

Judicial appointments

The following is issued on behalf of the Judiciary:

The Judiciary today (August 13) announced the appointments of the Honourable Madam Justice Anthea Pang Po-kam as a Justice of Appeal of the Court of Appeal of the High Court and the Honourable Mr Justice Jonathan Russell Harris as the President, Competition Tribunal. The term of appointment of Mr Justice Jonathan Russell Harris is three years. The appointments will take effect from August 16, 2021.

The appointments are made by the Chief Executive on the recommendation of the Judicial Officers Recommendation Commission.

Justice of Appeal of the Court of Appeal of the High Court

The Honourable Madam Justice Anthea Pang Po-kam is appointed as Justice of Appeal of the Court of Appeal of the High Court.

President, Competition Tribunal

The Honourable Mr Justice Jonathan Russell Harris is appointed as the President, Competition Tribunal.

The biographical notes of the appointees are as follows:

The Honourable Madam Justice Anthea Pang Po-kam

Madam Justice Anthea Pang was born in Hong Kong in 1962. She obtained a Bachelor of Social Sciences Degree from the University of Hong Kong in 1985. She passed the Common Professional Examination from the Manchester Metropolitan University, United Kingdom, in 1993. She acquired P.C.L.L. and LL.M. in Human Rights from the University of Hong Kong in 1994 and 2001 respectively. She was called to the Bar in Hong Kong in 1994. She joined the then Legal Department as Crown Counsel in 1995. She was promoted to Senior Government Counsel and Deputy Principal Government Counsel in the Department of Justice in 1998 and 2007 respectively. She was appointed as District Judge in 2010 and as Judge of the Court of First Instance of the High Court in 2013.

The Honourable Mr Justice Jonathan Russell Harris

Mr Justice Harris was born in 1957 in the United Kingdom and has lived in Hong Kong since 1983. He obtained an LL.B. from University College London in the United Kingdom in 1980. He was admitted as a solicitor in England and Wales and in Hong Kong in 1983 and 1984 respectively. He was admitted as a barrister and solicitor in Australia in 1990 and was a partner in an international law firm before being called to the Bar in Hong Kong in 1993. He was appointed as Senior Counsel in 2006 specialising in company and securities matters. In December 2009 he was appointed as a Judge of the Court

of First Instance of the High Court. Since 2010 he has been responsible for the portfolio of company and corporate insolvency cases in the High Court.

The Competition Ordinance was passed on June 14, 2012. The Ordinance provides that every Judge of the Court of First Instance of the High Court will, by virtue of his or her appointment as Judge of the Court of First Instance of the High Court, be a member of the Competition Tribunal. The Ordinance also provides that the Chief Executive shall, on the recommendation of the Judicial Officers Recommendation Commission, appoint two of the members of the Tribunal to be the President and Deputy President of the Tribunal respectively for a term of at least three years, but not more than five years. The President and Deputy President of the Tribunal are eligible for re-appointment.