

# The Law Society celebrates a decade of recognition of pro bono and community work by legal professionals

The Law Society of Hong Kong's 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Pro Bono and Community Service Award Presentation Ceremony 2019 was concluded successfully on 19 December at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre. The Law Society was very honoured to be once again graced by the presence of The Hon. Chief Justice Geoffrey Ma and The Hon. Secretary for Justice Teresa Cheng as our Guests of Honour.

2019 marks the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Law Society's Pro Bono and Community Work Recognition Programme which was launched in 2010. This year's Programme received a record-breaking 282 applications from solicitors, trainee solicitors and law firms. 179 individuals and 35 law firms were awarded for their dedication to providing pro bono and community service, among which several distinguished awards were presented to those with outstanding performance after rigorous selection by the Judging Panel.

Ms. Chan Shek Yan Danette and Ms. Crowter Robyn received the Distinguished Pro Bono Service Award, while Mr. Chan Nicholas Hiu Fung, Mr. Cheung Tat Ming Eric, Mr. Chong Yiu Kwong, Ms. Doe Julianne Pearl and Mr. Yeung Man Kin Norman were recognised with the Distinguished Community Service Award. Daly & Associates, Kirkland & Ellis and Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom were the recipients of the Distinguished Pro Bono Law Firm Award, and the Distinguished Community Service Law Firm Awards, a new award category introduced this year, were presented to Hogan Lovells, King & Wood Mallesons and Mayer Brown.

The "Pro Bono and Community Service 10-Year Achievement Award" was also newly introduced and presented to the eight lawyers who have been awarded every year over the past decade.

The Law Society would like to thank the



*Chief Justice Geoffrey Ma (seventh from left), Secretary for Justice Teresa Cheng (sixth from left), The Law Society President Melissa Pang (third from right), Vice-Presidents Amirali Nasir (first from right), Brian Gilchrist (second from right) and CM Chan (first from left) with members of the Judging Panel and guests.*

Judging Panel members representing various sectors for selecting the awardees and presenting awards at the ceremony. Panel members for the Distinguished Pro Bono Awards include Mr. Thomas Kwong, Director of Legal Aid; The Hon. Elsie Leung, Former Secretary for Justice; Mr. Kenneth Ng, Chairman of The Duty Lawyer Service; Ms. Clara Wong, Assistant Legal Counsel of The Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data; Mr. Huen Wong, Past President of The Law Society; Ms. Heidi Chu, Secretary General of The Law Society and Mr. Alan Schiffman, Chairman of the Pro Bono Committee of The Law Society. Panel members for the Distinguished Community Service Awards include Mr. Chua Hoi Wai, Chief Executive of The Hong Kong Council of Social Service; Mr. Andy Ho, Executive Director of The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups; Dr. Shum Chi Wang, Chairman of Agency for Volunteer Service; Mr. Stephen Yau, Chief Executive of International Social Service Hong Kong Branch and Mr. Ip Shing Hing, Past President and member of the Pro Bono and Community Work Recognition Committee of The Law Society.

For the list of 2019 awardees, please visit the website: [https://www.hklawsoc.org.hk/pub\\_e/probono/news.asp](https://www.hklawsoc.org.hk/pub_e/probono/news.asp)



**Winners of Pro Bono and Community Service 10-Year Achievement Award.**



**Winners of Distinguished Awards.**