

STANDING COMMITTEE ON MEMBER SERVICES

The Standing Committee on Member Services was established in October. It oversees the implementation of strategies and programmes that enhance members' interests and benefits and works to provide a wide range of products and services to members. Gatherings with members have been and will be organized from time to time to understand the needs of members and exchange views on how The Law Society can serve them better. Shortly following its establishment, the Committee has already taken on a number of new initiatives.

There are 11 members of the Standing Committee, six of whom are Council Members. The Standing Committee met twice from October to December.

Members of the Standing Committee:

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CZECH INTEREST GROUP

The Czech Interest Group is the first of the Law Society's series of Foreign Interest Groups.

Since its formation, it has established good relations with the Czech Consulate General in Hong Kong which has invited members to its social, cultural and public functions. The Group was consulted on a number of occasions by the Consulate General on legal matters.

The Interest Group had a good exchange with the 26-member delegation from the Czech Bar Association during their visit to Hong Kong for the Opening of the Legal Year in January 2009. The Interest Group will continue to maintain close ties with the Czech Bar Association with a view to developing more cooperative opportunities between lawyers in Hong Kong and the Czech Republic.

Members of the Interest Group:

Frederick K.C. KAN (*Chairman*)

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HONG KONG LAWYER EDITORIAL BOARD

Members of the Editorial Board met monthly and worked closely with LexisNexis, the publisher of *Hong Kong Lawyer*, to monitor the overall quality and standard of the publication and to identify topics of interest to the profession.

Members of the Committee:

Cecilia K.W. WONG (*Chairman*)

Bonnie S.Y. CHAN

Charles C.C. CHAU

Brendan CLIFT (Editor) (joined in April)

Raymond HO

Angela W.Y. LEE (joined in November)

Hans MAHNCKE

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Christopher SHERRIN (resigned in September)

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LAW SOCIETY CLUBHOUSE

The Committee has been looking at ways to improve the patronage of the Clubhouse. A new webpage on the Clubhouse was designed and more functions would be organized within the Clubhouse, including cocktail receptions and seminars.

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MEMBER BENEFITS COMMITTEE

The Member Benefits Committee took on new faces in 2008 and worked towards identifying needed services and benefits for Law Society members. The Committee's work ranges from improving personal wellbeing of Law Society members to business promotion and development for the profession. It has identified a number of areas for further action which include obtaining products and services for Law Society members at better than market prices, welfare fund and health schemes, running support services and programmes to enhance the marketability and competitiveness of Law Society members in general.

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PRACTICE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Practice Management Committee was newly established under the Standing Committee on Member Services. The Committee is dedicated to serving members in best-practice endeavours, which include starting up a legal practice and running it, increasing profitability of law firms, implementing good practice systems, managing risks in practice, enhancing the services given by a practice to its clients, improving the morale and motivation of its staff, and financial and information management. It works to help law practices to achieve practice management excellence, including formulating guidelines and practice manuals, organizing training programmes seminars and conferences on practice management.

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Members of the Practice Management Committee come from a variety of backgrounds to meet the vastly differing needs of solicitors.

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YEUNG Man Sing

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RECREATION AND SPORTS COMMITTEE

With the establishment of the Standing Committee on Member Services in October, the Recreation and Sports Committee which was initially under the Standing Committee on External Affairs was moved to be under the

Standing Committee on Member Services in October to highlight the role of the Committee to serve members. The first event it organized by the end of the year was the *3rd Guangdong Hong Kong and Macau Lawyers Athletic Meet* which took place in Hong Kong in January 2009.



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Vivian Y.V. YU

Secretary: Member Services Officer

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

The Committee (formerly Management and Technology Committee) is responsible for providing technology knowhow and services to members. It met six times and held six seminars which were well received by members. More hands-on sessions will be organized in the coming years to meet members' demand.

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10 January 2008	Forum on Compliance with Data Security & Privacy Regulations and Disruption Technology & Regulations
16 April 2008	Open Source Licensing
20 May 2008	Unsolicited Electronic Messages Ordinance
21 July 2008	Illuminating the Accidental Leakage of Confidential Information in the Internet
25 November 2008	Email Marketing for Solicitors' Firms
29 November 2009	Management of Technology and Cyber Risk in the Modern Law Firm-Putting Theory Into Practice



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Amirali B. NASIR

Kelvin K.Y. TAM (*resigned in December*)

Peter K. TSE

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YOUNG SOLICITORS' GROUP (YSG)

YSG was established as a Sub-committee of the Standing Committee on Member Services to cater for the needs and interests of members of less than five years standing. One of the aims is to encourage communication between young members and to facilitate dialogue between them and senior members of the profession. YSG organised the following events and activities during the year:

RME/CPD Seminars

- *One Day Seminar on Contract Management* by fellow members and other professionals. It was co-organised with the Hong Kong Institution of Engineers, The Institution of Civil Engineers Hong Kong Association, The Chartered Institution of Building Services Engineers, The Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and The Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors.

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- Seminar on *“Introduction to Islamic Finance, Risk Issues and Structuring”* by Amirali B. Nasir, Council Member and Zaineb A. Nasir.



- Seminar on *“Risk Management – Update on Anti-money Laundering Regulations”* by Junius Ho, Vice-President



- Seminar on *“Application and Appearance before Master”* by Master Ho Chi-yin, Andy, Deputy Registrar, High Court

Friday Lunches

Members had the opportunity to meet socially through informal lunch gatherings in The Law Society’s Clubhouse and also met with members of Council, the Standing Committee on Member Services and the YSG. 14 lunches were organized during the year.



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Macau Visit 2008

YSG organised a 2-day visit to Macau from 30 June to 1 July when 18 members participated. The visit began with an RME/CPD seminar on *Risk Management: Handling Hong Kong Clients in Macau*, which was held in the Military Club hosted by Macau Lawyers' Association. The topic was presented by Paulino Comandante, Secretary General of Macau Lawyers' Association. A court visit followed on the second day of the visit, members were then led to the Macau Lawyers' Association Secretariat for another RME/CPD seminar on *Update on Anti-money Laundering Regulation* presented by Junius Ho, Vice-President. The delegation had a good exchange of views and experience with the representatives from Macau Lawyers' Association who gained a better understanding of some fundamental similarities and differences in law between Macau and Hong Kong.



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Visit to Paper Factory in Jiangmen

YSG organized a day trip to Jiangmen, Guangdong on 11 October where 14 members participated. The trip included a visit to Vinda Tissue Factory in Jiangmen and a CPD seminar on *In-house vs Private Practice, Hong Kong vs China* held at the factory premises presented by Wesley Chiu, General Council of SCA Asia Pacific.



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Community activities

English Tutorial Classes

For the fourth year, YSG, together with the Tung Wah Group of Hospitals (TWGH), organised the “English Learning Programme” for underprivileged primary school children from December 2008 to January 2009. The programme is an activity-based English learning event where students learned English by playing games, quizzes and story-telling. More than 40 Law Society members and friends signed up.



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Community Services for Underprivileged Children

YSG also jointly organized with 6 professional organizations an event for underprivileged children on 19 July. The event began with a luncheon party at McDonald's Restaurant, followed by a briefing on Hong Kong's Infrastructures including Tsing Ma Bridge, Ting Kau Bridge and Chep Lap Kok Airport. The children also had the opportunity to join a Multi-media Workshop at the Aviation Discovery Center located in the Sky Plaza of the Airport.



Social activities

Dragon Boat Championships 2008

For the third year, YSG organised a Dragon Boat Team to participate in the "Stanley Dragon Boat Championships 2008" on 8 June. Around 30 Law Society members and friends joined the competition.



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Gatherings with young professionals

YSG jointly organized a cross-profession drinks reception with the YPIG of the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the YAC of the Hong Kong Institute of Architects at the Fringe Club on 28 February.



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