

Judicial appointments

The following is issued on behalf of the Judiciary:

The Judiciary today (August 8) announced the appointments of His Honour Judge Leung Chun-man, His Honour Judge Douglas Yau Tak-hong, His Honour Judge Anthony Kwok Kai-on and Her Honour Judge Amanda Jane Woodcock as Judges of the Court of First Instance of the High Court. The appointments will take effect from August 9, 2024.

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

The biographical notes of the four appointees are as follows:

His Honour Judge Leung Chun-man

His Honour Judge Leung was born in Hong Kong in 1965. He obtained an LL.B. and a P.C.LL. from the University of Hong Kong in 1989 and 1991 respectively. He was called to the Bar in Hong Kong in 1991. He was in private practice from 1992 until he joined the Judiciary as District Judge in 2007.

His Honour Judge Douglas Yau Tak-hong

His Honour Judge Yau was born in Hong Kong in 1967. He obtained an LL.B. from the University of London, the United Kingdom, in 1993. He was called to the Bar in England and Wales and in Hong Kong, both in 1994. He was in private practice from 1995 until he joined the Judiciary as Permanent Magistrate in 2002. He was appointed as District Judge in 2009.

His Honour Judge Anthony Kwok Kai-on

His Honour Judge Kwok was born in Hong Kong in 1963. He obtained a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Law from the University of Kent at Canterbury, the United Kingdom, in 1986. He was called to the Bar in England and Wales and in Hong Kong, both in 1989. He was in private practice from 1990 until he joined the Judiciary as Permanent Magistrate in 1997. He was appointed as Principal Magistrate in 2009 and as District Judge in 2012.

Her Honour Judge Amanda Jane Woodcock

Her Honour Judge Woodcock was born in Hong Kong in 1966. She obtained an LL.B. from the Thames Valley University, the United Kingdom, in 1988. She was called to the Bar in England and in Hong Kong in 1989 and 1990 respectively. She was admitted as Solicitor in Hong Kong in 1996. She was in private practice from 1991 until she joined the Judiciary as Permanent Magistrate in 1998. She was appointed as District Judge in 2012.