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PROFILE

- Eric is a future Trainee Solicitor at Withers and a Juris Doctor candidate at The Chinese University of Hong Kong. A qualified PRC lawyer, he is building a career at the intersection of cross-border disputes and private wealth, drawing on practical experience across leading US, UK, and Chinese law firms in capital markets, contentious matters, and private client work. His academic record includes the Linklaters Making Links Scholarship and the Freshfields Community Investment Award.
- Eric is also an accomplished international debater and mooter. He was a Quarter-Finalist at both Vis Moot Vienna and Vis East and a Global Top 8 finalist at the FDI Moot. He has defeated teams from Oxford, Duke, and LSE in international competitions. He demonstrated strong leadership and entrepreneurial drive by transforming a student club with limited resources into a nationally ranked team, organizing an event that attracted over 500,000 viewers.

EDUCATION BACKGROUND & QUALIFICATIONS

The Chinese University of Hong Kong **09/2024-07/2026 (Expected)**

Degree: *Juris Doctor* **Academic Standing:** GPA 3.647/4.0 (Ranked in the top 5% of the cohort)

- **Honors:** Linklaters Making Links Scholarship; The Freshfields Community Investment Award; SCIA Scholarship; JD Bronze Scholarship for Academic Merit (2025-26)
- **Awards:** Top 8 Global Best Teams and National First Runner-up of the FDI Moot
Quarter-Finalist at both Vis Moot Vienna and Vis East; Honorable Mention for Best Memorandum for Respondent (Vis East)
- **Professional Qualification:** Postgraduate Certificate in Laws (PCLL) at CUHK (Admitted for 2026–2027, UGC-funded Place)

Jiangxi University of Finance and Economics (JUFE) **09/2020-07/2024**

Degree: *Bachelor of Laws Major: Law and Forensic Accounting*

Academic Standing: GPA: 4.13/5.0 (91.28%) (Ranked in the top 2.5% of the cohort)

- **Honors:** Excellent Graduate; University Scholarship (Top 1%); "Aofei" Enterprise Scholarship (Top 1%)
2024 Outstanding Undergraduate Overseas Study Scholarship (Top 1%)
- **Awards:** 1st National Prize in the 1st "LinkedIn Cup" Workplace New Force Debate Competition
Distinguished Oralist of Lee & Li Moot Court Competition
- **Professional Qualification:** Legal Professional Qualification Examination of the PRC (PRC Bar)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Linklaters LLP | Hong Kong | Making Links Scholar & EDM Working Experience Student **02/2025-08/2025**

Selected from a competitive Asia-wide candidate pool for Linklaters' flagship talent program; completed paid internship with senior-level mentorship and structured commercial law training

- Drafted FDDQ and MDDQ questionnaires for an offshore bond issuance, focusing on abnormal financial fluctuations, significant equity changes, and administrative penalties
- Communicated with previous creditors regarding a new round of offshore issuance, and researched and organized clauses in the company's prior loan agreements that restricted refinancing

Withers LLP | Hong Kong | Summer Vacation Intern & Future Trainee Solicitor **06/2025-07/2025**

Litigation & Arbitration and Private Client (Business) team

- Analyzed share transfer records and liabilities to assess legal and financial risk, and suitability for the trust structure
- Drafted a memorandum on a HK/Singapore shareholder dispute, advising on Shareholders' Agreement breaches, fiduciary duties, and unfair prejudice grounds
- Drafted a High Court affirmation opposing summary judgment, arguing the underlying credit agreement was unenforceable

Morgan Lewis & Bockius LLP | Hong Kong | Summer Intern (Vacation Scheme) **06/2025-06/2025**

Worked across IPO, General Corporate, and Debt Capital Markets teams

- Supported an offshore debt issuance by preparing initial drafts of key sections (e.g., Risk Factors and Senior Management) and creating the detailed verification notes used for final financial due diligence
- Authored an advisory memorandum for foreign clients on Mainland China and Hong Kong taxation, tax refund, and profit-distribution procedures, ensuring compliance of their local operations
- Participated in IPO prospectus printer sessions, gaining direct exposure to final-stage due diligence, bring-down procedures, and signing protocols

Zhong Lun Law Firm | Hong Kong & Shenzhen | Legal Intern

04/2024-07/2024

Foreign Direct Investment and Debt Capital Markets team

- Drafted arguments in a U.S. litigation expert witness report, interpreting non-prescriptive regulations to establish that the client's disclosure was a mandatory legal obligation
- Supported a German industrial leader's strategic investment in its key PRC supplier by drafting ancillary documents (notably call option and best-price agreements) and proofreading the principal subscription agreement
- Drafted memoranda advising international clients on PRC capital markets (Panda Bond issuance) and data privacy (PIPL compliance)

Zhong Lun Law Firm | Chengdu | Legal Intern

11/2023-02/2024

PE/VC/M&A team

- Assessed mandatory general offer risk under Hong Kong Takeovers Code, focusing on "acting in concert" analysis for a >30% shareholder post-divestment
- Assessed an IPO's compliance with the CSRC's 2023 overseas listing regime: "look-through" diligence, filing thresholds, and negative list prohibitions
- Drafted SPA provisions to mitigate risks identified in due diligence, including warranties on ambiguous patent ownership and pre-closing employment clauses

Global Law Office | Beijing | Legal Intern

07/2023-09/2023

Capital Markets: Securitization & Derivatives team

- Drafted memoranda advising overseas investors on PRC public M&A: foreign ownership (Negative List), national security review, and antitrust filing obligations
- Conducted due diligence on a bank's credit asset portfolio for eligibility as underlying assets in a proposed ABS transaction

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

33rd Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot | Team Member

09/2025-04/2026

- Researched the interpretation of dispute resolution clauses under Art. 8(2) and (3) CISG; analyzed disclosure requirements for Third-Party Funding agreements under the SIAC Rules
- Participated in oral training rounds with peer universities and intra-team practice sessions as an oralist candidate

FDI Moot (National & Globals) | Team Leader and Researcher

04/2025-11/2025

- Orchestrated the end-to-end legal strategy for a team of 8, managing all phases from case analysis and memorial drafting (ICSID Rules) to oral advocacy preparation
- Authored the team's core jurisdiction and merits arguments forming both memorials

JUFE Debate Team | Deputy Captain & Executive Consultant

09/2021-07/2024

- Secured the team's first institutional funding through a business case to university leadership; elevated the team from unranked to 47th nationally
- Defeated top universities including LSE, Duke, and Oxford in two international debate competitions
- Organized the "Qiushui Cup" Chinese Debate Invitational Competition, which attracted over 500,000 online viewers

SKILLS & INTERESTS

- **Skills:** MS Office; Legal Research & Writing; Legal Databases (Westlaw, LexisNexis); AI-Assisted Legal Research Tools
- **Language Proficiency:** Native Mandarin; Fluent English; Basic Conversational Cantonese
- **Interests:** Debate; Musicals; Singing; Mountaineering; Table Games