

ADVOC INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS LAW CONFERENCE 2019 HONG KONG, CHINA

- **Date:** 1 March 2019
- **Time:** 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Theme:** Commercial Litigation, Arbitration and Enforcement
Issues in Asia Pacific and Beyond
- **Venue:** Oasis Room, 8/F, Renaissance Harbour View Hotel Hong
Kong



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We are delighted to host the “ADVOC International Business Law Conference” in Hong Kong, China on Friday, 1 March 2019.

The Conference will be held at the Oasis Room (with panoramic sea view) of Renaissance Harbour View Hotel Hong Kong. This luxury hotel is adjacent to the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre, and is just a 3-minute walk (via a footbridge) from Central Plaza, the building in which our offices are located.

The Conference’s theme is: “Commercial Litigation, Arbitration and Enforcement Issues in Asia Pacific and Beyond”. This one full-day conference includes 4 sessions. The panelists/speakers are all legal experts within ADVOC network.

We have also arranged pre-conference activities (on Wednesday, 27 February 2019 and Thursday, 28 February 2019), a conference dinner (on Friday, 1 March 2019) and an optional Hong Kong heritage tour (on Saturday, 2 March 2019). Please refer to the Program for details.



3104-6, Central Plaza,
18 Harbour Road, Wanchai,
Hong Kong, China.



PROGRAM

Wednesday, 27 February, 2019

<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Venue</u>
18:30 – 21:30	(Optional activity) Drink & dine at a Brazilian-Japanese restaurant & bar (no host : pay your own meal) www.ikky.com/en/resaurant/6662/djapa#menu	DJAPA <i>G18-20, Lee Tung Avenue, Wanchai</i>
		

Thursday, 28th February, 2019

<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Venue</u>
13:00 –14:15	Lunch gathering of panelists/Junior Advoc <i>(hosted by Fred Kan & Co.)</i>	Yat Tung Heen Restaurant <i>2/F, Great Eagle Centre, 23 Harbour Road, Wanchai</i>
14:30 –16:30	Junior Advoc Meeting: <i>Legal issues in Social Media Marketing</i>  <i>Winning and retaining clients – developing a lucrative practice</i>	Kick-off Meeting : <i>ADVOC Dispute Resolution Practice Group</i>
		Fred Kan & Co.'s Conference Rooms <i>Suites 3104-06, Central Plaza, 18 Harbour Road, Wanchai</i>
17:30 –18:15	Welcome Drinks	Fred Kan & Co.
18:30-20:30	Pre-conference Dinner	Dynasty Restaurant <i>3/F, Renaissance Harbour View Hotel</i>
		

Friday, 1st March, 2019

Full-day Conference (09: 00 – 17:00)

Theme: Commercial Litigation, Arbitration and Enforcement Issues in Asia Pacific and Beyond

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- 08:45 – 09:00 | Registration
- 09:00 – 09:15 | **Welcome Address**
Chris Ward, President of Advoc Asia, Managing Partner, Cooper Grace Ward
Fred Kan, Senior Partner, Fred Kan & Co.
- | **Opening Address**
Melissa Pang, President, The Law Society of Hong Kong
- 09:15 – 10:30 | **Session 1 – Civil Court Actions and Enforcement**
Panelists:
Fred Kan (Fred Kan & Co., Hong Kong, China) - moderator
Gina Wilson (Maddocks, Melbourne, Australia)
Worawut Anupornwattanakij (Apisith & Alliance Ltd., Bangkok, Thailand)
Hui Zuo (JT&N, Beijing, China)
Chelsea Li (JT&N, Beijing, China)
- 10:30 – 10:45 | Coffee break
- 10:45 – 12:00 | **Session 2 – IP Litigation and Protection**
Panelists:
Timothy Cheung (Fred Kan & Co., Hong Kong, China) - moderator
Cindy Goh (Chooi & Company + Cheang & Ariff, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia)
Brenda Wang (Shanghai United Law Firm, Shanghai, China)
Echo Liu (Zhuoxin Law Firm, Guangzhou, China)
- 12:00 – 12:15 | Q & A/Panel discussion
- 12:20 – 13:50 | Buffet Lunch at **Café Renaissance**

14:00 – 15:15	<p>Session 3 – <i>Winding-up Petition vs. Arbitration – Which shall prevail?</i></p> <p><u>Panelists:</u></p> <p>Tom Darbyshire (Kott Gunning Lawyers, Perth, Australia) - moderator John Sze (JTJB, Singapore) Alan Bennett (Ashfords, London, UK) Patrick Birney (Robinson & Cole, New York, USA) Daniel Alfredo (Legisperitus Lawyers, Jakarta, Indonesia)</p>
15:15 – 15:30	Coffee break
15:30 – 16:45	<p>Session 4 – <i>Arbitration: Choice of Law and Forum</i></p> <p><u>Panelists:</u></p> <p>Jude Benny (JTJB, Singapore) - moderator Tom Darbyshire (Kott Gunning, Perth, Australia) Fred Kan (Fred Kan & Co., Hong Kong, China) Feng Wang (Shanghai United Law Firm, Shanghai, China) John Sze (JTJB, Singapore)</p>
6:45 – 17:00	Q & A/Panel discussion
17: 00	End of conference
18:30	<p>Conference Dinner</p> <p><i>27/F, Club Lusitano, 16 Ice House Street, Central, Hong Kong.</i></p>



Optional Tour/Optional Activity

09:30 – 14:00

Heritage tour at Tai Kwun, the Centre for Heritage and Arts. Tai Kwun is situated in the restored Central Police Station, Central Magistracy and Victoria Prison (<https://www.taikwun.hk/en/>).

Lunch (with Champagne) at **Statement** (Hong Kong's British restaurant, at the old Police Headquarters Building, Tai Kwun)

15:30 – 18:00

Egg tart in butter cookies crust class (*up to 16 participants*) at Kee Wah Studio, **Wanchai** (<https://studio.keewah.com>). The Studio is located in a **Grade III historic building** recognized by the Antiquities and Monuments Office.



◀ Tai Kwun



Kee Wah Studio ▶



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PANELISTS' PROFILES

FRED KAN (FRED KAN & CO., HONG KONG, CHINA)

Fred Kan is the Senior Partner of Fred Kan & Co. He practised law in Toronto, Canada from 1969 to 1984 and has been practising law in Hong Kong since 1984.

In May 2016 Fred was admitted to The Law Society of Hong Kong's Roll of Honour in recognition of his distinguished service to the Law Society and to the development of the practice of law in Hong Kong.

Fred is the Immediate Past Chairman of the Belt and Road Committee of The Law Society of Hong Kong. He was a Council Member of the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre. Fred has been appointed as an arbitrator by the HKIAC and the International Chamber of Commerce. He is also an accredited mediator in Hong Kong.

JUDE P BENNY (JTJB, SINGAPORE)

Jude Benny is one of the founding partners of Joseph Tan Jude Benny LLP.

Jude is an experienced litigator and has argued cases before the Singapore court that are landmark authorities and/or have become leading authorities. Jude has acquired extensive experience as both arbitration counsel and arbitrator in a wide area of commercial law including construction, infrastructure, off-shore, shipbuilding and corporate conflicts.

Jude sits as arbitrator in International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) arbitrations, and is a panel / accredited arbitrator of various other arbitration institutions.

GINA WILSON (MADDOCKS, MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA)

Gina Wilson is a Partner in Maddocks Dispute Resolution & Litigation practice and is an experienced commercial litigation lawyer, having represented many clients in Australian Federal and State Courts and the High Court of Australia. She has worked on a number of high profile matters and has extensive experience in managing significant litigation. Having advised clients for over 20 years, Gina has developed a strong commercial focus and regularly uses alternative dispute resolution techniques to achieve positive outcomes for her clients.

Gina's areas of expertise include contractual disputes, competition litigation, regulatory disputes, property related litigation and constitutional and administrative law litigation. She is regularly recognized for her work within Dispute Resolution in leading legal directories.

WORAWUT ANUPORNWATTANAKIJ (APISITH & ALLIANCE LTD., BANGKOK, THAILAND)

Worawut Anupornwattanakij is a Partner of Apisith & Alliance.

Worawut has a broad scope of practice. While he has extensive experience in litigation matters in civil and criminal cases, bankruptcy and business rehabilitation cases, labour cases and administrative cases, he has also represented clients on share and asset acquisition transactions in Thailand.

HUI ZUO (JT&N, BEIJING, CHINA)

Hui Zuo is experienced in foreign investment (including private placement and risk investment), real estate, infrastructure construction and international trade relief cases and is adept in dispute resolution for clients. Hui has been involved in a lot of domestic and foreign investment projects and has provided legal services for many major companies. She is also an expert in litigation and arbitration in China.

CHELSEA LI (JT&N, BEIJING, CHINA)

Chelsea Li is a specialist in foreign direct investment, with particular expertise in advising on cross-border transactions for both international investors coming into China and PRC enterprises investing offshore. She has substantial experience structuring joint ventures and acquisitions in various business sectors.

Chelsea has extensive experience in handling corporate and commercial transactions as well as acting as business advisor to corporate directors and investors.

TIMOTHY CHEUNG (FRED KAN & CO., HONG KONG, CHINA)

Timothy Cheung is a senior lawyer of Fred Kan & Co. and has been practising law for over 20 years. He has also been registered with China's Ministry of Justice as Hong Kong Legal Advisor.

Timothy's areas of practice are Intellectual Property, Employment, Data Protection, Commercial and Litigation. His IP practice covers both contentious and non-contentious matters. He has acted for many brands and IP owners to protect and enforce their IP rights in various jurisdictions.

ECHO LIU (ZHUOXIN LAW FIRM, GUANGZHOU, CHINA)

Echo Liu is a Partner of Zhouxin Law Firm. Her scope of practice covers Company Law, Intellectual Property, Enterprise Bankruptcy Law, Contract Law and Labour Law of China.

Echo has handled a lot of disputes covering intellectual property, contract, labour and other civil and commercial matters. She acts as the advocate for many Chinese and foreign companies before various courts in China.

Echo also provides legal advice regularly to many renowned companies for compliance with laws and regulations in China.

CINDY GOH (CHOOI & COMPANY + CHEANG & ARIFF, KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA)

Cindy Goh is the IP and Litigation Partner heading the IP Department in Chooi & Company + Cheang & Ariff, one of the largest firms in Malaysia. Her areas of specialization include IP, corporate litigation, commercial disputes and tax litigation.

Cindy has also been involved in various overseas projects including arbitration proceedings and contract advisory services. She is the Chairperson of the IP Committee of the Malaysian Bar and a committee member in various IP organizations. Cindy has been consistently named as a leading lawyer in Malaysia by several independent publications. Chambers Asia Pacific has commented, '*Market sources describe her as effective, efficient and dynamic in court*'. She was described in Managing IP as '*highly knowledgeable in the area of IP laws, and she is practical and effective*'.

BRENDA WANG (SHANGHAI UNITED LAW FIRM, SHANGHAI, CHINA)

Brenda Wang is currently a Partner of Shanghai United Law Firm. She is also qualified to practice in the State of New York, USA. Her scope of practice covers IP, entertainment, and competition law, especially relating to commercial litigation and dispute resolution.

Brenda is an experienced litigator and has successfully argued cases before general and specific IP courts around China.

TOM DARBYSHIRE (KOTT GUNNING LAWYERS, PERTH, AUSTRALIA)

Tom Darbyshire has been a Partner of Kott Gunning since 2002 and was Managing Partner between 2008 and 2012. His area of practice is commercial litigation with an emphasis on insolvency, competition and consumer law, conflicts of law and e-commerce.

Tom has extensive experience as a litigator and has appeared as Counsel in various State and Federal Courts in Australia.

JOHN SZE (JTJB, SINGAPORE)

John Sze has been a Partner at JTJB since 2010 and the firm's Deputy Managing Partner since 2015. John handles mainly commercial litigation work, splitting his time between Court litigation and arbitration practices. His main litigation fields are maritime, international trade and insolvency disputes.

John has acted as lead counsel in arbitrations seated in Singapore, Hong Kong and London, and has appeared at all levels of the Singapore Courts. John is qualified as an Advocate and Solicitor in Singapore, as well as a Solicitor of England and Wales.

ALAN BENNETT (ASHFORDS, LONDON, UK)

Alan Bennett is a Partner in the Restructuring and Insolvency Team of Ashfords.

Alan advises both overseas and UK insolvency practitioners, directors, lenders and individuals on a range of insolvency issues, recognition of foreign insolvency proceedings, tracing and recovery of assets, overseas, restructuring & business and asset sales.

Alan is highly regarded for his expert handling of cross-border insolvency matters.

PATRICK BIRNEY (ROBINSON & COLE, NEW YORK, NY, USA)

Patrick Birney's practice is focused on transactional, litigation, and advisory work related to the debtor/creditor relationship, including restructurings, Chapter 11 bankruptcy cases, workouts and “prepackaged” Chapter 11 matters and commercial finance. He has extensive experience representing creditors, trustees, debtors, creditor’s committees and other parties in Chapter 11 restructurings and proceedings. Patrick also has a broad range of experience handling commercial litigation matters.

FENG WANG (SHANGHAI UNITED LAW FIRM, SHANGHAI, CHINA)

Feng Wang is a Senior Partner of Shanghai United Law Firm. His areas of practice mainly focus on FDI, finance law, and commercial dispute resolution.

Feng is an Arbitrator of China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission (CIETAC), the Shanghai Arbitration Commission (SAC) and its Shanghai Court of Financial Arbitration.

Feng is an experienced litigator and a recommended arbitrator by several arbitration commissions on issues of finance law.

DANIEL ALFREDO (LEGISPERITUS LAWYERS, JAKARTA, INDONESIA)

Daniel Alfredo is a Senior Partner of Legisperitus Lawyers and has been practicing law for more than 15 years. His practices focus on litigation, including commercial, criminal and restructuring proceedings.

Daniel is a member of PERADI (Indonesian Bar Association), in which he serves as Head of Sports and Arts for PERADI South Jakarta. He is also registered as Receiver and Administrator for bankruptcy and insolvency and a licensed Mediator of the National Mediation Centre.

