

The Cutting Edge of the Law Lecture Series

**The Hon Mr Justice Henry Litton
Non-Permanent Judge of the Court of Final Appeal**

Lecture 1: Fundamental Realities of the Sale of Real Property in Hong Kong

Date: Tuesday, 28 October 2014 at 6:30 pm

Lecture 2: Conveyancing Practice since Kwok Siu Lau -v- Kan Yang Che (1913) and the Importance of the Land Registration Ordinance in the Context of Land Transactions in Hong Kong

Date: Tuesday, 4 November 2014 at 6:30 pm

Venue: Academic Conference Room, 11/F, Cheng Yu Tung Tower, Centennial Campus,
The University of Hong Kong

About the Speaker: Henry Litton, GBM, CBE, MA (Oxon) is a non-permanent judge of the Court of Final Appeal. Born in Hong Kong, his family goes back three generations as Hong Kong belongs. He excelled in school (Diocesan Boys' School, Kowloon and King's College, Taunton, England) and graduated from Merton College, Oxford, with honors in jurisprudence in 1956. After passing the Bar exams in 1959, he entered into private practice in Hong Kong where he was eminently successful as a barrister. He was appointed Queen's Counsel in 1970 and co-founded the Hong Kong Law Journal, serving as its editor-in-chief for 21 years. He was Chairman of the Bar from 1971-1977. He was appointed in 1989 an Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire for his contribution to the law, and was elevated from the Bar to the Court of Appeal in 1992, the first of such appointment in Hong Kong. He became Vice-President of the Court of Appeal in 1995 and a Permanent Judge of the Court of Final Appeal in 1997 when China resumed its sovereignty over Hong Kong. During his time on the Bench he has delivered many significant judgments and has played a prominent role in developing Hong Kong law.

Henry Litton has been a great friend of the Faculty over very many years and his contribution to our prosperity has been considerable. In 2010 he delivered a lecture on Language and the Law as part of the Faculty's Common Law Lecture Series, and is an Honorary Professor in the Faculty.

About the Lectures:

Lecture 1: This lecture deals with the fundamental realities of the sale of real property in Hong Kong: In particular, issues arising from multiple ownership; what constitutes "good title" to property; what amounts to a "blot" on title; illegal structures and the Building Authority's power to order demolition under s. 24 of the Building Ordinance. The lecture will analyse three leading cases: Jumbo King -v- Faithful Properties 1999 CFA, Jumbo Gold Investments -v- Yuen Cheong Leung, 2000 CFA and Mexxon Holdings -v- Silver Bay International 2000 CFA.

Lecture 2: This lecture deals with conveyancing practice since Kwok Siu Lau -v- Kan Yang Che (1913) HKLR 52 and the importance of the Land Registration Ordinance in the context of land transactions in Hong Kong. It will deal with the incidents of lost deeds and the recent judgment of the CFA in De Monsa Investments -v- Whole Win Management Fund, July 2013.

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