

Judicial appointments

The following is issued on behalf of the Judiciary:

The Judiciary today (November 25) announced the appointment of His Honour Judge Johnny Chan Jong-herng and Miss Anna Lai Yuen-kee, SC, as Judges of the Court of First Instance of the High Court. The appointments will take effect from November 26, 2021.

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

The biographical notes of the two appointees are as follows:

His Honour Judge Johnny Chan Jong-herng

His Honour Judge Chan was born in 1964 in Hong Kong. He obtained LL.B. and P.C.LL. from the University of Hong Kong in 1987 and 1988 respectively. He was called to the Bar in Hong Kong in 1988 and was in private practice between 1989 and 2002. He was appointed as Permanent Magistrate in 2002 and as District Judge in 2012.

Miss Anna Lai Yuen-kee, SC

Miss Lai, SC, was born in 1958 in Hong Kong. She obtained LL.B. and P.C.LL. from the University of Hong Kong in 1990 and 1991 respectively. She was called to the Bar in Hong Kong in 1991. She was appointed as Senior Counsel in 2016. She joined the then Legal Department as Crown Counsel in 1992 and was promoted to Senior Crown Counsel in 1995. She was promoted to Deputy Principal Government Counsel and Principal Government Counsel in the Department of Justice in 2011 and 2017 respectively. She left the department in 2019 and has been in private practice since then. She was appointed as Deputy Judge of the Court of First Instance of the High Court for periods in 2020 and 2021. She has been appointed as Deputy Judge of the Court of First Instance of the High Court again since November 2021.