



Public statement condemning attack on immigration law firms in England and Wales

1. The Law Society of Hong Kong (“Law Society”) notes with concern reports about widely circulated social media posts targeting immigration law firms for attack in England and Wales following the recent riots there.
2. The Law Society strongly condemns any form of violence, wheresoever situate.
3. All parties to a case are entitled to legal representation and solicitors representing each party are subject to the same duty towards their own clients to ensure their respective rights and interests are properly protected.
4. As such, solicitors play an important role in upholding the rule of law and the proper administration of justice for all, irrespective of a client’s race, colour, ethnic or national origins, sex or religious or political beliefs.
5. Any attempt to smear the reputation of law firms or lawyers and threaten their safety with violence because they happen to represent parties not to the liking of certain quarters is an affront to the rule of law and the independence of the legal profession and must immediately stop.

**The Law Society of Hong Kong
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