

Abbreviated Terms Used in this Report

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| Academy | Hong Kong Academy of Law Limited |
| ACCA | The Association of Chartered Certified Accountants |
| ACSWAW | Association Concerning Sexual Violence Against Women |
| AIJA | International Association of Young Lawyers |
| AJLS Panel | Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services |
| AllianceBernstein | AllianceBernstein Hong Kong Limited |
| AML | Anti-money laundering |
| Amundi | Amundi Hong Kong Limited |
| Bar Association | Hong Kong Bar Association |
| BD | Buildings Department |
| BIP | Business of Intellectual Property Asia |
| BSD | Buyers' Stamp duty |
| CA | Court of Appeal |
| CDR | Children's Dispute Resolution |
| CEPA | Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement Between Hong Kong and the Mainland |
| CFA | Court of Final Appeal |
| CJR | Civil Justice Reform |
| CMAB | Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau |
| Conduct Guide | Hong Kong Solicitors' Guide to Professional Conduct (Volume 1, 2nd edition) |
| CPD | Continuing Professional Development Scheme |
| CRC | Community Relations Committee |
| DIPNs | Departmental and Interpretation Practice Notes |
| DMC | Deed of Mutual Covenant |
| DOJ | Department of Justice |
| draft HRA Rules | Draft Higher Rights of Audience Rules |
| DTA | Double Taxation Agreement |
| ESSAR | ESSAR Insurance Services Ltd. |
| FAQs | Frequently asked questions |
| FATF | Financial Action Task Force |
| FCUC | Family Court Users' Committee |
| FL Application Forms | Application Form for Registration as a Foreign Lawyer and Application Form for Registration as a Foreign Law Firm |
| FL Information Packages | Information for Registration as a Foreign Lawyer and Information for Registration as a Foreign Law Firm |
| FSTB | Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau |
| GCLAC | Greater China Legal Affairs Committee |
| Global Forum | Global Forum on Transparency and Exchange of Information for Tax Purposes |
| GMO | Grantham Mayo van Otterloo |
| HAB | Home Affairs Bureau |
| HKCCR | The Hong Kong Committee on Children's Right |
| HKCOV | Hong Kong Council of Volunteering |
| HKCSS | The Hong Kong Council of Social Services |
| HKFYG | The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups |
| HKI Arb | Hong Kong Institute of Arbitrators |
| HKICPA | Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants |
| HKICS | The Hong Kong Institute of Chartered Secretaries |
| HKIPD | Hong Kong Intellectual Property Department |
| HKMAAL | Hong Kong Mediation Accreditation Association Limited |
| HKMC | The Hong Kong Mortgage Corporation Limited |
| HKSIF | Hong Kong Solicitors Indemnity Fund Limited |
| HKTDC | Hong Kong Trade Development Council |
| HRA | Higher Rights of Audience |
| HRA Committee | Higher Rights Audience Committee |
| HRAB | The Higher Rights Assessment Board |
| ICAC | Independent Commission Against Corruption |
| ICSO | Interception of Communications and Surveillance Ordinance |

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| IHLs | In-House lawyers |
| IIA | Independent Insurance Authority |
| ILAA | Independent Legal Aid Authority |
| IPD | Intellectual Property Department |
| IRO | Inland Revenue Ordinance |
| JFIU | Joint Financial Intelligence Unit |
| JM | Journalistic material |
| JORC | Judicial Officers Recommendation Commission |
| JPD | Judiciary's Practice Direction |
| JWG on CAT | Joint Working Group on Convention against Torture |
| KBA | Korea Bar Association |
| LAD | Legal Aid Department |
| LASC | Legal Aid Services Council |
| LEAs | Law Enforcement Agencies |
| LEC Benchmarks | Law Society's Benchmarks for Legal Executive courses |
| LegCo | Legislative Council |
| LIPs | Litigants in Person |
| LLP | Limited Liability Partnership |
| LPO | Legal Practitioners Ordinance |
| LPP | Legal professional privilege |
| LRC | The Law Reform Commission of Hong Kong |
| LTO | Land Titles Ordinance |
| LWB | Labour and Welfare Bureau |
| MAC | Mediator Accreditation Committee |
| MDP | Multi-disciplinary Practice |
| MFS | MFS Investment Management |
| MoU | Memorandum of Understanding |
| OECD | Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development |
| OGP | "Original Grant" Patent |
| OLAS | Ordinary Legal Aid Scheme |
| OLQE | Overseas Lawyers Qualification Examination |
| PCLL | Postgraduate Certificate in Laws |
| PD | Practice Direction |
| PI Scheme | Professional Indemnity Scheme |
| PMAC | Property Management Advisory Centre |
| PR | Parental Responsibility |
| R & D | Rating and Valuation Department |
| RM | Reverse Mortgage |
| RM Programme | Reverse Mortgage Programme |
| RME | Risk Management Education Programme |
| SCOLAR | Standing Committee on Language Education and Research |
| SDO | Stamp Duty Ordinance |
| Selection Board | PIS Panel Solicitors Selection Board |
| SI Fund | Solicitors Indemnity Fund |
| SIPO | State Intellectual Property Office |
| SJWG | Secretary for Justice's Working Group on Mediation |
| SLAS | Supplementary Legal Aid Scheme |
| SME | Small and medium enterprise |
| SPI Rules | Solicitors (Professional Indemnity) Rules |
| SPR | Solicitors' Practice Rules |
| SSD | Special Stamp Duty |
| TIEAs | Tax Information Exchange Agreements |
| The Law Society * | The Law Society of Hong Kong |
| YBC | Young Bar Committee |
| YSG | Young Solicitors' Group |

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