

Biography



Paula Kay

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Expertise

Litigation & Insolvency, Listco Disputes, Mergers & Securities Disputes, Distressed Funds, Family Office

Paula Kay is a partner and the Head of Litigation in Hong Kong. Her practice focusses on high value, multi-jurisdictional shareholder disputes in offshore companies listed in Hong Kong or the US. She is a member of Harneys Listco Dispute Unit. Her practice includes unfair prejudice claims, oppression claims and just & equitable windings up, as well as dissenting shareholder claims following “take-privates”. She regularly advises upon and attends contentious EGMs for both listed and non-listed companies. She also has particular expertise in obtaining freezing injunctions simultaneously across jurisdictions, working with large legal teams, often including multiple KCs.

Before joining us, Paula gained extensive litigation experience working in litigation practices in international law firms in Australia and London for over nine years. She advised companies in the financial services industry in relation to proceedings against banks, directors and officers, accountants and other professionals. Paula is also admitted as a solicitor in the BVI, England and Wales and Queensland.

Paula is a regular contributor to the Offshore Litigation Blog and theTake 10 podcast.

Recommendations

Paula is recognised as an Up and Coming lawyer and she is sought out to advise on a wide range of shareholder disputes arising from transactions, restructurings and insolvencies.

– Chambers and Partners, 2024

Paula has been recognised as the “Offshore Lawyer of the Year” in the category of Practice area awards.

– Women in Business Law Awards APAC, 2023

Paula has been recognised by ALB in its list of Asia’s “Top 10 Offshore Litigators”.

- Asian Legal Business, 2023

Paula has been shortlisted as one of the nine finalists in the category "Litigator of the Year, North Asia".

- Asian Legal Business - Women in Law Awards, 2023

Paula is one of the firm's key names to note.

- Legal 500, 2023

Paula has been recognised by Asian Legal Business in its annual list of Asia's Top Offshore Litigators.

- Asian Legal Business, 2021

Experience

Advising *Convoy Global Holdings Limited* in its shareholder dispute and related proceedings.

Obtaining Black Swan injunction in the BVI in support of HK proceedings.

Advising *Homeinns Hotel Group, Mindray, Qihoo 360, Qunar Cayman Islands* and *JA Solar Holdings* in s.238 dissenting shareholder proceedings in the Cayman Islands.

Acting in the High Court and Court of Appeal for the claimant in *Ming Siu, Hung, Ronald et al v J.F. Ming Inc. and Ming Shui Sum, Lawrence* BVIHCMA 2016/0039, a high value unfair prejudice claim seeking a buy-out order. The case is presently awaiting a listing in the Privy Council in London.

Bar Admissions

British Virgin Islands
2016

England and Wales
2007

Queensland, Australia
2004

Education

University of Queensland (Diploma of Practical Legal Education and Training)
2003

Queensland University of Technology (LLB)
2002

Queensland University of Technology (BBus (Acc))
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Asian Legal Business, 2021