

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Commercial Litigation at Stephenson Harwood & Lo Makes an Exciting Appointment – Austen Wither Returns**

As part of the continued expansion of Stephenson Harwood & Lo's commercial litigation practice, Austen Wither has been appointed as a Consultant Litigation Solicitor.

Having been admitted as a Solicitor in Scotland in 1986, Austen has spent the majority of his 20-year career as a Solicitor in Hong Kong. He left SHL in 2003 but remained as a Consultant with SHL on a part-time basis while at the same time continuing his career as a Solicitor in Western Australia. Austen's return to SHL strengthens the dispute resolution team's already extensive experience in shareholder disputes, insolvency matters, sizeable probate litigation and general contractual disputes.

#### **Stephenson Harwood & Lo's Managing Partner, John Gale, comments on Austen's appointment:**

"We are pleased to welcome Austen Wither back to Stephenson Harwood & Lo. His experience, existing client relationships and proven ability to effectively represent clients in his field of practice further strengthen the firm's litigation capacity and ability to develop and protect the interests of all clients in the field of dispute resolution. Austen's return is an exciting development for our dispute resolution department"

#### **Austen Wither talks about his return:**

"I am very pleased to be welcomed back to Stephenson Harwood & Lo. With this firm's considerable experience and resources, I hope to make a healthy contribution to the continued success and expansion of each client's business; and to strengthen client relationships further, through timely and efficient management and resolution of client litigation."

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**Notes for the editor:**

**ABOUT STEPHENSON HARWOOD & LO**

In 1979, SHL was established in Hong Kong as a joint venture between Stephenson Harwood, a London based law firm, and Lo & Lo, a well-established Hong Kong law firm. This has combined SH's corporate know how and City reputation with Lo & Lo's long-standing local client base. With this foundation, SHL has built one of the largest Asia practices among mid-tier London firms.

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