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**Marching Ahead in Legal Terms**

**Stephenson Harwood & Lo Receives Well-deserved Attention in *Chambers Asia 2008's* Debut**

International law firm Stephenson Harwood & Lo ("SHL") has been identified by *Chambers Asia 2008* as a leading mid-market international law firm in several practice areas. The 2008 rankings not only show how well SHL has done with their practice in general, but also place them on the same grounds with some larger international law firms. The recognition, in line with an increasing reputation and public profile of the firm, comes at a time when SHL makes a few exciting appointments to their Dispute Resolution practice, including Jamie Stranger and Austen Wither. With over forty lawyers in their Hong Kong, Guangzhou and Shanghai offices, SHL is a nurturing ground for outstanding individuals.

The practice areas that have been named and famed in *Chambers Asia 2008* include:

<b>Hong Kong</b>	<b>China</b>	<b>China/Hong Kong – A Focus on Capital Markets</b>
Banking & Finance: General Banking	Banking & Finance: Hong Kong-based Experts	Capital Markets: International & Hong Kong Law: Equity
Corporate/M&A	Corporate/M&A: Hong Kong-based Experts	
Dispute Resolution		
Real Estate		
Shipping: Finance		
Shipping: Litigation		

*Chambers Asia 2008*, launched in October 2007, is part of *the Chambers Guides*, covering the entire Asian continent and over twenty areas of law. Rankings are based on qualities including legal ability, professional conduct, client service, commercial awareness, diligence, and commitment to the client. The rankings

and commentary are independent and objective. Inclusion in the guide is based solely on research.

Among the six leading individuals from SHL, Pamela Chu, who "doesn't miss a trick and loves to win", stands out from the crowd as the only non-partner from SHL being recommended. Experience is not the only criteria for what constitutes a good lawyer. Youth, energy and meticulousness make her a successful player in the fields of Corporate/M&A (Hong Kong) and Corporate/M&A: Hong Kong-based Experts (China).

Their leading individuals include:

**John Gale** (Managing Partner) – Corporate/M&A (Hong Kong), Corporate/M&A: Hong Kong-based Experts (China)

**Mark Reed** (Partner) – Fund Management: Non-Contentious Regulation (Hong Kong)

**Malcolm Kemp** (Partner) – Dispute Resolution (Hong Kong)

**Voon Keat Lai** (Partner) – Capital Markets: International & Hong Kong Law: Equity (China/Hong Kong: A Focus on Capital Markets), Corporate/M&A (Hong Kong), Corporate/M&A: Hong Kong-based Experts (China)

**Owen Chan** (Partner) – Banking & Finance: General Banking (Hong Kong), Banking & Finance: Hong Kong-based Experts (China)

**Pamela Chu** (Solicitor) – Corporate/M&A (Hong Kong), Corporate/M&A: Hong Kong-based Experts (China)

Apart from *Chambers Asia 2008*, another significant legal publication, *AP Legal 500* also recommends SHL for their outstanding performance in the past year.

**Mark Reed**, Partner and Head of Finance and Financial practice, is named as a leading individual in Asset Finance. Enjoying the same ranking as in the previous year, SHL is also recognised for two new areas of practice: Capital Markets (equity) and Technology, Media and Telecommunications. *AP Legal 500* gives credit to SHL for:

Hong Kong	China – foreign firms
Asset finance: ship finance	Banking and finance
Banking and finance	Corporate/M&A
Capital markets (equity)	Dispute resolution
Corporate (including M&A)	Intellectual property
Dispute resolution	Projects

Financial services/regulatory	Shipping
Insurance	
Intellectual property	
Real estate	
Restructuring and insolvency	
Shipping	
Technology, Media and Telecommunications	

SHL's Intellectual Property practice also gets acclaimed by Asia Law & Practice in its publication *Asialaw Leading Lawyers 2007*, in which **Chloe Lee** (Partner) is named one of the top lawyers in Asia-Pacific.

About the same time, *Who's Who Legal - The International Who's Who* recommends **Jason Toms**, another non-partner of SHL, as an outstanding individual in the category of Shipping & Maritime Lawyers 2008.

John Gale, SHL's Managing Partner, has the following comment on their thriving success:

"We're all very pleased with SHL's strong showing in the major legal directories. Our practices certainly show depth in all directions. I'm particularly pleased that recognition has been given to non-partners as well as partners, giving credit where credit is due."

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**ABOUT STEPHENSON HARWOOD & LO**

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

SHL has more than 40 lawyers, with offices in Hong Kong, Guangzhou and Shanghai. SH has offices in London, Continental Europe and Singapore, and associated offices in Athens, Bucharest, Johannesburg, Kuwait and Paris. [www.shl.com.hk](http://www.shl.com.hk)