



## **Survey on Case Settlement Conference and Mediator-Assisted Case Settlement Conference in Civil Cases in the District Court**

The Mediation Committee and the Civil Litigation Committee of the Law Society of Hong Kong (“Law Society”) are conducting a survey on the **Case Settlement Conference (“CSC”)** and **Mediator-Assisted Case Settlement Conference (“MCSC”)** in civil cases in the District Court; and invite your views on the following.

The information collected in this survey will be used by the relevant committees of the Law Society for the purposes of deliberating matters relating to the CSC and MCSC; and may be disclosed to external organizations which may help the Law Society in attaining the above purposes.

### **PART I - PARTICULARS**

**1. Your post qualification experience (“PQE”) as a solicitor on a full-time basis.**

- ☐ 1 – 5 PQE years
- ☐ 6 – 10 PQE years
- ☐ 11 – 20 PQE years
- ☐ 21 or more PQE years

**2. Do you have any prior knowledge and experience in mediation, e.g. have completed any training course in either general or family mediation.**

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No (go to Question 1 of Part II)

**3. Are you an Accredited/Admitted General and/or Family mediators of the Hong Kong Mediation Accreditation Association Limited.**

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

## **PART II – SURVEY**

- 1. In the past 6 months, have you participated in any CSC/MCSC in civil cases in the District Court?**

- ☐ Yes, please specific \_\_\_\_\_.  
☐ No (go to Question 6 below)

- 2. Number of CSC/MCSC that you have participated is self-initiated?**

- (a) Number of self-initiated CSC and MCSC**

- ☐ 0  
☐ 1-4  
☐ 5-9  
☐ 10 or more

- (b) Reason(s) for self-initiating CSC/MCSC**

- ☐ to obtain full or partial settlement  
☐ to narrow down the issues  
☐ to save cost and time  
☐ none of above, please specify \_\_\_\_\_.

(you may choose more than one option above)



**3. The amount of additional time and costs incurred for the preparation and participation in the CSC/MCSC. (If you have participated in more than one CSC/MCSC, please indicate the average additional time and costs incurred)?**

(a) Number of additional hours

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1 – 5 hour(s)

☐

6 – 10 hours

☐

11 – 20 hours

☐

21 hours or more

(b) Amount of additional costs

☐

HK\$0 – HK\$9,999

☐

HK\$10,000 – HK\$29,999

☐

HK\$30,000 – HK\$49,999

☐

HK\$50,000 or more

**4. What are the outcomes of the CSC/MCSC concerned?**

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Full settlement (Number of cases \_\_\_\_)

☐

Partial settlement (Number of cases \_\_\_\_)

☐

Disputing issues narrow down (Number of cases \_\_\_\_)

☐

None of the above (Number of cases \_\_\_\_)

(you may choose more than one option above)

**5. Your overall user experience regarding your participation in the CSC/MCSC?**

☐

Highly satisfactory

☐

Satisfactory

☐

Neutral

☐

Unsatisfactory

☐

Highly unsatisfactory

☐

Other comments, please specify \_\_\_\_\_.



**6. Do you have any concern regarding CSC/MCSC?**

- ☐ Amount of additional cost and time incurred
- ☐ Confidentiality of case materials
- ☐ Usefulness, effectiveness and efficiency of CSC/MCSC
- ☐ Voluntariness of the parties
- ☐ Others, please specify \_\_\_\_\_.

(you may choose more than one option above)

**7. Do you have any suggestion regarding the implementation and future development of CSC/MCSC?**

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**Thank you for your time!**