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Languages spoken

Chinese (Cantonese) | Chinese (Mandarin, also known as Putonghua) | English



About Nick

Nick Chan, a justice of the peace, is an experienced lawyer, lawmaker, policy-setter, law lecturer and head of a regional centre established by international law. Nick takes pride in providing innovative and cost-effective legal solutions utilizing his broad knowledge and network, computer science with artificial intelligence (AI) background, experience serving in boardrooms and regulatory authorities and in-house experience at Fortune 100 technology companies where he had regional responsibilities. He is admitted to practice law in Hong Kong and elsewhere (admitted but without holding current practice certificate in England and Wales, and Australia). He is a qualified and practicing China appointed attesting officer.

His core legal disciplines include corporate and commercial, M&A, private equity (PE)/venture capital (VC)/fund/family office work, disputes resolution, AI, big data, cybersecurity, data privacy, environmental, social and governance (ESG), FinTech, intellectual property, competition laws, life science, law drafting and public policy advocacy.

His clients include universities, governments, sovereign funds, private equity firms, VC firms, family offices, startups, entrepreneurs and multinational corporations. He has acted in many multibillion-dollar M&A projects, cross-border and multinational inbound and outbound investments, as well as prevent and resolve investor state disputes, PE/VC and IP licensing projects that help commercialize technology that impacts on everyday life. Nick has worked on the liberalization of regulated markets in many jurisdictions.

Nick serves as elected National People's Congress member of the People's Republic of China, where he participates in drafting laws and formulating policies for the country, member of the Hong Kong Institute of Arbitrators, founding chairman of the eBRAM International Online Dispute Resolution Centre and as head of the AALCO Hong Kong Regional Arbitration Centre, which is established under international laws and operates under the auspices of Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization (AALCO), with 49 member states in Asia and Africa.

Nick has guest lectured at business schools and in various law schools including at Peking University, Tsinghua University, Chinese University, Hong Kong University and City University. For his role in advancing the Rule of Law, innovation, technology, education and the broader community, Nick is

recognized and conferred Honorary Fellow of the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, and Justice of the Peace, Bronze Bauhinia Star and Medal of Honour by the government

Credentials

Education

- The Australian National University, Graduate Diploma, with merit, 1997
- The University of Melbourne, LL.B., 1996
- The University of Melbourne, B.Sc., 1996
- East China University of Political Science and Law, Certificate of Completion, 1996

Admissions

- England and Wales (non-practicing), 2007
- High Court of Hong Kong, 1999

Courts

- Supreme Ct. of Victoria
- High Court of Australia
- Supreme Ct. of Australian Capital Territory

Memberships & Affiliations

- Elected National People's Congress member of the People's Republic of China
- Member of the Association of China Appointed Attesting Officers Limited
- Member of the board of all three law schools in Hong Kong at HKU, CityU and Chinese University
- Fellow Member of Hong Kong Institute of Arbitrators
- AALCO-HKRAC Panel of Mediators (General)
- AALCO-HKRAC Sports Mediation Panel
- AALCO-HKRAC Panel of Arbitrators
- AALCO-HKRAC Panel of Adjudicators
- Member of East Asia Branch of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators
- Senior certified international arbitrator of the International Dispute Resolution & Risk Management Institute
- Founding Chairman of eBRAM International Online Dispute Resolution Centre
- Chairman of the Advisory Committee of Hong Kong Innovation and Technology Venture Fund
- Former Hospital Governing Committee member for two hospitals
- The Football Association of Hong Kong, China Limited board member and chairman of the Legal Committee
- Former Advisory Committee member of Hong Kong Trade Development Council Professional Services
- Vice chairman of Law Society InnoTech Committee

- Former Chairman of Law Society Belt and Road Conference Committee
- Council member and Chairman of the Knowledge Transfer Committee of the Chinese University of Hong Kong
- Court member of The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
- Former chairman of Knowledge Transfer Committee of The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
- Former Chairman of Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce Legal Committee
- Member of the Communications Authority
- Member of the Competition Commission
- Member of the Expert Advisory Group on Legal and Dispute Resolution Services
- Honorary legal advisor of the Federation of Hong Kong Industries
- Honorary legal advisor of the Sports Federation & Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China
- Adjudicator in various appeal boards on appointment by the government

Recognitions

- Lexology Index (Formerly *Who's Who Legal*): Telecoms & Media (2025); Telecoms & Media (2026)
- Lexology Index (Formerly *Who's Who Legal*): Data - Information Technology - Recommended (2026)
- *Who's Who Legal*: "Leading Professional in Telecoms Media & Entertainment 2022"
- *China Business Law Journal*: "Deal of the Year 2019: Overseas Deals – Baiyin Nonferrous acquires China-Africa Gold Investment Holding"
- *AsiaLaw Leading Lawyers* since 2004
- *Who's Who Legal* 2014 and *The International Who's Who* "Regulatory Communications Lawyers 2011"
- The recipient of the 2012 *International Law Office (ILO)* Client Choice Award
- The Law Society of Hong Kong Pro Bono Award
- One of the ASIAN-MENA Counsel's 2013 External Counsel of the Year

Expertise

Services

- Financial Services
- Intellectual Property & Technology
- Business Immigration
- Corporate
- Data Privacy, Cybersecurity & Digital Assets
- Restructuring & Insolvency
- Communications

Industries

Publications & Speaking Engagements

- Advertising, Media & Brands
 - Aerospace, Defense & Government Services
 - Aviation
 - Healthcare
 - Life Sciences
 - Retail
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- Speaker, "Responding to Legal and Business Developments in the Telecommunications, Data Privacy Protection, and Information Technology Industries," legal workshops for in-house counsels and lawyers in private practice, *Asian Legal Business*.
 - Speaker, "Launching and Negotiating Large-scale Tender Projects," IT masterclass for lawyers and procurement managers from multinational corporations and the government, *LexisNexis*, Hong Kong.
 - Speaker, "How Russia-based Businesses Can Take Full Advantage of the New IP Laws in Russia and Protect Innovations," IP conference, Moscow.
 - Speaker, "Legal Proceedings Targeting Individual Music File-sharers in Hong Kong" and "Peer-to-peer Sharing and Rights of the Recording Industry and Internet Service Providers," the Metro Broadcast and The Law Society of Hong Kong.
 - Speaker, "Formulating Your Intellectual Property Rights Strategy for China," Moscow.
 - Speaker, "IT Contracts Master Class," Hong Kong.
 - Speaker, "Negotiating Contracts – Practical Guide," Hong Kong.
 - Speaker, "Competition Laws and Data Privacy Laws in China and the HKSAR," Hong Kong.
 - Speaker, "Lessons Learned From the Criminal Case in Hong Kong Against Bank Employees Involving the Shanghai Land Case," Hong Kong.
 - Speaker, "Risk Management and the Negotiations of Licensing/Manufacturing Contracts in the Medical and Healthcare Industry," Hong Kong Medical and Healthcare Device Industry Conference, Hong Kong.
 - Speaker, "Opportunities, Challenges and Developments in Taiwan's Market Post-WTO," Fifth Taiwan Telecoms International Summit, Taiwan.
 - Speaker, "Blueprint for MII's Post-WTO Telecom Competition Framework with Special Emphasis on the Satellite Market," Global VSAT Forum and China's Ministry of Information Industry, Beijing.
 - Speaker, "Globalization and Harmonization of Competition Laws, International Conflicts and Cooperation, and their Implications for Singapore," with the Singapore Ministry of Trade and Industries, Singapore.
 - Speaker, "Doing Business in China," Gateway to China Conference.
 - Guest speaker, "Justice for All," a popular primetime educational television program on the rights and obligations of parties under the Hong Kong law.
 - Speaker, "Venture Capital and Private Equity Trends and Issues in Asia," Dow Jones Venture One Conference, San Francisco.
 - Author, "Competition Law in Singapore – Principles, Practice and Procedure," *LexisNexis*, 2007.
 - Co-author, "Sports Law in Hong Kong – 1st Edition", pp.1-152 in Michele Colucci (ed.), *IEL Sports Law*, (Kluwer Law International BV, Netherlands), 2025.

- Author, "How to Pursue Opportunities and Manage Risks in a Volatile Market Place," *The Economic Digest*.
- Speaker, "Practical Advice and Tips on SMEs," DAB radio station.
- Speaker, "IP Laws, Privacy Laws and Media Content Regulation," Primetime Business and Current Affairs Program, NOW TV.

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One of the world's strongest integrated law firms, providing insight at the point where law, business and government meet. We deliver commercially focused business solutions by combining our legal, lobbying and political capabilities and invaluable connections on the ground to a diverse mix of clients, from long-established leading corporations to emerging businesses, startup visionaries and sovereign nations. More than 1,500 lawyers in over 40 offices across four continents provide unrivaled access to expertise.