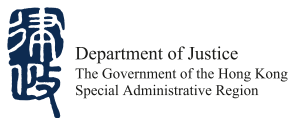


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Chief Judge of the High Court

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Joelle has nearly 20 years of experience including taking a lead advisory role in some of the most significant listings on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange. She had advised clients across a range of corporate finance, fund formation, private equity, and M&A (mergers and acquisitions) transactions. Joelle's extensive experience in Hong Kong Stock Exchange listings includes advising the underwriters on the listings of Luzhou Bank Co., Ltd., YCIH Green High-Performance Concrete Company Limited, China Zheshang Bank, Precision Tsugami (China) Corporation Limited, and Hanhua Financial Holdings Limited as well as advising the issuers on the listings of Evergreen Products Group Limited and Tsaker Chemical Group Limited. Prior to joining Jones Day, she advised the international underwriters on the IPO (initial public offering) of USD 22.1 billion of the Agricultural Bank of China, which remains one of the largest IPOs to date. Furthermore, Joelle advises on ongoing compliance matters for numerous listed issuers based in China. She also assists various private funds, corporate groups, State-owned enterprises, and private companies in their day-to-day legal and compliance matters. Joelle has practiced in New York, Hong Kong, and Singapore, and her private equity and private M&A experience spans these three jurisdictions. She assists investment funds in their formation and downstream investment work (including private investments in public equity). Joelle also advises AGIC Capital in their fund raisings and their investments in Italy, Germany, and the US. Joelle also acts for offerors and financial advisors in public M&A transactions in Hong Kong.



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Dr Anthony Neoh is a senior member of the Hong Kong Bar specialising in international litigation, arbitration and financial regulatory matters. In 1979, he commenced practice at the Hong Kong Bar after serving for 13 years in the Hong Kong Civil Service. From 1991 to 1994, he was a member of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange Council and its Listing Committee, and chaired its Disciplinary Committee and Debt Securities Group, and was Co-Chairman of the Legal Committee of the Hong Kong and China Listing Working Group. He was the chief architect of the legal structure for the listing of Chinese enterprises in Hong Kong. He is former Chairman of the Hong Kong Securities and Futures Commission from 1995 to 1998; during this time, he was the first Asian to be elected Chairman of the Technical Committee of the International Organization of Securities Commissions. From 1999 to 2004, he was Chief Advisor of the China Securities Regulatory Commission, at the personal invitation of former Premier Zhu Rongji. On 1 June 2018, Dr Neoh was appointed as Chairman of the Hong Kong Independent Police Complaints Council to serve a term of two years. He was the Convenor of the Hong Kong Monetary Authority (HKMA) Expert Group on the Finance Academy and now serves as Member of the HKMA Preparatory Committee for the Finance Academy. He is also the Co-Chairman of 2018 B20 Financing Growth and Infrastructure Task Force, and Co-Chairman of The China Securitization Forum.



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