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Practice Profile

Acorn is well versed in both civil and criminal matters and accepts instructions in all areas of work. He is experienced in handling cases both as a sole advocate and as a led junior.

Acorn has a broad civil practice with particular emphasis in building management, commercial, land, probate and trust related disputes. He also has substantial experience in urgent applications for injunctive relief.

On the criminal side, Acorn has been instructed in a wide array of cases including, commercial crimes, construction health and safety offences (commonly referred to as industrial summonses), traffic offences etc.

In addition, Acorn's practice extends to handling regulatory and disciplinary matters involving statutory and professional bodies.

Education

2017	LL.M., University College London, United Kingdom (Distinction)
2016	P.C.LL., City University of Hong Kong
2015	LL.B. (Hons.), City University of Hong Kong (Dean's List)

Languages

Acorn is fluent in English, Cantonese and Putonghua.

Selected Cases

- *HKSAR v Wong Sze-chun (黃思俊)* [2025] HKDC 1888 (as sole advocate representing the 6th Defendant): secured acquittals on all four charges of money laundering with the combined sum in excess of HK\$9.9 million after trial of over 20 days.
- *Ip Kit Leung v Chan Sze Lam* [2025] HKDC 1253 (judgment of the trial) [2025] HKDC 1448 (decision on costs) (As sole advocate representing the Defendant): defended the Plaintiff employee's claim on both liability and damages in relation to the injuries the Plaintiff allegedly suffered whilst working as the operator of an excavator which fell into a pit at the workplace. Notwithstanding that the Plaintiff applied to vary the costs order nisi, the Defendant was awarded costs on a full indemnity basis, as it was found, after trial, that the Plaintiff pursued a false, hopeless and dishonest case.
- *Ng Kin Yuen, Administrator of the estate of Lam Tim Stan also known as Lam Tim alias Stan Lam Tim, deceased v. Lam Sik Ying Victor and Others* [2024] HKCFI 2689 (as sole advocate representing two beneficiaries, namely the 2nd and 4th Defendants): established and obtained a Court declaration in favour of the 2nd Defendant that she was and is the lawfully adopted daughter and issue of the Deceased in accordance with Chinese law and custom (often referred to as Qing law) and thus was and is entitled to a share in the Deceased's estate as a beneficiary under the Intestates' Estates Ordinance.
- *Chiu Chung Shan v Park Sung Jin* [2024] HKDC 1297 (as sole advocate): obtained damages for personal injuries suffered by the Plaintiff.
- *Ng Kin Yuen, Administrator of the estate of Lam Tim Stan also known as Lam Tim alias Stan Lam Tim, deceased v. Lam Sik Ying Victor and Others* [2022] HKCFI 1164 (as sole advocate): obtained, for an on behalf of the 4th defendant, an order for interim distribution, pending completion of the administration of the deceased's estate.
- *Yung Yuk Yin v The Incorporated Owners of Keymount Lodge* [2021] HKDC 813 (as sole advocate): obtained damages and injunctive reliefs against the defendant for water seepage after an 8 day trial. The Court also found in favour of the plaintiff's case that the defendant was bound by the 1st owners' resolution and its management committee's resolution, notwithstanding the defendant's argument that they were superseded by a 2nd owners' resolution.
- *Baiyu Property (Overseas) Holding Limited v Million Universe Limited* [2020] HKLDt 31 (as sole advocate): recovered possession, rent/mesne profits after trial.
- *Tse's Finance Ltd v Ming Lam Holdings Ltd formerly known as Sino Haijing Holdings Ltd* [2020] HKCFI 2321 (as sole advocate): obtained a winding up order against the respondent company, which was incorporated in the Cayman Islands and listed on the Main Board of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange.
- *Chan Chun Chuen (陳振聰) v Kao, Lee & Yip (a firm)* [2019] HKCA 170 (led by Ms. Wing Kay Po): acted for the Respondent in resisting an application for leave to appeal to the Court of Appeal in relation to the Applicant's striking out application.