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Nearly 20 years in legal practice and 7 years in top level national sports association management. Strong litigation, cross-border corporate experience in Hong Kong, China and several offshore jurisdictions. Dealt with high level regulatory investigations and dispute resolution cases. Speaks fluent English, Cantonese and Putonghua (Chinese).

Occupation Lawyer, Partner at Samuel L.C. Yang & Co

Year of Call 2000 – 2015 Barrister of the High Court of Hong Kong SAR
2015 – present Solicitor of the High Court of Hong Kong SAR
2014 – present Barrister and Solicitor of the High Court of the Republic of Fiji

Professional Appointments 2015 – present China-Appointed Attesting Officer
2015 – present Chairman of Appeal Tribunal Panel under section 45 of Buildings Ordinance (Cap. 123)
2017 – present Attestation Process Committee Member of the Association of China-Appointed Attesting Officers
2019 – present Disciplinary Panel A of the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants
2020 – present Cross-border Mediator and Consultant of Academy of Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (GBA) Joint Mediation
2020 – present Special Mediator (HK) of Intellectual Property Mediation Center of GBA
2020 – present Special Mediator (HK) of Jiangsu Nanjing Yuhua Court [Benchmark Chambers International & Benchmark International Mediation Center at Free Trade Zone (Nanjing District)]

Degree LLB (Hons), PCLL, University of Hong Kong
LLM (Chinese Law), Renmin University of China

Scholarships & Awards Dean's Honours List 1997/98, 1998/99
Linklaters & Paines' Prize in Trusts
Honorary Student 2015, Law Faculty, Renmin University of China
STEP Excellence Award Winner 2021, International Essay Route
Highest-scoring students worldwide

National Sports Association Experience:

- 2015-2021 Handball Association of Hong Kong, China**
Board Director 2015-2017
Chairperson of Executive Committee 2017-present
Hong Kong Beach Festival 2015 (Hon. Legal Advisor)
IHF TROPHY 2016 (Hon. Legal Advisor)
14th Asian Women's Junior Championship 2017, OC, Vice Chairperson
IHF TROPHY 2018 (Hon. Legal Advisor)
The 6th East Asian U22 (Men and Women) Handball Championships 2018 (Hon. Legal Advisor)
The 7th East Asian U22 (Men and Women) Handball Championships 2019 (Hon. Legal Advisor)
- 2016-2020 Volleyball Association of Hong Kong, China**
Independent director (2016-2020)
Volleyball/Beach Volleyball Coach Selection Appeals Commission (2018-)

International Legal Experience:

Elizabeth has been engaged to represent the Government of the Republic of Fiji ("Fiji Government") as advisor and prosecutor including:

- 2007-2008** Appointed on the legal advisory team to the Special Tribunal of Inquiry, investigating into charges of breach of constitution, treason and tax evasion by the Chief Justice Daniel Fatiaki
- 2007-2008;** Engaged as legal consultant to Fiji ICAC, assisted in the prosecutions of
2011-2018 officials suspected of corruption and abuse of office
- 2012-2013** Acted as prosecutor at trial and on appeals in State v Laisenia Qarase HAC 27/2009 on charges of abuse of office
- 2010-2014** Acting as prosecutor at trial and appeals in State v Mahendra Pal Chaudhry HAC 137/2010 on charges of money laundering and breach of foreign exchange controls
- 2013-2018** Acting as prosecutor in State v Bakani & Dakuidreketi HAC 26/2009 on charges of abuse of office relating to native land and public funds

Notable Recent Trust and Commercial Legal Experience:

- 2016** Acquisition of RMB 1.2b Harbin Commercial Mixed Use Development project
- 2018** Acquisition of USD 8m Irish pharmaceutical company
- 2018** Advised Hong Kong settlor on setting up offshore trust for a 2nd generation family business of Chiuchow Chinese descent
- 2018** Acquisition and financing of USD58m private jet for family business owner
- 2018-now** Act on behalf of Defendant against claim for 30% share of company holding ultimate asset of PRC shopping mall based on contract and constructive trust
- 2019** Advised settlor on setting up of offshore trust with initial trust assets estimated at USD112m situate in Hong Kong, China, UK and US
- 2019** Provided proposal to Dutch Chinese family on the use of corporate vehicles,

- will and trust for estate planning
- 2019** Advised settlor on setting up of offshore family trust with ultimate assets including PRC mooring piers held under BVI and HK corporate vehicles
- 2019** Acquisition of Cayman Island company shares, holding Hong Kong and PRC subsidiaries with ultimate asset of ceramic business, supervising and conducting due diligence, corporate record update and charge on shares
- 2020** Provided proposal to Vanuatu/Canadian Chinese client on the setting up of offshore family trust with a long term plan to emigrate to New Zealand
- 2020-** Advised and assisted family business setting up HK and PRC corporate structures, liaising with family clansmen, ascertaining and re-structuring land rights relating to over 45 plots of native land and new buildings thereon
- 2016-2020** Advised and witnessed over 70 wills, 20 Enduring Power of Attorney, significant number of Chinese notarial certificates on cross-border succession, handled various probate and administration applications including applications for deceased with foreign/PRC domicile and proof of foreign law, successful answers to objections raised by Probate Registrar on, inter alia, uncertainty in appointment of executors.

Recent Teaching and Public Speaking Experience:

- May 2018** Speaker at the 3rd World Hangzhou Entrepreneurs Convention, on globalization of Chinese legal profession
- Oct 2018** Taught full day module on “Wills, Succession and Trusts” to members of International Financial Planning Council (IFPC) in Hong Kong
- May 2019** Taught full day module on “Wills, Succession and Trusts” to IFPC
- Aug 2019** Delivered seminar on “Wills and Enduring Powers of Attorney” to agents at FTLife Insurance
- Oct 2019** Delivered seminar on “Enduring Powers of Attorney” at SunLife Insurance
- Oct 2019** Taught weeklong course for Fiji Independent Commission Against Corruption (FICAC) on “Prosecuting and Investigating Money Laundering”, covering use of corporate vehicles and trusts
- Feb, Nov 2020** Co-presented “Family Wealth and Harmony: Use of Wills and Trusts” in “Family Business” course for University of Science and Technology of Hong Kong MBA curriculum

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