

Curriculum Vitae of
The Honourable Mr Justice Roberto Alexandre Vieira RIBEIRO

1. Personal Background

Mr Justice Roberto Alexandre Vieira RIBEIRO (Mr Justice Ribeiro) was born in Hong Kong in March 1949 (now 76). He is married with no children.

2. Education

Mr Justice Ribeiro was educated in Hong Kong before studying law in the United Kingdom. He obtained the degree of Bachelor of Laws and the degree of Master of Laws from the London School of Economics in 1971 and 1972 respectively.

3. Legal Experience

Mr Justice Ribeiro taught as a Lecturer in Law at the University of Hong Kong from 1972 to 1979. He was called to the English Bar at the Inner Temple and the Hong Kong Bar in 1978. He was appointed Queen's Counsel in 1990 and admitted as Advocate & Solicitor in Singapore in 1995. He was in private practice in Hong Kong since 1979 until he joined the Judiciary as a Judge of the Court of First Instance of the High Court in 1999.

4. Judicial Experience

Mr Justice Ribeiro joined the Judiciary as a Judge of the Court of First Instance of the High Court in 1999. He was appointed a Justice of Appeal of the Court of Appeal of the High Court in January 2000. He has been a Permanent Judge of the Court of Final Appeal since September 2000. He has made enormous and significant contributions to the jurisprudence of Hong Kong and the common law world. His judgments cover almost all areas of law, including, in particular, constitutional and public law, human rights law, criminal law, commercial law and company law, and they are regularly cited in the local courts and referred to in other leading common law jurisdictions.

5. Services and Activities related to the Legal Field

Mr Justice Ribeiro was the Deputy Chairman of the Chief Justice's Working Party on Civil Justice Reform from 2000 to 2004. From 2008 to 2014, he was a member of the Judicial Officers Recommendation Commission. He chaired the Judiciary's Committee on Information Technology from 2009 to 2012 and has been a member of the Court of Final Appeal Rules Committee since 2012.

6. Honours and awards

Mr Justice Ribeiro was awarded Grand Bauhinia Medal in 2022 for his distinguished service in the Judiciary. He was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Laws degree by the University of Hong Kong in 2019. He has been honoured outside of Hong Kong by being made an officer of the Légion d'Honneur in France. He is also an Honorary Bencher of the Inner Temple in London, and is an Honorary Fellow of both the London School of Economics and St Hugh's College, Oxford.
