

JORC Report 2022

The 2022 Judicial Officers Recommendation Commission (“JORC”) Report gives an overview of JORC, and reports on its work during the year.

As part of our continued efforts towards environmental protection, we will only upload the Report on the [website](#) of the Judiciary.

Separately, there is a publication which provides an account of JORC, covering its constitution, functions, membership and operation, and also contains a description of the different levels of court and the various judicial offices on our [website](#).

Andrew Cheung
Chief Justice
Chairman of the Judicial Officers Recommendation Commission

Membership of JORC

1. In 2022, the Chief Executive re-appointed four members of JORC for a term of two years up to 30 June 2024 and appointed a new member to JORC for a term of one year and three months up to 30 June 2023. The membership in 2022 is listed below –

Ex officio chairman and member

The Honourable Chief Justice Andrew CHEUNG Kui-nung, GBM (Chairman)

The Honourable Ms Teresa CHENG Yeuk-wah, GBM, GBS, SC, JP (former Secretary for Justice) *[up to 30 June 2022]*

The Honourable Mr Paul LAM Ting-kwok, SBS, SC, JP (Secretary for Justice) *[from 1 July 2022]*

Judges

The Honourable Mr Justice Jeremy POON Shiu-chor
(from 11 January 2021 to 30 June 2022)
(from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2024)

The Honourable Madam Justice Carlye CHU Fun-ling
(from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2020)
(from 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2022)
(from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2024)

Barrister and solicitor

Mr Victor DAWES, SC (barrister)
(from 1 April 2022 to 30 June 2023)

Ms Melissa Kaye PANG, BBS, MH, JP (solicitor)
(from 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2023)

Persons not connected with the practice of law

Ms Anita FUNG Yuen-mei, BBS, JP
(from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2019)
(from 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2021)
(from 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2023)

Mrs Pamela CHAN WONG Shui, BBS, JP
(from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2020)
(from 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2022)
(from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2024)

Professor LIU Pak-wai, SBS, JP
(from 21 December 2018 to 30 June 2020)
(from 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2022)
(from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2024)

Secretary to JORC

2. Ms Esther LEUNG Yuet-yin, the Judiciary Administrator, has been appointed the Secretary to JORC since 20 July 2020.

Work of JORC

1. Discussions and decisions on recommendations on judicial appointments were made usually through meetings and occasionally by circulation of papers. In the year 2022, three meetings were held at which 11 papers were discussed. JORC passed resolutions on 41 recommendations on judicial appointments which were accepted by the Chief Executive, comprising 17 relating to new appointments, four relating to further employment and transfer to permanent and pensionable terms, 14 on renewal of contract, and six on extension of term of office. Details are at page 6.

Recommendations relating to new judicial appointments made in 2022

1. The 17 recommendations relating to new judicial appointments made by JORC in the year 2022 include one at the Court of Final Appeal, three at the High Court and 13 at the Magistrates' Courts. Details are shown in the tables below.

Court of Final Appeal	High Court		Magistrates' Courts
Judge from Another Common Law Jurisdiction	Recorder of the Court of First Instance	Senior Deputy Registrar of the High Court*	Magistrate
1	2	1	13

* Appointed to the rank of Senior Deputy Registrar of the High Court and to the post of Registrar of the Court of Final Appeal.

2. Apart from new judicial appointments, JORC also made 24 recommendations relating to renewal of contract, extension of term of office, further employment and transfer to permanent and pensionable terms at three different levels of court. Details are shown in the table below.

	High Court	District Court	Magistrates' Courts
Extension of term of office	1 (Senior Deputy Registrar of the High Court)	5 (District Judge)	-
Further employment and transfer to permanent and pensionable terms	-	-	1 (Principal Magistrate) 3 (Magistrate)
Renewal of contract	-	-	14 (Magistrate)

Judicial Appointments made on the recommendations of JORC in 2021 – 2022

1. On the recommendation of JORC, the Chief Executive made the following judicial appointments at different levels of court as set out in the ensuing paragraphs.

Court of Final Appeal

2. The Honourable Patrick Anthony KEANE, AC, KC was appointed Non-Permanent Judge from another common law jurisdiction of the Court of Final Appeal for three years from 6 April 2023 to 5 April 2026.

High Court

3. Two persons were appointed Recorders of the Court of First Instance of the High Court for three years from 1 May 2022 to 30 April 2025 –

Miss Maggie WONG Pui-kei, SC
Mr Derek CHAN Ching-lung, SC

4. Judge WONG King-wah was appointed to the rank of Senior Deputy Registrar of the High Court and to the post of Registrar of the Court of Final Appeal with effect from 1 June 2023.

District Court

5. Mr Dick HO Chin-pang was appointed District Judge with effect from 6 December 2022.

Magistrates' Courts

6. Eleven persons were appointed Magistrates –

With effect from 15 August 2022

Ms Charmaine LO Hong-wai
Ms Vivian HO Wai-han

With effect from 14 October 2022

Mr Philip CHAN Chee-fai
Mr TSANG Chung-yiu

With effect from 15 November 2022

Miss Vivian LEE Wai-wan

With effect from 15 December 2022

Mr TSANG Hing-tung
Mr Gary CHU Man-hon
Mr LI Ngai

With effect from 11 January 2023

Mr Kestrel LAM Tsz-hong

With effect from 27 February 2023

Miss Vienne LUK Wai-nga

With effect from 28 September 2023

Ms WONG Man-ni

Bio-data of the Chairman and Members of JORC

Chairman

The Honourable Chief Justice Andrew CHEUNG Kui-nung, GBM

Chief Justice Cheung read law at the University of Hong Kong, graduating with a Bachelor of Laws degree in 1983 and a Postgraduate Certificate in Laws in 1984. In 1985, he obtained a Master of Laws degree from Harvard Law School. He was called to the Hong Kong Bar in the same year, and in 1995 he was admitted as an Advocate and Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Singapore.

Chief Justice Cheung was in private practice in Hong Kong before joining the Judiciary as a District Judge in 2001. He started deputising as a Deputy High Court Judge in December 2001 and was appointed a Judge of the Court of First Instance of the High Court in 2003. Chief Justice Cheung was made the Probate Judge in 2004 and the Judge in charge of the Constitutional and Administrative Law List in 2008.

In 2011, Chief Justice Cheung was appointed the Chief Judge of the High Court and became the President of the Court of Appeal of the High Court. In October 2018, Chief Justice Cheung was appointed a Permanent Judge of the Court of Final Appeal. In January 2021, he was appointed the Chief Justice of the Court of Final Appeal.

Chief Justice Cheung was made an Honorary Bencher of Lincoln's Inn in 2017. He was awarded the Grand Bauhinia Medal in 2021.

Ex officio members

Secretary for Justice, The Honourable Teresa CHENG Yeuk-wah, GBM, GBS, SC, JP

(up to 30 June 2022)

Ms Teresa Cheng, SC, was appointed Secretary for Justice on 6 January 2018. She was a Senior Counsel in private practice before joining the Government. She is also a chartered engineer and chartered arbitrator. She was frequently engaged as arbitrator or counsel in complex international commercial or investment disputes.

Ms Cheng was one of the founders and Chairman of the Asian Academy of International Law. She is a Past Vice President of the International Council of Commercial Arbitration, Past Vice President of the ICC International Court of Arbitration and Past Chairperson of Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre. In 2008, she became the first Asian woman elected through a global election as President of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators. She served as Deputy Judge / Recorder in the Court of First Instance of the High Court of Hong Kong from 2011 to 2017. She is a member of the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes Panel of Arbitrators, and was a member of the World Bank's Sanctions Board.

Ms Cheng is a Fellow of King's College in London, and the Course Director of the International Arbitration and Dispute Settlement Course at the Law School of Tsinghua University in Beijing.

Secretary for Justice, The Honourable Paul LAM Ting-kwok, SBS, SC, JP

(start from 1 July 2022)

Mr Paul Lam, SC, was appointed Secretary for Justice on 1 July 2022.

Before joining the Government, Mr Lam was a Senior Counsel in private practice specialising in general civil and commercial proceedings, and has passed the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Legal Professional Examination. He was a former Vice-Chairman of the Hong Kong Bar Association from 2014 to 2017 and the Chairman from 2017 to 2018. He sat as a Deputy Judge of the High Court of Hong Kong for short periods each year since 2015. He was once enlisted in the Panel of Arbitrators of the Shenzhen Court of International Arbitration and The China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission, and was once appointed by the China University of Political Science and Law in Beijing as professor.

Mr Lam held a number of public service positions, such as Chairman of the Consumer Council, Chairman of the Administrative Appeals Board, Chairman of ICAC Operations Review Committee and Member of Independent Police Complaints Council.

Members

The Honourable Mr Justice Jeremy POON Shiu-chor

Mr Justice Poon obtained the Bachelor of Laws degree and the Postgraduate Certificate in Laws both from the University of Hong Kong in 1985 and 1986 respectively. He further acquired the Master of Laws degree from the University College London in the United Kingdom in 1987. He was called to the Hong Kong Bar in 1986 and was in private practice between 1988 and 1993.

Mr Justice Poon joined the Judiciary as Magistrate in 1993. He was appointed as Deputy Registrar, High Court in 1999, and as Judge of the Court of First Instance of the High Court in 2006. While in the Court of First Instance, Mr Justice Poon was appointed the Civil Listing Judge, the Probate Judge, the Judge in charge of the Mental Health List and the Family Law List. In 2015, he was appointed as Justice of Appeal of the Court of Appeal of the High Court. He has been appointed as the Chief Judge of the High Court since 18 December 2019.

Mr Justice Poon chairs or is a member of various committees and working parties within the Judiciary.

The Honourable Madam Justice Carlye CHU Fun-ling

Madam Justice Chu graduated from the University of Hong Kong with a Bachelor of Laws degree in 1982 and a Postgraduate Certificate in Laws in 1983. In 1984, she obtained a Master of Laws degree from London School of Economics and Political Science. She obtained a Master of Social Sciences degree in Criminology from the University of Hong Kong in 1994.

Madam Justice Chu was called to the Hong Kong Bar in 1983. She was in private practice before joining the Judiciary in 1991 as Magistrate. She was appointed as District Judge in 1995, Deputy Registrar of the High Court in 1997, Registrar of the High Court in 1999 and Judge of the Court of First Instance of the High Court in 2000. She was appointed as Justice of Appeal of the Court of Appeal of the High Court in 2011 and was appointed as a Vice-President of the Court of Appeal of the High Court in 2022.

Madam Justice Chu has been serving on various committees and working parties within the Judiciary. She is an Honorary Lecturer in the Department of Professional Legal Education of the Faculty of Law of the University of Hong Kong.

Mr Victor DAWES, SC
(start from 1 April 2022)

Mr Dawes, SC, read law at the London School of Economic and Political Science and graduated with a Bachelor of Laws degree in 1998. He then obtained his Postgraduate Certificate in Laws at the University of Hong Kong in 1999.

He was called to the Hong Kong Bar in 1999 and was appointed Senior Counsel in 2015. Mr Dawes is currently the Chairman of the Hong Kong Bar Association. He is also a Recorder of the Court of First Instance of the High Court and a non-executive director of the Securities and Futures Commission.

Ms Melissa Kaye PANG, BBS, MH, JP

Ms Pang is the Immediate Past President of the Law Society of Hong Kong. Ms Pang was elected the first female President of the Law Society of Hong Kong in 2018, and re-elected in 2019 and 2020. Ms Pang currently serves as Chairperson of Diversity and Inclusion Committee; Member of Standing Committee on Policy and Resources, External Affairs, Member Services and Mediation Committee. She was the Founding Chairperson of International Legal Affairs Committee and Pro Bono Committee.

Ms Pang is qualified to practise as a solicitor in Australia, England & Wales and Hong Kong. She is a Notary Public, Civil Celebrant, accredited mediator, Council Member of the Hong Kong Mediation Accreditation Association Limited and China Appointed Attesting Officer. Also, Ms Pang is the President of LAWASIA.

Ms Pang is the Chairman of the Family Council, the Hong Kong Press Council and the Agency for Volunteer Service. She is also a member of Operations Review Committee of the Independent Commission Against Corruption, Hong Kong Housing Authority and the Women's Commission. With her devotion to public service, Ms Pang was awarded the Medal of Honour by the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government in 2006, Justice of the Peace in 2010 and the Bronze Bauhinia Star in 2020.

Ms Anita FUNG Yuen-mei, BBS, JP

Ms Fung was Group General Manager of HSBC Holdings plc (2008 – 2015). She was former Chief Executive Officer Hong Kong of The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited (2011 – 2015).

Through her various positions, Ms Fung has actively promoted the development of Hong Kong's financial landscape as well as that of other regional markets. With her extensive experience in financial markets, she plays a key role in Renminbi (RMB) internationalisation and the development of Hong Kong as the leading offshore RMB centre.

Ms Fung has been actively involved in Public / Government sector. She is an Independent Non-Executive Director of Hang Lung Properties Limited, BOC Hong Kong (Holdings) Limited and its principal operating subsidiary, Bank of China (Hong Kong) Limited. She is a Director of M Plus Museum Limited, a Court Member of the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, and also a Steward of The Hong Kong Jockey Club.

In the past eight years, she was a Member of the Financial Infrastructure Sub-Committee of the Exchange Fund Advisory Committee of the Hong Kong Monetary Authority, a Member of the Hong Kong Housing Authority, a Council Member of the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, a board member of the West Kowloon Cultural District Authority, a Board Member of the Hong Kong Airport Authority, as well as an Independent Non-Executive Director of Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited.

Ms Fung obtained her Bachelor's degree in Social Science from The University of Hong Kong and Master's degree in Applied Finance from Macquarie University, Australia.

Ms Fung was awarded the Bronze Bauhinia Star in 2013 for her valuable contributions to the development of the banking industry in Hong Kong. She was appointed Justice of the Peace in 2015.

Mrs Pamela CHAN WONG Shui, BBS, JP

Mrs Chan has been an Independent Non-Executive Director of MTR Corporation since July 2013. She is Chairman of the Insurance Complaints Bureau, The Boys' and Girls' Clubs Association of Hong Kong and the Advisory Committee of the Department of Social and Behavioural Sciences of the City University of Hong Kong and Third Vice President of The Community Chest.

Mrs Chan was Chief Executive of the Consumer Council for 22 years. She was Chairman of the Hong Kong Deposit Protection Board, Deputy Chairman of the Hong Kong Baptist University Council and the Court, Chairman of the governing committee of Princess Margaret Hospital, etc.

On law related appointments, Mrs Chan was a member of the Law Reform Commission of Hong Kong, Standing Committee on Legal Education and Training as well as Postgraduate Certificate in Laws Academic Boards of University of Hong Kong and City University of Hong Kong.

Professor Liu Pak-wai, SBS, JP

Professor Liu is Distinguished Research Fellow and Professor Emeritus at The Chinese University of Hong Kong. He was formerly Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Professor of Economics and Founding Director of the Institute of Global Economics and Finance. He is currently a member of the Advisory Board of the Faculty of Law and a member of the Governing Board of The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Shenzhen and the Shenzhen Finance Institute.

Professor Liu received his Bachelor of Arts from Princeton University and Doctor of Philosophy in Economics from Stanford University. He was a Visiting Scholar of the Harvard-Yenching Institute (1981-82) and a Distinguished Fulbright Scholar in 2000-01.

Professor Liu is a Director of the Hong Kong Institute for Monetary and Financial Research of the Hong Kong Monetary Authority. He is an Independent Non-Executive Director of Hang Lung Group Limited and Transport International Holdings Limited. He was a Non-Executive Director of the Securities and Futures Commission.

Besides teaching, research and administration, Professor Liu has been active in public service. He is currently Chairman of Advisory Committee on Post-office Employment for Former Chief Executives and Politically Appointed Officials. He was a member of Chief Executive's Commission on Innovation and Technology; Commission on Strategic Development; Independent Commission on Remuneration Package and Post-office Arrangements for the Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region; Independent Commission on Remuneration for Members of the Executive Council and the Legislature, and Officials under the Political Appointment System of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region; Aviation Development Advisory Committee; Provisional Minimum Wage Commission; Independent Review Committee for the Prevention and Handling of Potential Conflicts of Interests and Working Group on Long-Term Fiscal Planning; among others.

Professor Liu was awarded the Silver Bauhinia Star in 1999 for "outstanding academic achievement and public service in Hong Kong". He was appointed Justice of the Peace in 2006.