**Mainland University Lecture Series 2025**

**for The Peking University Law School (“PKU”)**

**“Legal Services and Risk Management for**

**Cross-border Transactions – a Common Law Perspective”**

 **(*March – April 2025*)**

**Course Outline (DRAFT)**

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| **Course Date & Time****(*tentative*)** | **Lecture No.** | **Topic** |
| **1 March 2025****(Saturday)****9:00am-12:00nn****(3 hours)** | **Lecture 1** | **Hong Kong Legal System** * The systems of common law, civil law and Islamic law
* Hong Kong court system
* Development of Hong Kong legal system
* Brief comparison between the legal systems in Mainland China and Hong Kong (certain provisions in the Basic Law would be covered)
* System and relevant political risks
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| **1 March 2025** **(Saturday)****2:00pm-5:00pm****(3 hours)** | **Lecture 2** | **Cross-Border Investment (I) – Contract, Mergers and Acquisitions** * Formation of the contract
* Contract terms (implied term, false statement, the parol evidence rule, etc.)
* Consideration of the contract terms (taxation, international agreement, substantive law, etc.)
* Risks and risk management on cross-border contracts
* Breach of contract
* Termination of contract
* Remedies (compensation for damage such as liquidated damages, specific performance, injunction, etc.)
* Issues related to quasi contract - statutory trust
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| **8 March 2025** **(Saturday)****9:00am-12:00nn****(3 hours)** | **Lecture 3** | **Cross-Border Investment (II) – Capital Market Regulatory Framework*** Company law and securities law
* Institutional structure of the capital market
* Classifications – equity, debt and fund
* Key regulators
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| **8 March 2025** **(Saturday)****2:00pm-4:00pm****(2 hours)** | **Lecture 4** | **Securities Regulation and Crime** ***OR*****Criminal Law – Commercial Crimes*** Anti-money laundering and anti-bribery
* Financial regulators
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| **15 March 2025** **(Saturday)****9:00am-12:00nn****(3 hours)** | **Lecture 5** | **Cross-Border Investment (III) – Part I** **(Initial Public Offerings (“IPO”))*** Introduction of IPO
* Features of IPO in Hong Kong
* Regulations of IPO in Hong Kong
* Roles of lawyers in IPO
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| **Lecture 6** | **Cross-Border Investment (III) – Part II****(Corporate Insurance)*** Corporate Insurance
* Directors and Officers Insurance
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| **22 March 2025** **(Saturday)****9:00am-12:00nn****(3 hours)** | **Lecture 7** | **International Commercial Dispute Resolution (focusing on International Commercial Arbitration) – Part I*** Different types of dispute resolution methods (arbitration, litigation, mediation/ conciliation, adjudication and expert determination)
* The pros and cons of arbitration and litigation
* Arbitration agreement
* Applicable law related to international arbitration
* Arbitration through the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes
* Enforcement and set-aside of an arbitral award
* Risk management
* Conduct and integrity of lawyers
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|  |  | * Issues related cross-border litigation, reciprocal enforcement and intellectual property
* Case-studies
* Practical issues and real-life experiences related to GBA in Commercial Dispute Resolution
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| **22 March 2025** **(Saturday)****2:00pm-5:00pm****(3 hours)** | **Lecture 8** | **International Commercial Dispute Resolution (focusing on International Commercial Arbitration) – Part II** |
| **29 March 2025** **(Saturday)****9:00am-1:00pm****(4 hours)** | **Lecture 9** | **Case Study Exercise on Cross-Border Investment*** Use of a combination of real cases and hypothetical case to bring out interesting considerations, as well as legal and practical knowledge when conducting cross-border investment
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| **12 or 19 April 2025** **(Saturday)****9:00am-1:00pm****(4 hours)** | **Lecture 10** | **Mock Arbitration – Part I*** Case study of cross-border litigation involving concurrent proceedings in Mainland China, Hong Kong and offshore jurisdictions
* Mock arbitration sessions dealing with applications or proceedings of different nature in arbitration proceedings
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| **12 or 19 April 2025** **(Saturday)****2:00pm-6:00pm****(4 hours)** | **Lecture 11** | **Mock Arbitration – Part II** |

**Total Lectures Duration:** 32 hours