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Date of Birth: 6 April 1960

Present Position: Partner, Head of Asia Telecommunications, Media and Technology (TMT) Practice Group

### **Dispute Resolution Training & Experience**

*Solicitor* - England and Wales and Hong Kong

*Practice*

1984 - 1989 - Hong Kong

1989 – 1991 - London

1991- - Hong Kong

*Experience* - Partner, Herbert Smith Commercial Litigation Department since 1991

- Head of Herbert Smith Asia TMT Group

### **Major Matters**

Acting for Hong Kong Airport Authority in relation to cargo operator aspects of problems encountered on the opening of Hong Kong's new airport in 1998.

Acting for CLP Power and CLP Telecom in matters concerning telecommunications regulation.

Acting for Motion Picture Association of America and Hollywood film studios in relation to copyright and trademark piracy in Hong Kong and enforcement of piracy on internet.

Advising the MPAA and Hollywood studios in relation to internet enforcement in Hong Kong, China and Thailand.

Acting for STAR TV, TVB, ATV, Wharf Cable and HK-IMS in relation to copyright licensing issues.

Acting for the International Federation of the Phonographic Industry in relation to piracy of sound record recordings.

Acting for Microsoft Corporation in relation to copyright and trademark piracy in Hong Kong and elsewhere.

*Member of* - Hong Kong Law Society Technology & Management Committee

Asian Patent Attorneys Association

International Trademark Association

### **Career**

1978-1981 - LLB in law Bristol University

1982-1984 - Trainee Solicitor, Herbert Smith (London and Hong Kong)

1984- - Admitted as a solicitor in England and Wales and Hong Kong,

Assistant Solicitor, Herbert Smith Hong Kong

1989- - Assistant Solicitor, Herbert Smith London

1991- - Partner, Herbert Smith London

1991-2002 - Partner, Herbert Smith Hong Kong

### **References**

Who's Who in the Law Hong Kong 1997-2000

Euromoney World's Leading Litigation and Trademark Lawyers