

Judicial appointments

The following is issued on behalf of the Judiciary:

The Judiciary today (December 31) announced the appointment of three Recorders and re-appointment of five incumbent Recorders of the Court of First Instance of the High Court. All appointments are made by the Chief Executive on the recommendation of the Judicial Officers Recommendation Commission.

Mr Martin Hui Siu-ting, SC; Ms Sit Yat-wah, SC; and Ms Rachel Lam Yan-kay, SC, are newly appointed Recorders of the Court of First Instance of the High Court. Their appointments will be effective from January 1, 2021, for a term of three years.

Ms Winnie Tam Wan-chi, SC, and Mr Stewart Wong Kai-ming, SC, are re-appointed as Recorders of the Court of First Instance of the High Court. The re-appointments will be for three years commencing on January 1, 2021, upon expiry of their current terms.

Mr Eugene Fung Ting-sek, SC; Mr Charles Peter Manzoni, SC; and Ms Yvonne Cheng Wai-sum, SC, are re-appointed as Recorders of the Court of First Instance of the High Court. The re-appointments will be for three years commencing on February 1, 2021, upon expiry of their current terms.

The biographical notes of the appointees are as follows:

Mr Martin Hui Siu-ting, SC

Mr Hui, SC, was born in 1971 in Hong Kong. He obtained LL.B. and P.C.LL. from the University of Hong Kong in 1994 and 1995 respectively. He further acquired a Master of Laws degree in Human Rights from the University of Hong Kong in 2013. He was called to the Hong Kong Bar in 1995. He was appointed as Senior Counsel in 2015. He had been working as a legal officer in the Prosecutions Division of the Department of Justice since 1995 and was a Deputy Director of Public Prosecutions before he left the department in 2019. He has been in private practice since 2019. He was appointed as Deputy Judge of the Court of First Instance of the High Court for periods in 2019 and 2020.

Ms Sit Yat-wah, SC

Ms Sit, SC, was born in 1978 in Hong Kong. She obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree in Jurisprudence and a Bachelor of Civil Law degree from the University of Oxford in the United Kingdom in 2001 and 2003 respectively. She was called to the Hong Kong Bar in 2002. She was appointed as Senior Counsel in 2019. She has been in private practice since 2004. She was appointed as Deputy Judge of the Court of First Instance of the High Court for periods in 2020.

Ms Rachel Lam Yan-kay, SC

Ms Lam, SC, was born in 1981 in Hong Kong. She obtained a Master of Arts (Jurisprudence) degree from the University of Oxford in the United Kingdom in 2003. She further obtained a Master of Laws degree from Harvard Law School in the United States of America and a Master of Studies degree in International Human Rights Law from the University of Oxford in the United Kingdom in 2005 and 2011 respectively. She was called to the Hong Kong Bar and to the Bar in England and Wales (Gray's Inn) both in 2004. She was admitted to the New York State Bar in 2007. She was appointed as Senior Counsel in 2019. She has been in private practice since 2006. She was appointed as Deputy Judge of the Court of First Instance of the High Court for periods in 2020.

Ms Winnie Tam Wan-chi, SC

Ms Tam, SC, was born in Hong Kong in 1961. She obtained LL.B. and P.C.LL. from the University of Hong Kong in 1983 and 1984 respectively. She was called to the Hong Kong Bar in 1984, and to the Bar of England and Wales in 1988. She was admitted as a Barrister and Solicitor of the Supreme Court of the Australian Capital Territory in 1990, and was admitted as an Advocate and Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Singapore in 1993. She was appointed as Senior Counsel in 2006. She has been in private practice since 1985. She was appointed as Deputy Judge of the Court of First Instance of the High Court for periods in 2011, 2012 and 2014. She has been appointed as Recorder of the Court of First Instance of the High Court since 2015.

Mr Stewart Wong Kai-ming, SC

Mr Wong, SC, was born in Hong Kong in 1963. He obtained LL.B. and P.C.LL. from the University of Hong Kong in 1986 and 1987 respectively. He further acquired LL.M. from University of London in 1988. He was called to the Hong Kong Bar in 1987, to the Bar of New South Wales in 1992, and to the Bar of Queensland in 1996. He was admitted as a Barrister and Solicitor of the Supreme Court of the Australian Capital Territory in 1996. He was appointed as Senior Counsel in 2011. He has been in private practice since 1993. He was appointed as Deputy Judge of the Court of First Instance of the High Court for periods in 2013 and 2014. He has been appointed as Recorder of the Court of First Instance of the High Court since 2015.

Mr Eugene Fung Ting-sek, SC

Mr Fung, SC, was born in 1971 in Hong Kong. He obtained a Master of Law degree and a Master of Arts degree from the University of Cambridge, United Kingdom (UK), in 1995 and 1997 respectively. He completed the Bar Vocational Course at the Inns of Court School of Law in London, UK, in 1996. He was called to the Bar in England and Wales (Lincoln's Inn) and in Hong Kong both in 1997. He was appointed as Senior Counsel in 2012. He has been in private practice since 1998. He was appointed as Deputy Judge of the Court of First Instance of the High Court for periods in 2014, 2015 and 2016. He has been appointed as Recorder of the Court of First Instance of the High Court since 2018.

Mr Charles Peter Manzoni, SC

Mr Manzoni, SC, was born in 1963 in the UK. He obtained a Bachelor degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Bristol, UK, in 1984. He further obtained a Diploma in Law from the City University in London in 1986 and completed the Bar Vocational Course at the Inns of Court School of Law in London, UK, in 1988. He was called to the Bar in England and Wales (Middle Temple) and in Hong Kong in 1988 and 2000 respectively. He was appointed as Queen's Counsel in the UK in 2009 and as Senior Counsel in Hong Kong in 2012. He has been in private practice since 1989. He was appointed as Deputy Judge of the Court of First Instance of the High Court for periods in 2015 and 2016. He has been appointed as Recorder of the Court of First Instance of the High Court since 2018.

Ms Yvonne Cheng Wai-sum, SC

Ms Cheng, SC, was born in 1973 in Hong Kong. She obtained a Master of Arts (Jurisprudence) degree from the University of Oxford in the UK. She completed the Bar Finals Examination for England and Wales in 1996. She was called to the Hong Kong Bar and to the Bar in England and Wales (Gray's Inn) both in 1996. She was appointed as Senior Counsel in 2013. She has been in private practice since 1998. She was appointed as Deputy Judge of the Court of First Instance of the High Court for periods in 2014 and 2015. She has been appointed as Recorder of the Court of First Instance of the High Court since 2018.