

## Michelle Chow

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Michelle is a consultant in the private client and tax team.

She advises on a broad range of wealth planning matters including setting up discretionary trusts, from initial advice on trust structures to transfer of assets to distribution; change of trustees, preparing letter of wishes, trust restructuring and termination of trusts. She also advises on corporate structures and compliance issues.

Michelle also has particular expertise in charity law, including advising on the setting up of charitable organisations and governance matters for universities, schools, banks, corporations and individuals. In addition, she also advises on negotiating and preparing donation agreements, the use of funds for charitable purposes, making and receiving donations, charities operations and dealing with the Inland Revenue Department and Companies Registry as well as various private banks on issues relating to setting up charities and compliance. She sits on multiple hospitals, schools and charity boards and brings her wealth of experience to her clients. She is a member of the STEP's Philanthropy Advisors Special Interest Group Steering Committee and a trainer on philanthropy courses globally.

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### ADMISSIONS

- England and Wales, 1997
- Hong Kong SAR, 1998
- British Virgin Islands, 2014

### PUBLICATIONS

*Hong Kong shifting landscapes of philanthropy and how family plays a part in it* - Mar 2021, author

Michelle regularly lectures on philanthropy and charity law issues, as well as writing articles for the press. She has spoken at numerous conferences in Hong Kong and overseas, including the Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners (STEP) seminars and conferences, Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) conferences and various university programs on NGO management.

### MEMBERSHIPS

- Law Society of Hong Kong
- Law Society of Hong Kong, Pro Bono Committee
- Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners

- Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners - STEP Philanthropy Group, Chair
- Hong Kong Council of Social Service WiseGiving, Steering Committee
- Alice Ho Miu Ling Nethersole Hospital, Hospital Governing Committee
- Pamela Youde Nethersole Eastern Hospital, Hospital Governing Committee
- Alice Ho Miu Ling Nethersole Charity Foundation, Board Member
- Alice Ho Miu Ling Nethersole Social Services Limited, Board Member
- Friends of the Harp Limited, Board Member

## TALKS

Numerous University lectures on NGO management programmes

*'Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners (STEP)'* seminars and conferences

*'Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE)'* conferences

## EDUCATION

Anglia Ruskin University, LLB (Hons) Law  
College of Law, Guildford

## LANGUAGES

CANTONESE  
ENGLISH

## DATES

JOINED: 2013

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