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Areas of expertise

Legal >

Private Wealth >

Background and experience

Marcus has in-depth knowledge of trusts, foundations, companies, partnerships and other private wealth structures and their evolution as family members move through different stages of life, and is skilful in adapting these private wealth solutions to meet the specific needs of Asian families.

He is an admitted and practising Advocate of the Royal Court of Guernsey and BVI solicitor. He is also admitted as a barrister and solicitor of the High Court of New Zealand and as a solicitor of the High Court of England and Wales.

Having practised with the Auckland office of Arthur Andersen for two years and then with the Auckland office of Russell McVeagh for seven years, he joined the Guernsey office of Ogier in 1999 and became a partner in 2005. He re-located to our Hong Kong office in 2010 on a four year secondment and returned to Guernsey in January 2014.

Marcus is a member of the Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners (STEP). He was also part of The Joint Committee on Trust Law Reform, a body representing STEP, Hong Kong Trustees' Association and other industry groups which worked with and advised the Hong Kong government on the reform of Hong Kong trust law.

Marcus is a Registered Foreign Lawyer regulated by the Law Society of Hong Kong.

Admitted in:

1993 - New Zealand (non practising)

2004 - England and Wales (non practising)

2004 - Guernsey

2010 - British Virgin Islands

Examples of work

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25 May 2007

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Recognition

"Leading Individual"

Legal 500 UK, 2023

"Marcus has always been available and truly provides a practical, partner led, and personal service"

Chambers UK, 2020

"Well-known in finance circles"

Legal 500 UK, 2020

"Market leader"

IFLR 1000 2020

"Marcus is able to explain matters in a clear and detailed manner, whether in person, by phone or by email. Marcus is very approachable and provides a great personal service, usually at all hours of the day or night"

Citywealth Leaders List 2019

"He is that rare thing, a partner that answers the telephone personally when you call and provides a genuine partner-led service, he also appears to work 24/7"

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"From my perspective they exceeded, and they definitely went above and beyond"

Client feedback, 2019

"Very responsive"

Client feedback, 2019