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Education

LL.B. (Hons)	**The University of Hong Kong**	**1996**
P.C.LL.	**The University of Hong Kong**	**1998**
Certificate in Rapid Mental Interventions		**2012**

Appointment and services

Consultant to the Legal Advisor of the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data	**1997-98**

Chairman of the Young Barristers' Committee	**2003**
Member of the Bar Council	**2003**
Trainer to the Hong Kong Bar on Online Legal Research	**2002-2005**
Deputy Special Magistrate	**2005**
Trainer to the Judiciary on Electronic Legal Research	**2006**
Deputy Magistrate	**2006-2010**
Honorary Consultant to the Society of Rehabilitation and Crime Prevention (Mock Trial Justice Education Project)	**Since 2009**
Trainer to officers of the Labour Department on Law of Evidence (1-day Workshop)	**2012-2014**
Trainer to officers of the Labour Department on Prosecuting Labour Offences (Advanced Courses)	**2013-2014**
Member of the Election Committee (Legal Sub-Sector)	**2016**

Practice Profile

Douglas specializes in criminal defence work. His motto is to endeavour to protect his clients from being convicted except by a competent tribunal and upon legal evidence sufficient to support a conviction for the offence with which his client is charged. Doug's judicial experience, together with his calm character, has well equipped him to defend any difficult and technical cases.

The following areas form a large part of Doug's practice (in 2019-2022):

Public Order and Criminal Justice Offences
Civil Liberties and Constitutional Law
Computer Crimes and Telecommunications
Explosives and Ammunition
Dangerous Goods
Perverting the course of public justice
Offences under the Prison Rules

Election Offences
Corrupt and Illegal Practices

Commercial Crimes
Money Laundering and Conspiracy to Defraud
Fraud, Credit Card Fraud and False Accounting

Technical Defence Work
Engineers Registration Board – Inquiry Committee
Medical Council – Disciplinary Inquiry
Pharmacy and Poisons Board – Disciplinary Inquiry
Police Disciplinary Hearing by the Appropriate Tribunal

General Criminal Work
Copyright Offences
Customs and Excise Offences
Immigration Offences
Triads Offences
Sexual Offences
Murder and Personal Violence
Driving Offences
Industrial Summonses
Dangerous Drugs
Preliminary Inquiries
Mental Health

Pro-bono Work
Douglas regularly undertakes pro-bono work under the Bar Free Legal Service Scheme by the Hong Kong Bar Association and the Clinical Legal Education Programme by HKU. He is most ready to offer pro-bono trial and appeal advocacy especially for the under-privileged and mental health patients.

Notable Cases

Douglas fights every case with utmost professionalism. He defended many high profile cases involving many celebrities but Doug prefers not to label any single case as notable to avoid comparison. If you would like to observe Doug's court advocacy, you are welcome to contact his secretary for seeing any of his open court cases.

Publications

Author in Annotated Ordinances of Hong Kong: Magistrates' Ordinance (Chapter 227)	**2008**
Author in Annotated Ordinances of Hong Kong: Interception of Communication & Surveillance Ordinance (Chapter 589)	**2013**
Author in Butterworths Hong Kong Media & Communication Handbook	**2014**

Hobbies

His main hobbies are in the law of evidence and studying the inner game of things, for example, rapid mental interventions and neuro-linguistic programming.

Shortlist
Commercial Crimes

General Crimes

Judicial Review and Public Law Matters

Civil Liberties

Public Order Offences

Disciplinary Hearings