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By Post and Email

The Law Society of Hong Kong
3/F, Wing On House
71 Des Voeux Road Central
Hong Kong

Attn.: Mr. Roden M.L Tong, President

Dear Mr. Tong,

Nomination/appointment of accountants for legal cases

I am writing in respect of requests which we receive from law firms, seeking the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("Institute") or its President, to nominate/appoint certified public accountants for their clients' legal cases.

Since October 2023, the Institute has decided that any request for nomination or appointment of certified public accountants/firms/corporate practices will not be handled by the Institute or its President, and we have informed the Law Society accordingly (please see attached letter). We are grateful that the said letter was circulated to members of the Law Society in 2023.

Since then, we occasionally still receive such requests from law firms. Given the lapse of time since our last letter, I would greatly appreciate if the Law Society could kindly remind its members of the above information again.

Thank you for your time and understanding. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,

Samuel Yip
Head of Legal

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6 October 2023

By Post Only

Our Ref.: M138397

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Attn.: Mr. C.M. Chan, President

Dear Mr. Chan,

Nomination or appointment of CPA (practising), firms or corporate practices for members of the public

The Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("Institute") receives from time to time requests for the nomination of certified public accountants (practising), auditing firms or corporate practices to provide professional services. Nomination had previously provided as a form of social service rather than any legal obligation and with parties' agreement.

The Institute also receives court orders on a few occasions. Such orders usually enable a party in a litigation to purchase something from the other party at a price fixed by a valuer being a certified public accountant ("CPA"),

"as may be appointed by the president for the time being of the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants upon the application of any of the parties with or without the consent of any of the other."

We are not aware of any consultation with or notification to the Institute or the President before such orders were drawn up.

As a regulator and the registration authority for CPA, it is considered inappropriate for the Institute or its President to nominate, let alone appoint, any CPA to provide professional services. In any event, after the Accounting and Financial Reporting Council ("AFRC") has become the registration authority of CPA (practising), auditing firms and corporate practices, the Institute no longer possesses the relevant knowledge. As such, the Institute has decided to turn down any request for nomination or appointment of CPAs.

As such, we respectfully request The Law Society of Hong Kong to inform its members that any of request for nomination or appointment of CPA will not be handled by the Institute or its President.

Yours faithfully,



Kelvin Lee
Head of Legal

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