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Professional qualifications

Admitted:	1981 (as a solicitor in Hong Kong) He was also admitted as a solicitor in England and Wales, New South Wales and Victoria.
Call:	2025 (as a barrister in Hong Kong)

Professional experience and career

Lawrence Lee practised as a solicitor since 1979 with a global law firm (the "firm") and was the Chairman of its Hong Kong and PRC offices (1996—June 2024). His practice mainly focused on securities and capital markets work, mergers and acquisitions of public companies, corporate reorganisation, compliance and regulatory issues and challenges. In the last 15 years he also started focusing on substantial dispute resolutions work, particularly, on large commercial disputes, shareholders disputes, estate issues and insolvency work.

He also served as Chairman of the Asia Pacific Regional Council and was a former Executive Committee member of the firm.

He retired on 30 June 2024 as a solicitor after practising 46 years with the firm. In September 2024 he joined OSL Group Limited (Stock Code: 863) ("OSL") as the Chairman of the Board and Non–Executive Director. On 16 October 2025 he was elected as an Independent Non–Executive Director of Industrial and Commercial Bank of China Limited (Stock Code: 1398).

He was called to the Bar on 4 October 2025.

Education

Lawrence graduated from the University of Hong Kong with an LL.B. (1978) and a P.C.LL. (1979).

Appointments

While attending his private practice he has devoted significant time in serving the community in various capacities. He is the Chairman of the Staff Appeal Committee of the Hospital Authority (2015–present) and is a member of the Primary Healthcare Committee (2024–present).

He was the Chairman of the Process Review Panel for the Securities and Futures Commission ("SFC") (2019–2024) and was a non–executive director of the SFC (Nov 2009–Nov 2015). He also served as a member of the SFC's Takeovers and Mergers Panel, Takeovers Appeal Committee (2020–2024) and the Hong Kong Housing Society. In addition, he is a senior Fellow of the Hong Kong Securities and Investment Institute.

Lawrence also served as Chairman of the Hospital Governing Committee of Pamela Youde Nethersole Eastern Hospital (Apr 2007–Mar 2017). Furthermore, he was a board member of the Hospital Authority (Apr 2005–Mar 2013) and a Member of Mainland Business Advisory Committee of Hong Kong Trade Development Council (2015–2019).

Apart from the above, he was the Vice Chairman and founding director of Bauhinia Foundation Research Centre, a policy think tank which focuses on Hong Kong's long term competitiveness and socio economic well being.

Awards and rankings

- Justice of the Peace (in July 2007)
- The Bronze Bauhinia Star (BBS) (in July 2016)
- Notable Practitioner (Mergers and Acquisitions, Hong Kong) – IFLR 1000 (2021)
- Recommended Lawyer (Corporate/M&A in Hong Kong) – PLC Which Lawyer? (2012, 2011, 2010, 2009, 2008, 2007)
- Leading Lawyer (Corporate/M&A in China / Hong Kong) – Chambers Global (2007/2008)

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