

Future of Insolvency Law in Hong Kong

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BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS OF SPEAKERS

In Alphabetical Order by Last Name

Mr Sumant BARTA

Insolvency Law Academy, India

Sumant Batra is an insolvency lawyer of global eminence with three decades of experience in the areas of insolvency, bankruptcy and related laws. His work and contribution ranges from policy making to drafting of legislation and regulations, designing best practises to their disseminating, advising and representing clients to assisting the courts in development of jurisprudence, sharing knowledge through writing and speaking at conferences to curating and delivering capacity building programmes for stakeholders.

He is the only Indian to have been conferred the honour and election as an International Fellow by the American College of Bankruptcy. He developed an inclination towards policy work while observing his father develop the Parliamentary standing committee system in India during his long stint in the Lok Sabha Secretariat. His policy experience comes from being on multiple expert committees and working groups constituted by the Government of India, and a stint as a senior consultant with the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank Group, Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development, the Asian Development Bank and other developmental institutions.

Sumant holds the distinction of being the youngest and the first President of INSOL International from Asia. During his term of ten years on the Board of INSOL International, he was extensively involved in global bench marking and standard setting in the field of insolvency.

Dr Alwin CHAN

The University of Hong Kong, Faculty of Law

After calling to the bar in 2005, Alwin has developed a civil practice with emphasis to land and building management disputes. He joined The University of Hong Kong in 2015 and has since taught LLB, JD and PCLL courses, such as civil litigation, personal injuries, advocacy, professional practice & management, and land law.

In respect of research, Alwin is a co-author to ‘Private Takings of Land for Urban Redevelopment: A Tale of Two Cities‘ (2021) 69 (2) The American Journal of Comparative Law 295. He is a Co-Principal Investigator for Collaborative Research Fund for 2021/22 on “HK Insolvency Restructuring Law and Policy in Times of COVID-19 and Beyond” (led by

Professor Wai-Yee Wan), of which his focus is on the behaviour (and its implications) of landlords and tenants under the pandemic. Recently, he has successfully completed his PhD thesis on property rights and urban renewal ‘takings’ in Hong Kong.

In respect of service to the legal profession, Alwin has been an examiner in the PCEA Conversion Exam for Hong Kong Land Law since 2022, and is currently serving on the High Rights of Assessment Board. He co-authored the new volume (Vol. 18(1)) on Conveyancing in the Halsbury Laws of Hong Kong, and is an annotator for the Annotated Ordinance of Hong Kong: Conveyancing and Property Ordinance (Cap 219). Alwin was also a consultant to the Task Force for the Study on Tenancy Control of Subdivided Units in 2020-21, and the recommendations were largely adopted in the Landlord and Tenant (Consolidation) Amendment Bill 2021, which is now Part IVA of the LTCO.

Dr Wilson CHAN

City University of Hong Kong, College of Business

Dr. Chan is an Adjunct Professor of College of Business and Associate Director of MBA Programme of City University of Hong Kong, the Co-Convener of the Green & Sustainable Finance Committee of The UNESCO Hong Kong Association, a member of the Disciplinary Committee of the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants and a member of Academic and Accreditation Advisory Committee of the Securities and Futures Commission. He is also a Senior Consultant and Deputy Chairman of the Publications Sub-Committee of the Hong Kong Institute of Bankers.

Regarding the Belt and Road Initiative and the development of Greater Bay Area, Dr. Chan has been the hosts of radio programmes related to these topics at Metoradio and RTHK for years, while many relevant articles on these subjects have also been published. Dr. Wilson Chan holds three Master Degrees and a Doctor of Business Administration.

Mr Alan HH CHEUNG

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Mr. Alan H. H. Cheung holds a Bachelor of Commerce degree (major in International Business) from University of Victoria in Canada, a Master of Professional Accounting degree from The Open University of Hong Kong and a Master of Finance in Taxation degree from Jinan University in Guangzhou, China. Prior to joining our team, Alan gained his experience through working at the Corporate Restructuring and Insolvency Department of Kennic L. H. Lui & Co.,

Tax Services Department of Ernst & Young and the head of the Corporate Restructuring and Insolvency Department of YWC & Partners and Libra CPA Limited..

He specializes in insolvency assignments, such as companies winding-ups and individual voluntary arrangements, as well as Hong Kong tax, in both compliance and advisory. Alan has more than 8 years of hands-on experience in insolvency matters and 3 years of hands-on experience in dealing with the Hong Kong Inland Revenue Department. Alan is also a member of Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (“HKICPA”), The Taxation Institute of Hong Kong, Restructuring and Insolvency Faculty of the HKICPA and INSOL International, an international association of restructuring, insolvency and bankruptcy professionals.

Mr Daniel Chow

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Daniel Chow has more than 27 years of financial reporting, corporate restructuring and investigation experience, including internal investigations, litigation support, liquidations, receiverships, financial reviews and personal insolvencies. His industry experience includes real estate, building management, electronic manufacturing, apparel and retail.

As a chartered secretary, Daniel is knowledgeable in the requirements of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange (“HKSE”) listing rules and other relevant financial regulations. He possesses hands-on experience in managing corporate finance related matters and has advised on the provisional liquidations and receiverships of several HKSE listed companies, as well as assisted in the successful resumption of trading for several HKSE listed companies (both on the Main and GEM Boards).

In addition to assisting distressed listed companies in debt restructuring and trading resumption, Daniel is experienced in conducting investigations and providing litigation support, including investigating and reporting for listed companies on transactions with qualified opinions from relevant regulatory agencies or auditors and assisting listed companies in internal control review as requested by the regulatory agencies. Daniel is also involved in various financial investigations and reporting for group companies on fund flows of their subsidiaries or joint ventures.

Daniel is also experienced in taking on appointments arising from family and shareholders’ disputes and is able to provide independent advice and pragmatic solutions to resolve situations and disputes. He has handled numerous liquidation and receivership appointments in Hong Kong, the British Virgin Islands, Bermuda, the Cayman Islands and Samoa, and has conducted corporate workout, restructuring, operational turnaround and due diligence assignments in Hong Kong, Mainland China, Taiwan and Singapore.

Daniel is currently serving as Deputy Chair of the Executive Committee of the Restructuring and Insolvency Faculty of the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants and a member of its three sub-committees (Industry Standards and Best Practices, Member Services and Technical sub-committees). In addition, Daniel is the Treasurer and a member of the Professional Development Committee and Education Committee of the Hong Kong Institute of Chartered Secretaries. He also serves as a Director and Treasurer of the Hong Kong Chapter of the Association of the Certified Fraud Examiners and a member of the Membership and Continuing Professional Development Committees and Disciplinary Tribunal of the Taxation Institute of Hong Kong; and a committee member of the Small and Medium Law Firms Association of Hong Kong.

Dr Andrew Godwin

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Andrew Godwin is a Principal Fellow and Associate Professor (Honorary) at Melbourne Law School. Prior to joining Melbourne Law School as a member of the academic staff in 2007, Andrew was in legal practice for over 15 years, 10 of which were spent in Shanghai as a partner of an international law firm. Andrew works and researches in the area of financial regulation, financial services law, insolvency law, property law and the regulation of the legal profession. Andrew has published extensively in both academic and professional journals. He is a co-author of *Sackville & Neave Australian Property Law* (LexisNexis, 11th Edition, 2021) and a co-editor of *Research Handbook on Asian Financial Law* (Edward Elgar, 2020), *The Cambridge Handbook of Twin Peaks Financial Regulation* (Cambridge University Press, 2021) and *Technology and Corporate Law* (Edward Elgar, 2021).

Andrew is currently assisting the Australian Law Reform Commission as Special Counsel and Acting General Counsel in its inquiry into the simplification of corporations and financial services regulation in Australia.

Associate Professor Akshaya KAMALNATH

Australian National University, College of Law

Dr Akshaya Kamalnath is an Associate Professor at the ANU College of Law. Prior to joining ANU, she has been a lecturer at AUT in New Zealand, and Deakin University. Akshaya has law degrees from New York University (LLM), Deakin University (PhD), and NALSAR India (BA.LLB(Hons)).

Akshaya's research and teaching interests focus on the broad themes of corporate law, corporate governance, corporations and society, and corporate insolvency and her work is often comparative in nature. Prior to joining academia, Akshaya worked in a leading corporate law firm in India.

Akshaya's doctoral thesis focused on gender diversity on corporate boards. Akshaya has published in legal journals in UK, Australia, United States, and elsewhere. Her blog posts have also featured in the Conversation, [Oxford Business Law Blog](#), [Columbia Blue Sky Blog](#), and [Harvard Law School Forum of Corporate Governance](#).

Dr Kelvin KWOK

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Kelvin HF Kwok is Associate Professor of Law at The University of Hong Kong. He is also Deputy Director of the Asian Institute of International Financial Law and Professorial Fellow of the Law and Technology Centre.

He specialises in the comparative, economic and philosophical analysis of competition and consumer law and policy, with particular interest in technology-related issues. His monograph on Hong Kong competition law (co-authored with Thomas Cheng) will soon be published by Cambridge University Press.

He has advised on a wide range of competition and consumer matters as a practising barrister at Des Voeux Chambers, a non-governmental advisor to the International Competition Network, and a co-opted member of the Consumer Council.

Mr Michael Li

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Michael has extensive work experience in auditing, accounting and corporate finance. Prior to join Zhonghui Anda, he worked in one of the Big 4 International accounting Firm and subsequently held various finance positions in the commercial sector.

Michael is sophisticated in serving clients engaging in property development, logistic & transportation services, trading & exploration of natural resources, manufacturing & retailing of consumer goods, as well as State-Owned Enterprise and conglomerates. Meanwhile, Michael also possessed well vested experiences in handling Pre-IPO case and similar fund-raising activities from both issuer, reporting accountant, buy or sell side's perspective. He has exposure in dealing with overseas stock Exchange like NYSE, TSX and KOSDAQ.

Michael holds a Master of Law Degree from King's College London, United Kingdom. He also possessed a Master of Science Degree in Professional Accountancy from University of London, United Kingdom. He is Fellow Member of The Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants and The Association of Chartered Certified Accountants. Michael also possessed professional qualifications in valuation and surveying from the The International Association of Certified Valuation Specialists, Canada and The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, United Kingdom.

Professor LI Che Lan Linda

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Professor Linda Chelan Li is Professor of Political Science at the Department of Public Policy, City University of Hong Kong. She stresses the role of collaboration as well as conflict in understanding politics and public policy. Her major areas of research include intergovernmental relations, government reforms, public finance, cross-border relations and sustainable development. Some major works include *Centre and Provinces: China, 1978-1993*. *Power as non-zero-sum* (Oxford, Clarendon, 1998), *Towards Responsible Government in East Asia* (Routledge, 2009), *Rural Tax Reform in China* (Routledge, 2012), and more recently, *Co-evolution of Hong Kong's Professional Services and the Belt and Road Initiative* (in Chinese, 2019), and *Facts and Analysis: Canvassing Covid-19 Responses* (2021), both by City University of Hong Kong Press.

Professor Li is the founding director of Research Centre for Sustainable Hong Kong (CSHK) at City University of Hong Kong, which espouses the aim of conducting cross-disciplinary and cross-sector applied research with real-life impacts in Hong Kong and the Region. Professor Li is currently leading "CSHK on Covid-19", a collaborative project under CSHK to collate and analyze essential data on the case developments and policy response of different jurisdictions to Covid-19, with participation of a cross-national team spanning Europe, Asia and America.

Dr Stefan LO

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Stefan was educated in Australia and is a graduate of the University of Sydney. Prior to joining the Faculty of Law at the University of Hong Kong, he was a Deputy Principal Government Counsel (Ag) at the Department of Justice (DoJ), heading the team in the Civil Division responsible for advising the Government on company law reform. Previously, he had practised

law as a solicitor and barrister in Sydney and had also taught law as Assistant Professor at the School of Law of the City University of Hong Kong.

Stefan specialises in corporate and insolvency law. He was involved in law reform at DoJ for over 10 years, predominantly advising in connection with the Companies Ordinance Rewrite, the Corporate Insolvency Law Improvement Exercise and the Statutory Corporate Rescue Procedure. Aside from working in Government law reform, Stefan has also researched and written widely in the corporate law field. One area of research focus has been corporate accountability, including in particular the duties and liabilities of corporate controllers (directors and controlling shareholders) in respect of corporate wrongdoing. His publications in this area include *In Search of Corporate Accountability: Liabilities of Corporate Participants* (Cambridge Scholars, 2015). Stefan is also author of *Law of Companies in Hong Kong*, presently in its 3rd edition (Sweet and Maxwell, 2018) and is General Editor of *Company Law in Hong Kong – Vol 1 Practice and Procedure* and *Vol 2 Insolvency* (Sweet and Maxwell) and *Hong Kong Company Law – Legislation and Commentary* (LexisNexis).

Professor Alexander LOKE

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Professor Kelvin LOW

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Kelvin F.K. Low read law at the National University of Singapore and Oxford University and started his academic career at the National University of Singapore. Prior to rejoining his alma mater, he taught at the University of Hong Kong, Singapore Management University, and City

University of Hong Kong. Kelvin's research interest spans the field of private law but with a particular interest in property, broadly defined. He has published internationally with leading journals such as the Law Quarterly Review, the Modern Law Review, the International & Comparative Law Quarterly, the American Journal of Comparative Law, Melbourne University Law Review, Lloyd's Maritime and Commercial Law Quarterly and Legal Studies. He is a co-author of the 2nd edition of The Law of Personal Property, the leading personal property text in the Commonwealth and co-author of the 3rd and 4th editions of Tan Sook Yee's Principles of Singapore Land Law, the leading Singapore land law text. His works have been cited by the courts in Australia, Canada, England and Wales, Hong Kong SAR, Malaysia, New Zealand, and Singapore as well as law commissions and law reform bodies in Australia, England and Wales, Ireland, New Zealand, Scotland, and Singapore. His article on legal taxonomy is a prescribed reading in the Legal Research Method Seminar for Oxford's DPhil. He has previously held editorial positions with the Singapore Journal of Legal Studies, the Singapore Year Book of International Law, Hong Kong Law Journal, and Property Law Review and is presently a Co-Editor of Trust Law International and is the Co-Editor-in-Chief for the Asia Pacific Law Review. He has served as a referee for leading journals across the Commonwealth, including Law Quarterly Review, Modern Law Review, Cambridge Law Journal, Legal Studies, Journal of Equity, Melbourne University Law Review, Sydney Law Review, and the Hong Kong Law Journal, as well as for the Leverhulme Trust. In 2019, he was inducted as an Academician into the International Academy of Estate and Trust Law. He has served in various key administrative roles since 2005, including Acting Director of Student Exchange and Director of Mixed Degrees at the University of Hong Kong, Associate Dean (External Relations) at Singapore Management University, and LLB Programme Director at City University of Hong Kong. He also served as the External Member for the University of Hong Kong's Juris Doctor Programme Review Panel in 2018.

Mr Ian MANN

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Mr. Ian Mann a barrister by training, Ian Mann is a leading offshore litigator, senior tactician and thought leader. He is the long term head of Harneys' Offshore Litigation and Restructuring Department in Hong Kong.

Ian lectures regularly to judicial, professional and academic bodies. He is the author of both of the leading offshore textbooks on British Virgin Islands Commercial Law and Bermuda Commercial Law (Sweet & Maxwell Thomson Reuters), and is a contributor to The Offshore Litigation Blog, a Harneys blog that shares news and views about litigation, dispute resolution, restructuring and insolvency offshore. He is a Fellow of INSOL International as well as a

qualified Trusts and Estates Practitioner (TEP). He is regularly asked to provide his expert opinion on offshore law to various Courts of Law.

Ian specialises in restructuring, insolvency, shareholders' disputes and contentious trusts. He is an experienced advocate and continues to appear in Court regularly. He has been involved in every major recent restructuring in the region involving offshore entities and is a specialist in cross border and conflict of laws dilemmas. He was appointed as BVI Counsel to the Estate of Nina Wang and has been involved in some of Asia's highest value contentious Estate litigation. He regularly appears on behalf of elite families and is usually retained on a long term basis for strategic global offshore litigation advice.

Ian is ranked as a leading offshore lawyer by Chambers and Legal 500 and is recognised as being amongst the world's leading asset recovery, restructuring & insolvency and private client lawyers by Who's Who Legal 2016. He is also one of ten offshore lawyers recognised for client service in Asia by Asian Legal Business for 2017.

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Gerard's research interests are in the corporate and commercial field, with particular emphasis on the interaction of law and business, as well as in property law and the harmonisation of law.

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He has acted as policy advisor and expert for the European Commission, the European Parliament, the World Bank, the OECD, UNIDROIT, the Financial Stability Board, the EBRD, national governments, courts, parliaments and LawTech start-ups. He received his education at Cambridge (LLM), Heidelberg (PhD, undergraduate) and Hamburg (Habilitation, court clerkship).

Professor WAN Wai Yee

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Wai Yee WAN is Associate Dean (Research and Internationalisation) and Professor, School of Law, City University of Hong Kong. Prior to joining City University of Hong Kong in January

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Prior to joining academia in 2005, she was a partner at Allen & Gledhill in Singapore, where she practised in mergers and acquisitions and equity capital markets. Her main areas of research are in corporate law, mergers and acquisitions, securities regulation, financial consumer regulation and global restructuring and insolvency.

Her publications have appeared in books and in international peer-reviewed legal journals, including American Journal of Comparative Law, Journal of Empirical Legal Studies, European Business Organisations Law Review, Journal of Corporate Law Studies, Journal of Business Law, Company and Securities Law Journal and Lloyds' Maritime and Commercial Law Quarterly. In 2022, she published a monograph by Hart Publishing, Court-Supervised Restructurings of Large Distressed Companies in Asia: Law and Policy. In 2021, at CityU, she has successfully obtained the Collaborative Research Fund award of HKD3.11 million for the project "Hong Kong Insolvency and Restructuring Law and Policy in Times of COVID-19 and Beyond" (as Project Coordinator). Her research findings have been relied on in consultation papers involving law and regulatory reforms locally and internationally. She is on the editorial boards of International Insolvency Review, Australian Journal of Corporate Law and Company Lawyer and she has served on national committees relating to law reform and policy in Singapore. She is currently co-chair of the Insolvency Scholars Forum, established under the Insolvency Law Academy (India), which is a platform that brings together leading scholars on insolvency law, both in India and globally.

Mr WANG Lingqi

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Wang Lingqi specialises in commercial dispute resolution and restructuring and insolvency, particularly matters with cross-border elements. As litigation and arbitration counsel for corporations, private equity firms, hedge funds and financial institutions, Lingqi handles significant commercial cases, including disputes involving buyout/minority investment, joint ventures, corporate control, contract, and other complex commercial matters.

In areas of restructuring and insolvency, Lingqi regularly acts as a court-appointed administrator or counsel for shareholders, debtors, creditors and restructuring sponsors in large, complex cases of out-of-court restructuring, liquidation, reorganisation and involuntary dissolution. In cross-border insolvency, he recently represented insolvency administrators, foreign liquidators and creditors in high-profile restructuring cases including Shanghai CEFC,

Peking Founder Group, Brilliance Auto Group, HNA Group, Huishan Diary (06863.HK), Huachen Energy, Shandong Yuhuang, FDG Electric Vehicles (00729.HK), etc.

Ms Tiffany Wong

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Tiffany Wong is a Managing Director with Alvarez & Marsal's Restructuring Practice in Hong Kong. She brings more than 20 years of experience in restructuring, insolvency and dispute resolution. Ms. Wong advises borrowers and lenders in consensual restructuring and acts as a court-appointed officer in insolvency situations and disputes.

With experience spanning international and Chinese restructuring regimes, Ms. Wong advises clients in challenging cross-border projects involving complex structures across multiple jurisdictions. Her recent engagements include advising on the multi-jurisdictional enforcement action involving the LYCRA Group, a manufacturer of fibre and technology solutions for apparel, where she assisted the mezzanine lenders in formulating and successfully implementing a restructuring and enforcement strategy.

Ms. Wong is also a Joint & Several Provisional Liquidator (JPL) of Genting Hong Kong Ltd., a cruise and entertainment operator headquartered in Asia. She participated in the restructuring of Luckin Coffee Inc., as one of the JPLs following its admission of accounting fraud. After multiple regulatory investigations in the US and the PRC and a loss of investor confidence, Ms. Wong and her team in Hong Kong, Cayman Islands and the People's Republic of China helped the company's management reinforce internal systems and supported an operational turnaround and negotiations with creditors. The scheme of arrangement was approved unanimously by the voting creditors, marking a successful restructuring in less than two years.

Ms. Wong has led numerous restructuring cases in China, including Shanghai Chaori Solar's, and advised 34 Chinese banks on preserving their interests in a real-estate borrower with \$2.5 billion offshore bonds and \$7.6 billion in onshore debts. Ms. Wong has also acted as a trustee of the estates of bankrupt individuals and as court-appointed administrator of the estates of high-net-worth deceased or mentally incapacitated individuals.

Ms. Wong earned a bachelor's degree and master's degree in business management and professional accounting from Queensland University of Technology in Australia.

Dr William M.F. WONG, SC, JP

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Dr. Wong has been in practice in Hong Kong since 1998. In 2010, he was also called to the Bar of the British Virgin Islands. In 2013, Dr. Wong was appointed as a Senior Counsel in Hong Kong. He is also presently a Non-Executive Director of the Airport Authority and one of the Vice Chairmen of the Board of Review of the Inland Revenue.

Dr. Wong's practice covers a wide spectrum of contentious commercial litigation. He has a special focus and substantial experience in the areas of company, insolvency and securities law. He frequently represents clients in contentious shareholders and/or investors disputes and disputes in liquidation. He is the first Hong Kong barrister to be admitted, on an ad hoc basis, in the Bermudian courts to conduct trials and appeals. He is experienced in offshore litigation. He also acted as an expert witness on HK company law in the People's Republic of China, and international arbitration. Dr. Wong also sits as an arbitrator in a substantial number of international commercial arbitrations.

Dr. Wong also specializes in contentious trusts and probate matters. His case of *Chow Siu Po v. Wong Ming Fung* [2003] 1 HKC 146 establishes the burden of proof in propounding a will. He has also given legal opinion on various trust and probate matters. He was instructed to advise and work on a number of substantial trusts litigation and related matters.

On non-contentious work, Dr. Wong specializes in corporate restructuring and capital reduction. He was involved in the capital reduction of CLP, Guangdong Investment and Hong Kong Construction. He was also involved in the Wheelock Holding Company privatization, PCCW privatization, the Denway Motors privatization, the Stone Group privatization, the Sunlife Insurance Transfer Scheme and the 3D Gold Scheme.

Academically, Dr. Wong graduated from the Business Faculty of the Chinese University of Hong Kong in 1994 as the Rhodes Scholar of the year. In 1996, he obtained his degree in Jurisprudence from Wadham College, Oxford. In 2004, he also obtained his LL.M degree from the Peking University. In 2012, he was awarded the Doctoral Degree from the Peking University with a dissertation on corporate insolvency laws.

Dr. Wong also serves on a number of special sub-committees of the Hong Kong Bar Council. He is the Chairman of the Committee on Overseas Lawyers Examination. He is also an advisor to the Middle Temple Society in Hong Kong.