

**Curriculum Vitae of
The Honourable Mr. Justice Syed Kemal Shah BOKHARY**

1. Personal Background

Mr. Justice Syed Kemal Shah BOKHARY (“Mr. Justice Bokhary”) was born in Hong Kong on 25 October 1947. He is married (to The Honourable Mrs. Justice Verina Saeeda BOKHARY) and has three children.

2. Education

Mr. Justice Bokhary received his legal education in England and became a member of the Honourable Society of the Middle Temple, London, England in 1967.

3. Legal Experience

Mr. Justice Bokhary was called to the Bar in England (by the Middle Temple) in 1970 and to the Bar in Hong Kong in 1971. He was appointed Queen’s Counsel in 1983. He was made an Honorary Bencher of the Honourable Society of the Middle Temple in London in 2001. Mr. Justice Bokhary has great experience in the civil field (essentially in the Companies and Commercial fields). He was in private practice since 1971 in Hong Kong and occasionally before the Privy Council in London until he joined the Judiciary as High Court Judge in 1989.

4. Judicial Experience

Mr. Justice Bokhary was appointed High Court Judge on 20 March 1989 and was elevated to the Court of Appeal as Justice of Appeal on 1 March 1993. He was appointed Permanent Judge of the Court of Final Appeal on 1 July 1997.

5. Service and Activities related to the Legal Field

Past	Member, Bar Committee
Past	Chairman, Pharmacy and Poisons Appeal Tribunal
Past	Chairman, Civil Court Users Committee
Past	President, Deportation Tribunal
Past	Chairman, Law and Professional Legal Education Departments Advisory Committee of Faculty of Law of City University of Hong Kong
Past	Member, Law Faculty Board of City University of Hong Kong
Past	Chairman, Board of Governors of the Advocacy Institute of Hong Kong
Past	Member, Law Reform Commission
Past	Chairman, Working Party on Solicitors' Right of Audience
Current	Chairman, Editorial Advisory Board of Halsbury's Laws of Hong Kong
Current	Honorary Lecturer at the Department of Professional Legal Education, University of Hong Kong
Current	Member, Court of Final Appeal Rules Committee
Current	Member, Academy of Experts' Judicial Committee
Current	Vice-Chairman, Middle Temple Society in Hong Kong

Current	Chairman, Advisory Board, Chinese University of Hong Kong, School of Law
Current	Chairman, Academic Board for the Post-graduate Certificate of Law programme, Chinese University of Hong Kong, School of Law
Current	Affiliate, Centre of Near and Middle Eastern Studies, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London
Current	Honorary Patron, Advocacy and Mooting Society, University of Hong Kong
Current	Judicial Member, Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners (STEP)

6. Publications

Mr. Justice Bokhary published the “The Lan Kwai Fong disaster on January 1, 1993: final report” in 1993. He was the Editor-in-Chief of “Tort Law and Practice in Hong Kong” in 2005 and its second edition in 2011. He was also the Editor-in-Chief of the 2009 and 2011 Editions of “Archbold Hong Kong – Criminal Law, Pleading, Evidence and Practice, Fourth Edition”.

7. Awards

Mr. Justice Bokhary was awarded the degree of Doctor of Laws (*honoris causa*) by the University of Hong Kong in 2012. The Ceremony at which the degree will be conferred will take place in November 2012.

8. Activities Outside the Legal Field

Past	Appointed by the then Governor to conduct an independent inquiry into the Lan Kwai Fong Disaster
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Past Chairman, Advisory Board of the Centre for Criminology at the Faculty of Social Science, University of Hong Kong

Current Fellow, Royal Anthropological Institute

Current President, Hong Kong Kennel Club

Current Member, Executive Committee of the charity “Helping Hand”
