

Faculty Member



Mr. Beau Lefler
Principal Lecturer
HKU Business School

Beau has broad experience in corporate and transactional legal matters both in the United States and across Asia. His experience includes capital markets, private equity, mergers and acquisitions, corporate governance and general company matters. He started his legal career at Latham & Watkins in the United States and in Hong Kong, and with Kirkland & Ellis in Hong Kong.

At HKU, Beau teaches law-related courses for undergraduate and graduate business programs. He has also taught executive education in the Women's Directorship Programme since its inception.

Building on his interest in creating practical experiences for students, Beau created and runs a first-of-its-kind international-based experiential learning course for business undergraduates. Students live and work with small businesses in a developing country, exchanging knowledge and learning in a real-world environment.

Throughout his career, Beau has consistently focused on activities and programs with a direct social benefit to the community. His commentary on a range of issues has been featured in South China Morning Post and HKFP. Along with legal pro bono assistance and service on non-profit boards of directors, Mr. Lefler volunteers in social endeavors around Asia and in South America. He currently serves on the board of The Tandana Foundation, an organization that builds intercultural relationships in Ecuador and Mali.

Beau earned his J.D. (cum laude) from the University of Michigan Law School and his B.S. (cum laude) Economics from the University of Utah. Beau is a member of the California Bar and the Academy of Legal Studies in Business.

Mr. Lefler's teaching style is based on helping students learn to be observant, productive, and critically thoughtful members of society. His focus is on knowledge and skills that students will find useful in real-world settings. He brings his broad, cross-cultural experience to bear in helping

students learn to dissect and analyze legal and business problems and come up with creative solutions.

Beau has lived and worked in mainland China, the Philippines, and Ecuador and throughout the United States.



Mr. David Bishop
Associate Professor
HKU Business School

Mr. Bishop is an Associate Professor at the University of Hong Kong and the International MBA Program at Fudan University, Shanghai. He has broad legal experience in the United States and across Asia, particularly China. Mr. Bishop has worked on major real estate, private equity, financing, and M&A deals, and participated in numerous negotiations in China, Hong Kong, and Taiwan. He has also acted as outside counsel in connection with various corporate, technology, life sciences and commercial matters for MNCs operating in Asia.

In addition to a robust private legal experience, Mr. Bishop focuses significant time on activities and programs providing direct benefit to the community. He consults companies about their ethics, CSR, pro bono, and social entrepreneurship initiatives, and is founder and director of multiple non-profit companies. He and his students are constantly looking for commercial solutions to complex societal problems.

Mr. Bishop adopts a multicultural approach to teaching, aiming to broaden the students' perspectives and help them to apply complex analysis to real-world legal, ethical, and business problems.

Mr. Bishop won the Outstanding Teacher Award for his postgraduate teaching for the 2011-2012 academic year.

Guest Speaker



Pru Bennett
Partner, Sydney
Brunswick Group

With over 30 years' experience engaging boards of APAC companies on critical governance issues, Pru is an expert at helping companies build trust through strong governance. Formerly head of Investment Stewardship for Blackrock APAC, Pru is deeply connected with the investment community and closely tracks the evolving expectations of the world's largest investors. She has assisted clients navigating their way through shareholder meetings, including advice on shareholder proposals—a skill developed over 12 years as a proxy advisor—and applied her insight, understanding and strategic approach to innumerable governance issues.

Pru is active in public debates on corporate governance, stewardship, and responsible investment. She works with clients to develop sustainability strategies and engagement plans to ensure effective communications to all stakeholders. Pru helps drive productive dialogues between investors and senior leaders and creates governance roadmaps for long-term sustainable returns.

Pru is Chair of the Foundation for Australia China Relations, is a director of the Value Reporting Foundation, the Global Compact Network Australia, a member of the Monetary Authority of Singapore's Corporate Governance Advisory Committee, a council member of the Asian Corporate Governance Association, and a member of Deakin University Integrated Reporting Centre Advisory Board. She is a Fellow of Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand, a graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors, and has a Bachelor of Commerce from the University of New South Wales.



Harriet Green
Executive Chair
Mission Beyond (formwe CEO & Chair at IBM APAC)

As Harriet continues to learn to love living life and work to the fullest of her ability, she is focusing on world-class Boards as a Director and Executive Chair, mentoring, business coaching, and driving major global initiatives of purpose and impact.

Harriet is currently Executive Chair and Founding Trustee for the impact start-up, Mission Beyond. She is on the Advisory Council for King's College London Business School, and an Ambassador for Every Child Needs a Mentor. She is the Chair of the Vishuddha Centre in Oxford, and has started her "Lost Girls of Covid" schools in Southeast Asia.

Leaving Singapore in early 2020, to spend special time with her family, she concluded her 2-year role as Chair & CEO, Asia Pacific at IBM, where she was responsible for driving change and leading some of IBM's highest priority and most strategic business initiatives across 15 countries.

She recently completed a 2-year board role for Singapore Economic Development (EDB), ended a 9-year service to the world-class Board of FTSE 100 BAE Systems and concluded eight years on the Emerson Electric main Board.

From 2015-2017, Harriet was the leader and founder of the IBM start-up Watson Internet of Things, and then added the AI Cognitive Commerce and Education portfolios.

From 2012-2014 she was CEO of the Thomas Cook Group, leading the global transformation and rebranding of the leisure travel company.

Her early career in the electronics industry, for which she received her OBE in 2010, included leading businesses across Europe, the US, and Asia. She was managing director of Macro Group

aged 29, and then appointed VP marketing Arrow Europe 1994 and president of the Asia/Pacific sector of Arrow Electronics from 2002 to 2006. She was chief executive officer of Premier Farnell, a global electronics distribution business, from 2006 until 2012.

In 2016, Green won the Women in Technology Institute award, and was inducted into the Women in Technology Hall of Fame.

She was listed for three consecutive years since 2017 on the "HERoes Women Role Model List - Champions of Women in Business"

In 2017, Fast Company named Green one of the 100 most Creative People in Business for her work alerting businesses to power and potential of IBM Watson.

In September 2019, she was listed #30 on Fortune's Most Powerful Women International List.

Since 2019 through to 2022, she has been recognised by LinkedIn as a LinkedIn Influencer and Top Voice.



Shriti Vadera
Chair
Prudential plc and Royal Shakespeare Company

Shriti Vadera is Chair of Prudential plc and of the Royal Shakespeare Company.

In the last decade, Shriti has been Chair of Santander UK, Senior Independent Director of BHP and Non-Executive Director of Astra Zeneca. She undertook a wide range of assignments between 2009 and 2014, such as advising the South Korean Presidency of the G20 in 2010; two European countries on the Eurozone and banking crisis; the African Development Bank on infrastructure financing and a number of sovereign wealth funds and global investors on strategy.

She was a Minister in the UK government from 2007 to 2009 in the Prime Minister's Office, Business Department and International Development Department. She led the UK government's response to the financial crisis and was a key architect of its pioneering bank recapitalisation and funding plan and helped design and negotiate the outcomes of the pivotal G20 London Summit in 2009.

She was on the Council of Economic Advisers at the UK Treasury from 1999 to 2007, where she led on policy for business, productivity, international finance and development issues and the management of the Government's shareholdings and public private partnerships. Prior to that she was an investment banker for 15 years with SG Warburg / UBS focussing on emerging markets.

She has a degree in Philosophy, Politics and Economics from Oxford University.