

Judicial appointment

The following is issued on behalf of the Judiciary:

The Judiciary today (January 4) announced the appointment of Ms Yvonne Cheng Wai-sum, SC, as Judge of the Court of First Instance of the High Court. The appointment will take effect on January 5, 2022.

The appointment is made by the Chief Executive on the recommendation of the Judicial Officers Recommendation Commission.

Ms Cheng, who now holds office as Recorder of the Court of First Instance of the High Court, will cease to be Recorder with effect from the same date.

The biographical note of Ms Cheng is as follows:

Ms Yvonne Cheng Wai-sum, SC, was born in 1973 in Hong Kong. She obtained a Bachelor of Arts (Jurisprudence) degree from Magdalen College, University of Oxford, United Kingdom, in 1995. She completed the Bar Finals Examination of the General Council of the Bar of England and Wales in 1996. She was called to the Bar of England and Wales (Gray's Inn) and to the Hong Kong Bar both in 1996. She has been in private practice since 1998. She was appointed as Senior Counsel in 2013. She was appointed as Deputy Judge of the Court of First Instance of the High Court for periods in 2014 and 2015. She has been appointed as Recorder of the Court of First Instance of the High Court since 2018.