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## About Des Voeux Chambers

Des Voeux Chambers ("DVC") was founded in 1984. Today, DVC is both a leading set and the largest set of barristers' chambers in Hong Kong, comprising over 100 practising barristers.

Whilst justifiably proud of its history, DVC's focus is on the 'here and now' and going forward. DVC has planned for and continues to plan for the future.

As at 2024, 25 members of DVC have been appointed Senior Counsel in Hong Kong and/or King's Counsel in England & Wales. DVC's well-established and structured intern, pupillage and recruitment policies are designed to create solid foundations for the future by ensuring that junior members are selected from the very top graduates in Hong Kong and elsewhere, with 37 Bar Scholars currently at DVC.

Several members are qualified to practice in other jurisdictions including the People's Republic of China, England & Wales, Australia, Singapore, New Zealand, the United States of America, Bermuda, and the British Virgin Islands.

## How Barristers Work

<https://www.dvc.hk/about/how-to-instruct-barristers>

Des Voeux Chambers is not a firm, nor are its members partners or employees. Chambers is made up of separate, self-contained offices of about 100 individual barristers.

Each member is self-employed and each works independently. Barristers within the same Chambers can be retained by opposing sides in the same dispute, regardless of how sensitive or contentious the matters are, as a “Chinese wall” will be in place.

Members (along with their staff) ensure that they adhere to the professional duties owed to their clients, will treat communication as confidential and privileged, and avoid conflicts of interest.

## How to Instruct Barristers

<https://www.dvc.hk/about/practice-development-and-clerking>

Solicitors may contact any of our members directly or get in touch with Chambers through our Practice Development and Clerking Team. You and your client will benefit from our clerks’ comprehensive knowledge of each barrister’s practice and expertise, which enables them to make suitable and appropriate recommendations concerning each barrister.

Subject to the Bar Code, our members can also accept instructions directly from overseas and in-house lawyers, and members of certain professional bodies on matters including advisory work, and international arbitration. They may accept appointments as arbitrators, mediators or umpires, without referral by a solicitor.

Talk to our Practice Development and Clerking Team for more information.

## Get In Touch

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