

Withers makes senior appointment of Michelle Chow to meet growing philanthropic interest in Asia

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International law firm Withers announces the appointment of Michelle Chow as a Consultant in its Hong Kong office. She joins Withers' Wealth Planning Practice where she will be advising clients on issues relating to trusts, wealth planning and philanthropy.

Michelle has over 15 years experience in corporate and charity law, counting in her experience acting as legal counsel and company secretary of the Li Ka Shing Foundation in Hong Kong. She currently sits on the board of a number of charities in Hong Kong. Michelle's expertise lies in advising universities, schools, banks, corporations and individuals on issues relating to setting up charities and compliance. This includes negotiating and preparing grant agreements, the use of funds for charitable purposes, making and receiving donations, charities operations and dealing with the Hong Kong Inland Revenue Department and Companies Registry.

'We are delighted to have Michelle Chow join our Hong Kong office and Asian Wealth Planning Practice. We see growing demand for philanthropy advice amongst high-net-worth individuals, family businesses and family offices in the region. Michelle's expertise in charity law will further enhance the scope of service provided by the Withers' team in Asia.' said Jay Krause, Withers' Head of Wealth Planning.

Withers has well-established charities and philanthropy teams based in London, Switzerland and the US. In Asia, Mimi Hutton heads up the charities and philanthropy practice, working closely with Patrick Hamlin in Hong Kong and with other experienced colleagues around the world. Michelle's prior experience in charities law, both working within a law firm and with the Li Ka Shing Foundation, will greatly enhance the charities and philanthropy team in Asia.

Michelle's contribution to community service has been awarded by the Law Society of Hong Kong in 2012. Qualified as a solicitor in London in 1997 and Hong Kong in 1998, Michelle was with Farrer & Co before she joined Mayer Brown JSM where she specialized in trust and corporate work, advising her clients on company formation and structures, corporate compliance issues and the setting up of charitable organisations in Hong Kong.