on Company Law (2021-2026)
- Member, Standing Committee on Mainland Affairs (2023-2026)
- Member, Practice Committee on Competition Law (2021-2023)

Part-time Lecturer in Civil Advocacy, PCLL and Legal Research and Writing I & II, Department of Law, University of Hong Kong (2021-)

Visiting Lecturer at Peking University Faculty of Law, "Common Law-Public Law Course", hosted jointly by Peking University and the Hong Kong Bar Association (2025-)

Sir Edward Youde Scholars Association

- Chair (2025-)
- Vice Chair (2023-2025)

Languages

English, Cantonese, Putonghua