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Mark is a human rights lawyer originally from Canada and has worked in Hong Kong since 1995 primarily on public law/human rights litigation, advocacy and access to justice issues. In addition to test cases in the highest courts in Hong Kong involving permanent residence for migrant domestic workers (the “Vallejos” case 2013) and the refugee principle of non-refoulement in customary international law (the “C” case 2013), significant cases include the Court of Final Appeal (“CFA”) case of Sakthivel Prabakar v Secretary for Security (FACV 16 of 2003, Judgment 8th June 2004) involving the question of refugees and the Convention Against Torture “CAT”, cases involving the issues of forced labour/human trafficking and LGBTI cases which include the “Angus Leung” (FACV no. 8 of 2018) case on government employees benefits’ being extended to same-sex couples, the “Ng Hon Lam Edgar” case on inheritance right for same sex couples and the “Henry Li” case on widower rights for same-sex couples.

As Amnesty International’s representative, he has attended, as international legal observer, the trial in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, of former Deputy Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim and the appeal of opposition politician, Lim Guan Eng for sedition and publishing ‘false news’. Mark is an original member of the Article 23 (opposed to proposed security legislation) and Article 45 (democracy) Concern Groups and his firm was the winner of the Asian Legal Business “Pro Bono Law Firm of the Year” and numerous Law Society pro bono awards.

Mark also lectured on the legal position of asylum seekers in Hong Kong at the University of Hong Kong’s 1st “Intensive Course on International Refugee Law” in 2006 and has since been a trainer for the legal profession on Refugee/CAT/non-refoulement law. He was a speaker at the UNHCR, Geneva, on Human Rights Litigation and at the 25th LAWASIA Conference and the Commonwealth Law Conferences on human rights and the rule of law. He holds an LLM in Human Rights from HKU and other academic interests include strategic litigation, constitutional law and the rule of law. He is a member of the Law Society Council and a member of the Constitutional Affairs and Human Rights Committee.