

# The Law Society of Hong Kong announced award winners for the 2021 Pro Bono and Community Service Recognition Programme

To show appreciation for and recognition of the Law Society members and law firms who/that have demonstrated outstanding commitment to volunteer pro bono and community work, the Law Society recently announced the award winners for the 2021 Pro Bono and Community Service Recognition Programme (“the Programme”).

The 2021 Programme was well received by lawyers and law firms with over 300 applications. A total of 37 law firms and 235 lawyers received awards under the Programme, among which several distinguished awards were presented to those with outstanding performance in providing pro bono and community service.

Ms. Tsao Chiao Yin Evelyn received the Distinguished Pro Bono Service Award, while Mr. Luk Yiu Chung David and Ms. Yeung Nga Man were recognised with the Distinguished Community Service Award. Ho Patricia & Associates, Morgan, Lewis & Bockius, Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom were the recipients of the Distinguished Pro Bono Law Firm Award, and the Distinguished Community Service Law Firm Award was presented to King & Wood Mallesons, Minterellison LLP, Reynolds Porter Chamberlain.

To encourage lawyers and law firms to utilise their resources and expertise in serving different service targets, the “Special Award for the Year” was newly introduced. Under the 2021 Programme, the award was presented to Ms. Vasilopoulos Efthia (lawyer) and Baker & McKenzie (law firm) for their outstanding performance in serving “Youth and Children”. The service target set for the 2022 Programme is “Animals, wildlife and the environment”.

The Law Society was very honoured to be graced by the participation of the Judging Panel Members representing various sectors in selecting the awardees. Panel members for the Distinguished Pro Bono Awards include Ms. Winnie Chiu, The Ombudsman; Mr. Ricky Chu, Chairperson of Equal Opportunities Commission; Mr. Thomas Kwong, Director of Legal Aid; Ms. Joyce Lai, Assistant Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data (Public Affairs and Compliance); Ms. Gilly



Wong, Chief Executive of Consumer Council; Mr. C.M. Chan, President and Chairman of Pro Bono and Community Work Recognition Committee of The Law Society; Mr. Junius Ho, Past President of The Law Society; and Mr. Christopher Wong, member of the Pro Bono and Community Work Recognition Committee of The Law Society. Panel members for the Distinguished Community Service Awards include Mr. Cliff Choi, Business Director of The Hong Kong Council of Social Service; Mr. Andy Ho, Executive Director of The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups; Ms. Camilla Tsang, Vice-Chairperson of Agency for Volunteer Service; Mr. Stephen Yau, Chief Executive of International Social Service Hong Kong Branch; Ms. Melissa Pang, Immediate Past President and member of the Pro Bono and Community Work Recognition Committee of The Law Society; Mr. Alan Schiffman, Chairman of the Pro Bono Committee of The Law Society; Ms. Daphne Lo, member of Pro Bono and Community Work Recognition Committee of The Law Society; and Ms. Patricia Ho, consulting member of the Law Society's Pro Bono and Community Work Recognition Programme.



For the list of 2021 awardees, please visit the website: <https://www.hklawsoc.org.hk/en/Serve-the-Public/Recognition-of-members-contribution/Pro-Bono-Events>. Interview videos of the distinguished awardees are also available at our Facebook (@probonoaward) and Instagram (@probonoawardhk) pages.