

## **Rimsky Yuen, GBM, SC, JP**



### **Professional qualifications**

- Call: 1987 (HK)
- Inner Bar: 2003
- Advocate and Solicitor of Singapore: 1995
- Panel Arbitrator of the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre
- Panel Arbitrator of International Investment Arbitrators of the China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission.
- Panel Arbitrator of the Shenzhen Court of International Arbitration
- Accredited Mediator of the Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution
- Accredited Mediator of the Hong Kong Mediation Accreditation Association Limited
- Senior International Mediation Expert of the Mainland-Hong Kong Joint Mediation Centre
- Designated Hong Kong Mediator for disputes between Mainland investors and Hong Kong under the mediation mechanism established by the Mainland and Hong Kong under the Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement (CEPA) Investment Agreement

### **Education**

- LLB (Hons) (University of Hong Kong)
- PCLL (University of Hong Kong)
- LLM in Chinese and Comparative Law (City University of Hong Kong)

### **Practice profile**

- Prior to 1 July 2012, Rimsky Yuen SC's practice was primarily commercial in nature with experience in various areas of commercial and related civil matters. The key areas of his practice included advisory and

court works relating to contract disputes, shareholders and partners disputes, corporate and personal insolvency, banking, insurance and international trade. Apart from acting as advocate in court or arbitral proceedings, Rimsky Yuen SC also from time to time acted as arbitrator in international arbitration and as mediator in commercial and other civil disputes.

- During the period from 1 July 2012 to 5 January 2018, Rimsky Yuen SC occupied the position as Secretary for Justice of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (“HKSAR”). In his capacity as Secretary for Justice, he acted as the chief legal adviser to the HKSAR Government overseeing five key areas of legal works: (1) civil disputes involving the HKSAR Government; (2) criminal prosecutions; (3) international law; (4) drafting of government legislation; and (5) legal policy matters (including the promotion of arbitration and mediation) as well as law reform. Major matters that he handled during this period included public law cases (such as judicial review applications involving constitutional, human rights and planning issues), commercial disputes involving the Government, regulatory matters relating to statutory bodies, international law matters (such as investment treaties, surrender of fugitives and assets recovery), as well as arbitration and mediation involving the Government.
- After his resignation as Secretary for Justice on 5 January 2018, Rimsky Yuen SC resumed private practice in April 2018 at Temple Chambers as barrister, arbitrator and mediator with special focus in commercial disputes. Since then, he has been appointed as arbitrator in various international arbitrations and has also been retained as advising counsel or advocate in various commercial disputes.

### **Key appointments and public office**

- Committee Member of the International Commercial Expert Committee, the International Commercial Court of the Supreme People’s Court, the People’s Republic of China (since 26.8.2018)
- Council Member of the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre (since 10.2018)
- Member of the Exchange Fund Advisory Committee (established under the Exchange Fund Ordinance (Cap. 66)) (since 1.9.2018)
- Advisory Board Member of the International Dispute Resolution & Risk

- Management Institute (since 23.8.2018)
- Secretary for Justice of the HKSAR Government (1.7.2012 – 5.1.2018)
  - Bencher of the Middle Temple (since 9.2015)
  - Justice of the Peace (since 2010)
  - Recorder of the Court of First Instance, High Court of the HKSAR (2006 – 6.2012)
  - Member of the Judicial Officers Recommendation Commission (2009 – 1.2018)
  - Chairman of the Hong Kong Bar Association (2007 – 2009)
  - Chairman of the Transport Advisory Committee (2010 – 2012)
  - Non-official Member of the Independent Commission Against Corruption Advisory Committee on Corruption (2009 – 2012)
  - Non-executive Director of Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Authority (2010 – 2012)
  - Council Member of the Hong Kong Institute of Education (2010 – 2012)