

Judicial appointment

The following is issued on behalf of the Judiciary:

The Judiciary today (August 30) announced the appointment of Mr Tam Yiu-ho, SC, as a Judge of the Court of First Instance of the High Court. The appointment will take effect from September 2, 2024.

The appointment is made by the Chief Executive on the recommendation of the Judicial Officers Recommendation Commission.

As Mr Tam, SC was a Deputy Director of Public Prosecutions in the Department of Justice prior to the appointment, he will not, for six months after joining the Judiciary, deal with any criminal trials or appeals or any civil cases involving the Government.

The biographical note of Mr Tam, SC is as follows:

Mr Tam, SC was born in 1967 in Hong Kong. He obtained a Bachelor of Economics Degree and an LL.B. both from the Monash University in Australia in 1989 and 1991 respectively. He further obtained a Master of Laws (Human Rights) Degree from the University of Hong Kong in 2021. He was admitted as a Barrister and Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Victoria, Australia, in 1991. He was admitted as a Solicitor in England and Wales and in Hong Kong in 1992 and 1993 respectively. He was called to the Bar in Hong Kong in 2000 and appointed as Senior Counsel in 2015. He was in private practice from 1992 until he joined the then Legal Department as Crown Counsel in 1994. He was promoted to Senior Crown Counsel in 1995, to Deputy Principal Government Counsel in 2007 and to Principal Government Counsel in 2012. He took up the post of Deputy Director of Public Prosecutions in 2012.