

## CURRICULUM VITAE



**Name** SO Shiu Tsung, Thomas (蘇紹聰)

**Occupation** Solicitor, Partner with Mayer Brown JSM

### **Qualification**

LL.B., University of Hull (1985)

LLM in International Commercial Law, University of Hong Kong (1993)

LL.B., Bachelor Degree in Laws, The China University of Political Science & Law, Beijing (1997)

Doctor of Laws, Tsinghua University, Beijing (2005)

Admitted to practise in Hong Kong (1988), England & Wales (1991) (non-practising), Australia - ACT (1991), Australia - High Court (1991), Singapore (1993) and the People's Republic of China (2009)

China-Appointed Attesting Officer (2003)

### **Experience**

Advises on debt recovery and liquidation related litigation, property-related litigation, libel litigation and media related litigation work, litigation and arbitration in the PRC.

Represents banks and financial institutions, property developers, leading newspapers and magazines, and corporations as well as mainland enterprises on securities and equity-related disputes.

Acted as Deputy Judge at District Court for the period 18/11/2002 – 13/12/2002.

Acted as Temporary Deputy Registrar at High Court for the period 8/12/2003 - 10/1/2004.

### **Key deals and transactions**

Prevention of bribery – represented a leading newspaper against the Government in relation to a prosecution laid under Section 23 of the Prevention of Bribery Ordinance. The case eventually went to Privy Council in London.

Shareholders' dispute – defending one of the leading securities firms in Hong Kong in a liquidation and shareholders dispute

suit.

Breach of sale and purchase agreement – represented property developers in a high profile case that went to Court of Appeal involving arguments on the acceptable method of tender and available remedies to the winning party in lieu of a specific performance order.

Arbitration – represented a listed company in a HK Arbitration in which the other side is a PRC corporation involving a claim of over HK\$400 million. Governing law of the Contract is PRC law.

Recovery action – represented the Liquidation Committee of a PRC enterprise in Hong Kong.

## **Membership**

Chairman of Law Society of Hong Kong's Standing Committee on Compliance

Council Member of Law Society of Hong Kong

Accredited Mediator on the Panel of the Law Society of Hong Kong

China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission Panel of Arbitrator

Fellow of Chartered Institute of Arbitrators

Arbitrator of Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre

Vice-President and Accredited Mediator of Hong Kong Mediation Centre

Accredited Mediator of Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre

Honorary Legal Adviser of Hong Kong Press Council Limited

Council Member of Hong Kong Management Association

Member of the District Court Rules Committee

Member of High Court Rules Committee

Assessment Panel Member of the Social Registration Board (1/4/2009 - 31/3/2012)

Visiting Professor of Southwest University of Political Science and Law

**Articles published in the PRC**

香港民事訴訟中的訴訟費擔保制度 published in 28 August 2004 issue of 《現代法學》

沒有法定最低資本額的香港公司 published in September 2004 at 2004 清華大學商法國際會議論文集

香港民事訴訟中的款項繳存法院制度 published in 30 September 2004 issue of Studies in Law and Business (《法商研究》第 21 卷)

論香港與內地法院間對判決的相互承認及執行 published in 5 February 2005 issue of Hebei Law Science (《河北法學》第 2 期)

**Articles published in Hong Kong**

論香港與內地法院間對判決的相互承認及執行 published in 25 April 2005 issue of China Lawyer

The Recognition and Enforcement of Civil Judgments between the Mainland and Hong Kong published in April 2005 issue of Hong Kong Lawyer

Defaming the Dead published in the August 2006 issue of Hong Kong Lawyer

Arrangement on Reciprocal Recognition and Enforcement of Judgments in Civil and Commercial Matters by the Courts of Mainland and of the HKSAR: Does it Solve All the Problems? published in January 2007 issue of Hong Kong Lawyer

**Language Skills**

Fluent in both English, Cantonese and Putonghua. Able to communicate in written Chinese