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Admissions

2010	香港执业大律师
2003	香港律师
2002	澳洲高等法院
1998	澳洲维多利亚州律师

Academic

1996	澳洲墨尔本大学法学士
1994	澳洲墨尔本大学法学士
1990	北京第二外国语学院汉语文凭

Practice profile

胡士远大律师拥有丰富的的民事诉讼，仲裁和调解经验，范围广泛，包括知识产权，商业法，加密货币，合同纠纷，公司与股东，白领欺诈，破产，航运，婚姻财务，竞争，雇佣法及税收事务。

胡士远大律师既皇家特许仲裁员协会的会员，亦是世界知识产权组织(“WIPO”)认为中性的。他是世界知识产权组织(“WIPO”)，香港国际仲裁中心(“HKIAC”)知识产权争议仲裁员小组:仲裁员名单，國際商會(“ICC”)，深圳国际仲裁院(“SCIA”)和 AIAC 的仲裁员和调解员。除此，他也是 WIPO、FORUM、HKIAC、域名争议解决中心(“ADNDRC”) (北京及香港办事处) 和 AIAC 的域名专家组成员，作出英文及中文的裁决。

胡士远大律师分别于 1998 年及 2003 年在澳洲维多利亚州及香港取得律师资格。在香港成为执业大律师之前他是香港一间国际律师行的合伙人。

胡士远大律师能操流利普通话。

Rankings

“胡士远大律师能理解大量的案例，当对方企图误导法庭时，他都能运用正确的法律来辩解，也有罕见能力让法官改变想法 — 《2025 年亚太法律 500 强评鑑》(香港大律师 - 商业纠纷)

“一位总能吸引法官注意力并以最有说服力的方式推销案件的律师” — 《2021 年亚太法律 500 强评鑑》(香港大律师 - 商业纠纷)

“优秀：用户友好且勤奋，他反应迅速且精通技术” - 2021 年亚太法律 500 强评鑑(香港律师 - 知识产权)

胡士远大律师在亚太法律 500 强评鑑中被公认为领先的商业纠纷和知识产权专家。

Appointments

执委会委员,执行委员会,香港大律师公会

执委会委员,法律援助服务局

成员, 香港大律师公会知识产权委员会

Selected cases

Reported decisions

- *Techtronic Product Development Ltd v Fauteux, Denis Gaston* [2024] 2 HKLRD 737 (application for leave to appeal and for an interim stay – trade secrets and confidential information, injunctions, leave to make collateral use of documents disclosed under ancillary disclosure orders)
- *CRB (a firm) v Mark Richard Charlton Sutherland* [2024] 1 HKLRD 106 (action for solicitors' fees; summary judgment; application to amend defence and counterclaim; negligence)
- *Stephen Mark Drimmer v Hongkong Seiyō International Co Ltd* [2023] 1 HKLRD 373 (first instance appeal – security for costs)
- *Mary Kay Inc v Zhejiang Tmall Network Co Ltd* [2021] 5 HKC 30 (application to set aside service out and to intervene in respect of default judgment application; trade mark infringement and passing off; parallel imports and exhaustion defence – defaced product; liability of Internet platform providers as joint tortfeasors)
- *China NPL Holdings Pte Ltd v Mo Haidan* [2021] 1 HKLRD 344; [2021] 2 HKC 97 (Court of Appeal) (conflict of laws - appeal from order discharging Mareva injunction based upon PRC judgments)
- *Bank of India v Gimajasa & Ors* [2021] 3 HKC 387 (trial – guarantee of banking facilities)
- *Essilor Manufacturing (Thailand) Co Ltd v G Doulatram and Sons (HK) Ltd & Ors* [2021] 3 HKC 167 (application for payment out of money paid into court to discharge proprietary and Mareva injunctions)
- *Re Fortune King Trading Ltd (in Liquidation)* [2020] 3 HKC 429 (appeal against liquidators' rejection of proof of debt)
- *Arboit (Liquidator) v Hu Yan* [2018] 4 HKLRD 213 (Court of Appeal) (summary judgment – conversion and unjust enrichment)
- *Hugo Boss Trademark v Britain Boss International Co Ltd* [2018] 3 HKLRD 401 (Court of Appeal) (trade mark infringement and passing off – application to set aside judgment in default of defence)
- *Ling Leung Kit Hing & Anor v Russell James Worth & Ors* [2017] 6 HKC 167 (Court of Appeal) (appeal from order striking out statement of claim – water leakage)
- *Arboit (Liquidator) v Hu Yan* [2017] 5 HKLRD 768 (summary judgment – conversion and unjust enrichment)
- *Secretary for Justice v Chun Ngai Jewellery Design Co Ltd (No 2)* [2017] 2 HKLRD 1114 (interpleader appeal – recovery of diamond)
- *Secretary for Justice v Chun Ngai Jewellery Design Co Ltd (No 1)* [2017] 1 HKLRD 536 (interpleader– recovery of diamond)
- *Hugo Boss Trademark v Britain Boss International Co Ltd* [2015] 3 HKLRD 4 (trade mark infringement and passing off – application to set aside judgment in default of defence)
- *Gemology Headquarters International, LLC v Gemological Institute of America, Inc* [2014] 5 HKC 145 (application to adduce further evidence and cross-examine on appeal from trade mark opposition decision)

- *SLA neé S v HKL (No 1)* [2013] 5 HKLRD 117 (application to set aside dispositions of shares in husband's alter ego company)
- *SLA neé S v HKL (No 2)* [2013] 5 HKLRD 125 (ancillary relief application, including application for concurrent liability against the husband's alter ego company – decision of the UK Supreme Court in *Prest v Petrodel Resources Ltd* and others [2013] UKSC 34 applied)
- *Chor Ki Kwong David v Lorea Solabarrieta Cheung* [2013] 2 HKLRD 95; [2013] 5 HKC 525 (breach of confidence – interlocutory injunction)
- *Arko Ship Leasing Ltd v Winsmart International Shipping Ltd* [2013] 2 HKLRD 121 (shipping – application to vacate trial date)
- *Frey Wille GmbH & Co KG v Complex Industrial Co Ltd* [2012] 4 HKLRD 814 (Court of Appeal) (copyright infringement – appeal from summary judgment)
- *I-Registry Ltd v John Corner, LLC* (WIPO Case No. LRO2013-0015, 8 August 2013)
- *Del Monte Corporation v Del Monte International GmbH* (WIPO Case No. LRO2013-0001, 29 July 2013) (Presiding Panelist)

Selected arbitration matters

- Respondent's Counsel (HKIAC Rules 2024): Cryptocurrency and intellectual property dispute
- Sole Arbitrator (HKIAC Rules 2018): Software licensing dispute
- Sole Arbitrator (HKIAC Rules 2018): Cryptocurrency trading dispute
- Claimant's Counsel (CIETAC Rules): IT dispute concerning payment of rebates
- Co-Arbitrator (HKIAC Rules 2018): Software licensing dispute
- Emergency Arbitrator (HKIAC Rules 2018): Application for interim relief (*Mareva* injunction)
- Sole Arbitrator (UNCITRAL Rules 2013)
- Sole Arbitrator (ICC Rules): Dispute relating to implementation of Cloud based IT services
- Sole Arbitrator (HKIAC Rules 2013): 5 references
- Claimant's Counsel (HKIAC Rules 2013): 2 references
- More than 800 domain name decisions handed down to date (in both English and Chinese), as sole panelist, presiding panelist, or co-chair

Unreported decisions

- *X-Spot Global Limited v Huobi Global Limited* (HCIP 36/2023, 8 December 2023) (trade mark infringement – cryptocurrency; interlocutory injunction; application to stay for arbitration and to set aside service out of the jurisdiction)
- *Yao-Hua Kang v Joe-Hsiang Lin* (HCA1926/2020, 18 November 2022) (first instance appeal; costs of withdrawn application for summary judgment; whether the plaintiff knew or ought to have known the defendant had a credible defence; specific performance – discretion to withhold remedy where the plaintiff has no legitimate interest in the information sought (citing *White & Carter (Councils) Limited v McGregor* [1962] AC 413)

- *Mary Kay Inc v Zhejiang Tmall Network Co Ltd* (Court of Appeal, CAMP 301/2021, 15 March 2022) (application for leave to appeal against order to set aside service out and granting leave to intervene in respect of default judgment application; trade mark infringement and passing off; parallel imports and exhaustion defence – defaced product; liability of Internet platform providers as joint tortfeasors)
- *JML-Craft Pty Ltd v China Ping An Insurance (Hong Kong) Co Ltd* (HCCT 27/2021, 24 May 2021) (application for interlocutory injunction restraining the surety from making payment under an on-demand bond)
- *Essilor Manufacturing (Thailand) Co Ltd v G Doulatram and Sons (HK) Ltd & Ors* (HCA 392/2020, 23 September 2020) (application for payment out of money paid into court to discharge proprietary and Mareva injunctions; application to strike out statement of claim)
- *Nagravision SA v Zhuhai Gotech Intelligent Technology Co Ltd* (HCIP 29/2019, 2 July 2020) (application for disposal of issues on points of law and for preliminary issues hearing on a point of law – copyright infringement and enforcement of US judgment)
- *Essilor Manufacturing (Thailand) Co Ltd v Wong Kam Wai (Trading as Sun Wai Lok HK International Company) & Ors* (Court of Appeal, CACV 71/2020, 21 May 2020) (appeal against refusal to continue proprietary and Mareva injunctions when the return date had not taken place due to the General Adjourned Period, led by Bernard Man SC)
- *Ferrari North America, Inc v Changhon International Energy Co Ltd* (HCA 852/2017, 25 September 2019) (summary judgment against second tier recipients – CEO fraud: unjust enrichment)
- *Kouk Chung Fai v Global Ltd* (HCLA 1/2019, 25 September 2019) (application for leave to appeal against order refusing transfer of proceedings from the Labour Tribunal)
- *Ian Richard Carver Cullen v Kaisilk Development Ltd* (HCA 584/2017, 12 September 2019) (trial – contract)
- *Withers (a Firm) v Antonia Basile also known as Antonia Basile Wilson* (HCMP1162/2016, 4 February 2019) (application for leave to tax solicitors' bills – first instance appeal)
- *Haribo Ricqles Zan v Nippon Taisun (HK) Limited* (Ricolos: trade mark opposition decision, 31 January 2019)
- *D, A v SJG* (FCMP 143/2016, 21 August 2018) (application by the mother for costs of proceedings under the Guardianship of Minors Ordinance)
- *Sheraton International, Inc. v Staywell Hospitality Group Pty Ltd* (HCMP 2566/2017, 3 August 2018) (PARK REGIS: trade mark opposition appeal)
- *Withers (a Firm) v Antonia Basile also known as Antonia Basile Wilson* (HCMP 1162/2016, 18 April 2018) (application for leave to tax solicitors' bills)
- *Print Rite (A&J) Ltd v Wobbleworks, Inc* (HCMP 90/2017, 21 December 2017) (application for declaration of non-infringement of registered design)
- *Re Kam Toys & Novelty Manufacturing Limited* (Court of Appeal) (CACV 67/2017, 13 November 2017) (insolvency - unfair preference)
- *WSS v DKPA* (FCMC 9725/2012, 31 October 2017) (judgment – ancillary relief trial)
- *Sheraton International, Inc. v Staywell Hospitality Group Pty Ltd* (PARK REGIS: trade mark opposition decision, 19 October 2017)
- *Ferrari North America, Inc v Changhon International Energy Co Ltd* (HCA852/2017, 29 June 2017) (substantive hearing of Mareva injunction application – CEO fraud)

- *Re Fortune King Trading Limited* (HCCW 432/2012, 19 May 2017) (insolvency - resulting trust)
- *Re Kam Toys & Novelty Manufacturing Limited* (HCMP 1908/2016, 9 February 2017) (insolvency - unfair preference)
- *D, A v SJG* (FCMP 143/2016, 22 December 2016) (application for interim financial support under the Guardianship of Minors Ordinance – de facto relationship)
- *Ling Leung Kit Hing & Anor v Russell James Worth & Ors* (HCA 8/2015, 28 January 2016) (first instance appeal from order striking out statement of claim – water leakage)
- *Loke Mun Yee Teresa v Loke Ka Ming Stephen & Anor* (HCMP 1952/2014, 4 September 2015) (civil contempt)
- *SCF v VJD* (FCMC 9340/2014, 21 August 2015) (maintenance pending suit and interim maintenance)
- *ME v A-MG* (FCMC 9947/2012, 13 May 2015) (costs arising from ancillary relief application)
- *WSS v DKPA* (FCMC 9725/2012, 25 July 2014) (preliminary issues hearing regarding beneficial interest in matrimonial property)
- *Gemological Institute of America, Inc v Gemology Headquarters International, LLC* (GEMOLOGY HEADQUARTERS INTERNATIONAL: trade mark opposition decision, 19 May 2014)
- *Snap-On Incorporated* (SNAP-ON: trade mark registrability hearing decision, 16 January 2014)
- *Taihan Electric Wire Co Ltd v Lee Chi Yuen Arctic & Ors* (HCA 454/2013, 17 December 2013) (commercial fraud - strike-out)
- *Taihan Electric Wire Co Ltd v Lau Siu Ming & Ors* (HCA 1687/2011, 7 November 2013) (breach of unless orders)
- *Taihan Electric Wire Co Ltd v Lee Chi Yuen Arctic & Ors* (HCA 454/2013, 1 November 2013) (inter partes Mareva injunction, led by Charles Manzoni SC)
- *Lo Pui Fan v Hongkong United Dockyards Ltd* (HCPI 171/2011 30 October 2013) (application to stay proceedings for arbitration – application for leave to appeal to the Court of Appeal, led by Charles Manzoni SC)
- *China National Gold Group Corporation v HK China Gold Co Ltd* (HCA 88/2013, 22 October 2013) (trade mark infringement and passing off – application to set aside judgment in default of defence)
- *Taihan Electric Wire Co Ltd v Lee Chi Yuen Arctic & Ors* (HCA 454/2013, 8 October 2013) (disclosure of settlement agreement)
- *China National Gold Group Corporation v China (HK) Gold Group Shares Limited* (HCA 699/2013, 17 September 2013) (trade mark infringement and passing off – summary judgment)
- *Taihan Electric Wire Co Ltd v Lee Chi Yuen Arctic & Ors* (HCA 454/2013, 10 September 2013) (cross-examination of deponent on Mareva injunction application)
- *Aesthetics Architecture Pty Ltd v Main Crown Enterprises Limited* (HCA 483/2012, 29 August 2013) (appeal – application to set aside default judgment)
- *Taihan Electric Wire Co Ltd v Lee Chi Yuen Arctic & Ors* (HCA 454/2013, 5 July 2013) (inspection of documents referred to in affirmation)
- *Lo Pui Fan v Hongkong United Dockyards Ltd* (HCPI 171/2011, 29 July 2013) (application to stay proceedings for arbitration)

- *Elbee Pty Ltd v Kabushiki Kaisha Cozy Corporation* (DREAM BABYS: trade mark opposition decision, 16 May 2013)
- *SBE Licensing, LLC v Hyde Lyndhurst Ltd t/a HYDE* (HCA 1358/2011, 10 August 2012) (trade mark infringement – summary judgment)
- *Frey Wille GmbH & Co KG v Complex Industrial Co Ltd* [2011] HKEC 1620 (copyright infringement – summary judgment)
- *Gary Bruce Solomon v NTG Limited* (HCCW 86/2011, 10 October 2011) (winding- up)
- *Wal-Mart Stores, Inc v Wal-Mart Production Limited* (HCA 1285/2008, 8 October 2008) (passing off – default judgment)