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Overview

Clients look to Matthew Au's representation and advice for employers, transport companies, construction companies and occupiers in personal injury and insurance litigation, often involving catastrophic accidents and high profile traffic accidents involving public transports.

He has experience in advising all aspects of insurance litigation including advising on policy-related issues involving employees' compensation, public liability and motor liability. He is also experienced in handling complex cases involving multiple parties, fatal accidents and paraplegic injuries. He also regularly advised insurers on policy coverage issues.

Experience

- Successfully defending Employees' Compensation Insurers in respect of a multi-million dollar paraplegic Employees' Compensation Claim, resulting in a landmark decision for EC Claims involving "stroke" victims
- Defending an Investment Bank in respect of a personal injury claim from an employee who allegedly sustained psychiatric injuries due to the intense nature and volume of work, which ultimately resolved in the claim being withdrawn
- Successfully defending a public liability claim involving a professional claimant which resulted in Costs Orders against the Plaintiff's solicitors personally, and in so doing the Judge took the unusual step of referring the matter to the Hong Kong Law Society and the Department of Justice
- Successfully winning an appeal on costs for a supermarket and obtaining costs for the whole proceedings, where the Judge accepted that there is no basis for the claimant to proceed with her pleaded case in view of the CCTV footages

- Acted for a bus company in numerous personal injury claims in the Tai Po incident which resulted in multiple fatalities and injuries
- Acted for a property manager and incorporated owner in a fatal lift accident, involving contribution claim against the contractors
- Successfully defending a public liability claim on behalf of a prestigious shopping mall in Hong Kong, resulting in the withdrawal of the action by the claimant shortly before trial with costs to client

Qualifications

Education

- The University of Hong Kong, BBA (Law)
- The University of Hong Kong, LLB
- The University of Hong Kong, PCLL

Admissions

- Hong Kong

Languages

- Chinese
- Cantonese
- English

Related content

- Cost consequence of sanctioned payment with "otherwise proviso" - Li Suk Yee v. ParknShop (HK) Limited [2023] HKDC 1670, 5 December 2023
- "An accident" under the Employees' Compensation Ordinance (ECO) in Hong Kong - case analysis involving a stroke injury, 1 March 2023