

## The Hon Geoffrey Ma

**YEAR OF CALL:** ENGLAND AND WALES: 1978; HONG KONG: 1980;  
AUSTRALIA: 1983; SINGAPORE: 1990 **YEAR OF SILK:** 1992

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## Practice Overview

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The Hon Geoffrey Ma is the former Chief Justice of Hong Kong, having retired from that position in January 2021. Prior to joining the Hong Kong Judiciary in 2001, he was in private practice as a barrister both in Hong Kong (in Temple Chambers where he was Head of Chambers) and in Singapore. He practised mainly in commercial, company and public law, including arbitrations. He is the Editor in Chief of *Arbitration in Hong Kong: A Practical Guide* (1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> editions). He is also a member of the International Advisory Board of the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre, on their Panels of Arbitrators and Mediators, and is also on the Panel of Arbitrators of the Singapore International Arbitration Centre.

## education & qualifications

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University of Birmingham LL.B (1977)

Bar of England and Wales (1978) (Gray's Inn)

Hong Kong Bar (1980)

Bar of the State of Victoria (1983)

Singapore Bar (1990)

Queen's Counsel (Hong Kong) (1993)

Senior Counsel (Hong Kong) (1997)

## **EXPERIENCE**

### *Hong Kong*

Barrister (1980 -2001) Temple Chambers

Recorder of the High Court (2000-2001)

Judge of the Court of First Instance of the High Court of the Hong Kong SAR (2001-2)

Judge of the Court of Appeal (2002 -2003)

Chief Judge of the High Court (2003-2010)

Chief Justice of Hong Kong (2010-2021)

### *Singapore*

Advocate and Solicitor (1995-2001) David Chong & Co.

## **AWARDS, HONOURS**

Honorary Bencher (Gray's Inn) (2004)

Hon LL.D (University of Birmingham 2011)

Grand Bauhinia Medal (GBM) (2012)

Honorary Fellow (Harris Manchester College, Oxford) (2012)

Officier de l'Ordre de la Legion d'Honneur (2015)

Hon LL.D (Chinese University of Hong Kong) (2016)

Honorary Bencher (Middle Temple) (2016)

Honorary LL.D (University of Hong Kong) (2019)

Honorary LL.D (Lingnam University, Hong Kong)

Honorary Professor, Faculty of Law (University of Hong Kong) (2021)

Honorary Chair and Professor of the Law School (University of Birmingham) (2021)

Honorary Professor of Law of the Faculty of Law (Chinese University of Hong Kong) (2021)

## **ARBITRATION**

HKIAC Panel of Arbitrators

HKIAC Panel of Mediators

SIAC Panel of Arbitrators

Editor in Chief of *Arbitration in Hong Kong: A Practical Guide* (1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> editions).

## **OTHERS**

Member of the Advisory Board of the Commercial Law Centre of the University of Oxford

Patron of the Bingham Centre for the Rule of Law

Patron of the International Advocacy Centre