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Kelly Yu is a commercial junior with experience across all of Chambers' practice areas. She has a particular focus on general commercial litigation, construction, intellectual property, sports, professional negligence, and arbitration.

Prior to commencing pupillage at 4 New Square, Kelly worked as a case manager at the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre (HKIAC), administering domain name disputes and undertaking a variety of alternative dispute resolution work. She completed the HKIAC Tribunal Secretary Training Programme with Distinction.

She is committed to pro bono work. She has previously worked for the Citizens Advice Bureau and as a legal representative for the Free Representation Unit (FRU).

She speaks Cantonese and Mandarin.

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Expertise

Commercial Litigation

Kelly has a wide range of experience in commercial litigation, acting for parties in various contractual and tortious disputes.

- Acted as sole counsel in small claims case representing a defendant bank against an allegedly defrauded claimant.
- Drafted defence for the defendant housing association in a housing disrepair case.
- Drafted defence for the defendant insurer in a claim for allegedly wrongful cancellation of a home insurance policy.

During pupillage, Kelly assisted with:

- Providing research and drafting a skeleton argument in a multi-million dollar group litigation brought by car owners, involving procedural issues with third party funding agreements.
- Providing assistance and drafting in a £24m claim against 23 defendants regarding allegedly defective fire cladding in two buildings.
- Drafting and research in a successful £2.9m claim against an insurance broker following damage to the claimant's premises by fire.

Arbitration

Kelly has experience of institutional arbitration from her previous role as Case Manager at the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre, including undertaking and passing tribunal secretary training. Kelly has particular experience in intellectual property disputes, administering over 100 domain name disputes.

- Advised on enforcement of an LCIA arbitral award, where assets in the UK were subject to a worldwide freezing order.
- Assisted (during pupillage) with English proceedings in support of a Swiss-seated arbitration which went to an ex parte freezing injunction hearing at the High Court.

Construction, Energy & Natural Resources

Kelly has had experience of various construction-related cases, including cases involving architects, contract administrators, civil and structural engineers, and employers. She has good understanding of expert evidence and the unique substantive and procedural points which arise in construction proceedings.

- Assisted (during pupillage) with adjudication proceedings representing an employer in a £1.6m loss and expense claim.
- Assisted (during pupillage) with defending civil engineering contractors in respect of allegedly defective sewer works.
- Assisted (during pupillage) with defending an architecture firm regarding their design and administration of a contract for the development of an industrial estate.
- Assisted (during pupillage) with disciplinary proceedings against an architect at the Architects Registration Board (ARB).

In her previous role as a Case Manager at the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre, Kelly was involved with the introduction of the Hong Kong Security of Payment (Adjudication) Bill and worked with construction professionals in the Hong Kong government's Working Group for the same.

Intellectual Property

Kelly has a wide range of experience in cases involving intellectual property disputes, including trademark infringement, copyright infringement, confidentiality, and passing off.

- Assisted (during pupillage) with the Court of Appeal case *Iconix Luxembourg Holdings v Dream Pairs Europe* [2024] EWCA Civ 29, a suit for trademark infringement involving logos printed on football boots. The case has now been given permission to be appealed to the Supreme Court. ([link](#))
- Assisted (during pupillage) with the successful strike-out in a case involving alleged negligence in a claim for copyright infringement, breach of confidentiality, and passing off.
- Assisted (during pupillage) with opposition to a trademark registration on the basis of similarity to an earlier trademark.

Kelly has institutional experience of intellectual property disputes from her previous role as Case Manager at the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre, including administering over 100 domain name disputes involving trademarks in various jurisdictions worldwide. Kelly has spoken at international conferences on the topic of intellectual property disputes, including at the Asian International Arbitration Centre and the Asian Domain Name Dispute Resolution Centre.

Sports Law

Kelly has experience of commercial disputes involving a range of sporting organisations and players.

- Advised on a dispute involving a former professional football player and their agent regarding various media broadcasting contracts.
- Assisted (during pupillage) with a dispute involving a professional boxer and a sporting events promotional company.
- Assisted (during pupillage) with the Court of Appeal case *Iconix Luxembourg Holdings v Dream Pairs Europe* [2024] EWCA Civ 29, a suit for trademark infringement involving logos printed on football boots. The case has now been given permission to be appealed to the Supreme Court. ([link](#))
- Assisted (during pupillage) with a dispute involving an unincorporated sporting association and one of its members.

Civil Fraud, Asset Recovery & Injunctive Relief

Kelly has experience of cases involving allegations of fraud and is familiar with the procedural tools (such as freezing injunctions) commonly used in fraud cases.

- Advised on a dispute involving a freezing injunction in support of an LCIA arbitration which applied to assets in a London bank account.
- Provided research assistance on a dispute at the High Court involving over 400 claimants regarding an allegedly fraudulent property investment scheme, including on compensation under FSMA 2000.
- Assisted (during pupillage) with English proceedings in support of a Swiss-seated arbitration which went to an ex parte freezing injunction hearing at the High Court.

Professional Negligence

Kelly has a wide range of experience on professional negligence cases, particularly in claims involving construction professionals, solicitors, and barristers.

- Assisted (during pupillage) with the successful strike-out of a claim of professional negligence against a barrister regarding conduct at a hearing.
- Assisted (during pupillage) with a successful strike-out application involving claims of negligence against two solicitor's firms.
- Assisted (during pupillage) with a dispute against a solicitor's firm involving issues of limitation and successor practices.
- Assisted (during pupillage) with claims and allegations of professional negligence against architects and civil engineering contractors.

Public Law

Kelly has experience in cases involving public law issues, including those involving issues of property rights.

- Assisted (during pupillage) with a High Court claim involving allegations of breach of Article 1 Protocol 1 of the European Convention of Human Rights (right to property).

While working at the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre, Kelly was a member of UNCITRAL Working Group II (Dispute Resolution) which considered technology-related dispute resolution and settlement of commercial disputes through adjudication.