

Judiciary, Information Technology Management Section
Questionnaire on Use of Information Technology in Legal Practice

I. Background

1. How many personnel are there in your firm?

☐ 1 ☐ 2 - 9 ☐ 10 - 24 ☐ 25 - 49 ☐ 50 - 99 ☐ 100+

2. When are you admitted to practice?

3. What is your position?

☐ Partner ☐ Solo ☐ Associate ☐ Trainee Solicitor

4. What are the practice areas of your firm? (Check all applicable)

☐ Litigation (Please specify %: _____)
☐ Estates, wills and trusts (Please specify %: _____)
☐ Real estate (Please specify %: _____)
☐ Others (Please specify %: _____)

II. Office Automation Information Technology

5. How much budget did your firm allocate to information technology in 2003?

☐ 0 ☐ \$1 - \$19,999 ☐ \$20,000 - \$39,999
☐ \$40,000 - \$79,999 ☐ \$80,000 or above ☐ Don't know

6. How much budget did your firm allocate to information technology in 2004?

☐ 0 ☐ \$1 - \$19,999 ☐ \$20,000 - \$39,999
☐ \$40,000 - \$79,999 ☐ \$80,000 or above ☐ Don't know

7. Do you use computer at work?

☐ Yes ☐ No

8. Do you share computers with your colleagues at work?

☐ Yes, computers are shared ☐ No, I use my own computer

9. What are the operating systems of your office computers? (Check all applicable)

☐ Windows 98 / NT ☐ Windows 2000 / XP ☐ Linux
☐ Macintosh ☐ Unix ☐ Other

10. What word processing software do you use? (Check all applicable)

☐ Microsoft Word / Office ☐ Open Office ☐ Star Office
☐ Word Perfect ☐ Kai Office ☐ Other

11. What web browser do you use? (Check all applicable)

- ☐ Internet Explorer 5.5 or below ☐ Internet Explorer 6 or above
☐ Netscape / Mozilla ☐ Other

12. What is the language preference of your computing software?

- ☐ English ☐ Traditional Chinese ☐ Simplified Chinese

13. Do you have a handheld / PDA?

- ☐ Yes (go to Q.14) ☐ No (go to Q.15) ☐ Don't know (go to Q.15)

14. If yes, do you use a handheld / PDA?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

15. Which of the following legal-specific software do you have and use?

	Available	Use
Time and billing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Time entry	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Citation checking	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Conflict checking	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Docketing / calendaring	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Specialized practice	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Case management	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

16. Which of the following litigation software do you have and use?

	Available	Use
Litigation support	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Transcript / deposition management	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trial presentation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

17. Do you receive electronic discovery requests?

- ☐ Yes (go to Q.18) ☐ No (go to Q.19)

18. If yes, how often do you receive electronic discovery requests?

- ☐ At least once per month ☐ Less than once per month

19. Do you make electronic discovery requests?

- ☐ Yes (go to Q.20) ☐ No (go to Q.21)

20. If yes, how often do you make electronic discovery requests?

- ☐ At least once per month ☐ Less than once per month

III. Web and Communication Technology

21. How do you access Internet at work?

- ☐ Broadband ☐ Dial up modem ☐ Leased line ☐ No access

22. Does your firm have a website?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

23. Does your firm provide you a company e-mail account?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

24. How often do you use e-mail?

- ☐ 1 or more times per day ☐ 1 to 4 times per week
☐ Once per month or less ☐ Never

25. What do you use e-mail for? (Check all applicable)

- ☐ Routine correspondence ☐ Memos / briefs ☐ Case status
☐ Marketing materials ☐ Electronic newsletter
☐ Assent to contracts / transactions ☐ Client bills

26. Which online communication tools have you used? (Check all applicable)

	For any purpose	For work
E-mail discussion list	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Instant messaging	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Web-based message board	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Online chatroom / conferencing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
None of the above	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

27. Do you have any personal electronic certificates from the following authorities? (Check all applicable)

- ☐ HK Post Office ☐ Other international certificate authority

28. If you do not have a personal electronic certificate, would you apply for one in the near future?

- ☐ Within 1 month ☐ Within 6 months ☐ No plan to apply

29. Do you have videoconferencing?

- ☐ Yes (go to Q.30) ☐ No (go to Q.31) ☐ Don't know (go to Q.31)

30. If yes, do you use online videoconferencing?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

31. How often do you conduct online transaction?

- ☐ 1 or more times per day ☐ 1 to 4 times per week
☐ Once per month or less ☐ Never

IV. Judiciary Online Information and e-Services

32. Have you ever visited the Legal Reference System (<http://legalref.judiciary.gov.hk>) website for Judgments and Practice Directions?

☐ Yes ☐ No

33. Have you ever visited the Civil Justice Reform (<http://www.civiljustice.gov.hk>) website?

☐ Yes ☐ No

34. Do you find the pinpoint citation feature (CJR citator) (<http://www.civiljustice.gov.hk/aboutcjscitator.html>) useful?

☐ Yes ☐ No

35. Have you ever referred to the daily cause lists (http://www.judiciary.gov.hk/en/crt_lists/daily_caulist.htm) on the Judiciary website?

☐ Yes ☐ No

36. Have you ever used the e-Hearing Date Enquiry Services (http://e-services.judiciary.gov.hk/hr_enq/index.jsp?lang=EN) on the Judiciary website?

☐ Yes ☐ No

37. Have you ever downloaded Judiciary forms (PDF/WORD format)?

☐ Yes ☐ No

This is the end of the questionnaire. Thank you for spending time filling in the questionnaire.