



LAVESH KIRPALANI

Professional Qualifications

2017	Barrister, Hong Kong
2014	Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (MCIArb)

Academic

2014	LLM, London School of Economics
2013	PCLL, City University of Hong Kong
2012	LLB, City University of Hong Kong
2010	BA (Hons), University of Huddersfield

Practice profile

Lavesh has a broad-based civil litigation and arbitration practice with a focus on commercial litigation, contract disputes, insolvency, company and shareholder disputes, white collar fraud, shipping, employment, family and intellectual property law. He accepts instructions in all areas of Chambers' work.

Examples of notable and recent instructions:

SJ v Yung Yiu Sing & Ors [2018] 4 HKLRD 438, acted for the Secretary for Justice in the Occupy Central Minibus Criminal Contempt trial (led by Victor Dawes SC, Jin Pao SC, Derek Chan SC).

SJ v Chu Sui Ying & Ors [2018] HKCFI 2396, acted for the Secretary for Justice regarding sentencing in the Occupy Central Minibus Criminal Contempt trial (led by Victor Dawes SC, Jin Pao SC, Derek Chan SC).

SJ v Lou Tit Man [2018] HKCA 1004, acted for the Secretary for Justice in an appeal against sentence, arising out of the Occupy Central Minibus trial (led by Fanny Wong).

Sea Trader International Ltd v Straits Bunkering Pte Ltd [2019] HKCFI 135, successfully resisted an application for an injunction to prevent the presentation of a winding-up petition.

Prior to joining the Bar, Lavesh served as a Judicial Assistant at the Court of Final Appeal (2013-2014) and Judicial Associate at the Court of Appeal (2014-2015), where he assisted judges in various civil matters.

Lavesh competed against 92 international teams (including Harvard, HKU, Columbia) to win the Ninth Willem C. Vis East International Commercial Arbitration Moot Competition as a representative of the City University of Hong Kong. In his spare time, he helps with moot coaching and occasionally sits as a moot court judge/arbitrator.

Judicial Clerkship

2015 – 2016	Judicial Associate to Mr Justice Barma (JA)
2014 – 2015	Judicial Assistant at the Court of Final Appeal

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Scholarships and Prizes

2013	Assistant coach of the champion CityU team for the 20th Willem C Vis Moot
2012	Champion, David Hunter Award, Ninth Willem C Vis East International Moot
2012	Honourable Mention for Ninth Willem C Vis Moot for Best Claimant's Memorandum
2012	Honourable Mention for Ninth Willem C Vis Moot for Best Respondent's Memorandum
2012	Moot Court Prize
2012	Certificate for Outstanding Performance in Mooting
2012	Champion, 3rd WAIDM-ACICA Australia Vis Pre-Moot
2012	E-Moot Champion, Shanghai Vis Pre-Moot
2012	E-Moot Best Team Oralists, Shanghai Vis Pre-Moot
2011/2012	Dean's List