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Azan Marwah was called to the Bar in 2012 and is an experienced commercial, family, matrimonial and public law advocate and mediator. He appears in all courts including the Court of Appeal and Court of Final Appeal.

Azan specialises in matters involving cross-border and public law elements as well as cases involving children, financial relief, and discrimination. He also advises and appears in a broad range of civil and commercial disputes for governments and private parties. He is well-known for appearing in landmark family and constitutional law cases. He is a contributor to texts on contract law and civil procedure.

**1. Education**

- Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution, Hong Kong: CEDR Mediator
- Middle Temple, London: Hong Kong Middle Temple Society Advocacy Scholarship
- University of Hong Kong: Postgraduate Certificate in Laws
- University of Southern California & London School of Economics: Joint Degree LLB (Hons)
- London School of Economics: MSC & BSC in International Relations

**2. Professional Appointments**

- Lecturer, Matrimonial Property & Practice, University of Hong Kong
- Adjunct Tutor (Faculty of Medicine), Chinese University of Hong Kong
- Hong Kong Bar Association Standing Committees on Equality & Diversity, Practice Development, Legal Aid Reform, Sports Law, and Bar Council

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- Advisory Committee on Legal Advice for Unrepresented Litigants (Chief Secretary's Office)
- Chairman, Appeal Tribunal Panel under Section 48 of Buildings Ordinance
- Hong Kong Building Authority representative to PCLL Academic Panel of Chinese University of Hong Kong
- Vice Chairman & Member, Hong Kong Committee on Children's Rights
- Honorary Legal adviser to Hong Kong Marriage Equality, Mother's Choice, Path Finders (HK)
- Joint Chinese University of Hong Kong - New Territories East Cluster Clinical Research Ethics Committee
- Transport Department, Personalised Vehicle Registration Marks Vetting Committee (2018-2020)
- Court of Final Appeal, Hong Kong, Judicial Assistant (2012-2013)

### **3. Family and Matrimonial Practice**

Azan has extensive experience in all aspects of family and child related disputes before the courts, and in mediation. He advises and appears on matters before all courts, including care and protection proceedings before the juvenile courts, domestic violence, child abduction, child custody, child protection, and ancillary relief proceedings.

Azan Marwah is the co-author or editor of the leading practitioners' texts, including Hong Kong Family Court Practice (the 'Red Book'), Atkins Court Forms Family volume and the Hong Kong Family Court Tables. He conducts CPD seminars and lectures on family and child law issues.

He also regularly gives evidence before the Legislative Council on issues related to children's rights and was the principal author of the Protection of Children Legislation (Amendments) Bill 2020, and the Crimes (Amendment) (Modern Slavery) Bill 2019.

He is honorary legal advisor to Mother's Choice, Hong Kong Marriage Equality, and PathFinders Hong Kong.

### **4. Civil and Commercial Practice**

Azan advises and appear in a broad range of commercial matters and civil matters. He is a contributor to the leading texts on contract law and civil procedure.

He acts as counsel for parties in matters relating to international sale of goods, civil fraud, asset tracing and recovery, property and company related disputes. He has substantial experience in applications for injunctive release including urgent Mareva freezing injunctions and Norwich Pharmacal pre action discovery orders. He has also acted as counsel for parties in arbitration.

Azan routinely advises and appears in matters related to employment and labour disputes for both employers and employees. In particular, he has appeared in contempt proceedings before the Labour Tribunal, appeals before the High Court related to wrongful termination and breach of contract claims before the High Court, employment related discrimination claims before the District Court, and judicial review proceedings related to discrimination in civil service employment contracts.

He has also been instructed as an independent investigator for corporate entities to report on serious allegations of misconduct by senior staff.

Azan is also regularly instructed in tort actions including professional negligence, privacy, discrimination and defamation. assault, false imprisonment, and conspiracy.

## **5. Public Law Practice**

Azan is an experienced public law advocate, taking instructions from both Government and private clients. He is particularly known for his work in equality law, working on questions of religious, LGBTQ+, gender and disability discrimination.

Most recently, he has appeared in the landmark cases of LS v KG [2021] HKCFI 1401 (same-sex couple, joint custody of children), Leung Chun Kwong v Secretary for the Civil Service (2019) 22 HKCFAR 127 (same-sex marriage, taxation and employment), Ng Hon Lam Edgar v Secretary for Justice [2020] HKCFI 2412 (same-sex marriage, inheritance), and Ng Hon Lam Edgar v The Hong Kong Housing Authority [2020] HKCFI 2719 (same-sex marriage, housing).

## **6. Mediation Practice**

Azan acts as a sole mediator, joint mediator and advocate in mediation in commercial & employment, family & matrimonial, landlord & tenant, personal injuries & tort, and domestic violence, discrimination & harassment.

He has practiced both in Hong Kong and California. He was appointed as a court mediator for the Los Angeles County Courts in 2010, after training as a mediator at the University of Southern California, from which he received an American Jurisprudence Award for Mediation.

He is an accredited as a mediator by CEDR, Hong Kong.

## **7. Publications**

- General editor, co-author: “Duxbury etc.: Hong Kong Family Court Tables” [https://www.duxburyetc.hk], (2019-present)
- Contributing editor: Archbold Hong Kong (2015-present) including chapter on “companies”
- Contributing editor: Hong Kong Chitty on Contracts 5th Edition (2016 to present)
- Contributing editor: Hong Kong Civil Procedure (2015 to present)
- Co-author: Hong Kong Family Court Practice, 2nd Edition (June 2015)
- Editor: Halsbury’s Laws of Hong Kong, [238] LEGAL AID (2018 to present)
- Editor: Atkins Court Forms Hong Kong, vol. VIII FAMILY (2015 to present)
- Author: Personal Data Privacy in the Digital Age, HKLJ Vol. 43/3 (2013)