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Enquiries From Solicitors On Wills, Codicils And Other Testamentary Dispositions



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CIRCULAR 25-500 (COM)

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25-500 (COM) CLERKS TO THE SOLICITORS DISCIPLINARY TRIBUNAL

- 1. Firms are invited to assist the Solicitors Disciplinary Tribunal ("the Tribunal") in the performance of its regulatory functions by nominating their qualified or unqualified staff members (the latter, preferably Legal Executives) with over 10 years' working experience in civil or criminal proceedings to join the Panel of Clerks to the Tribunal ("the Panel of Clerks"). The appointees are expected to be mature, possess good communication skills and be able to work independently.
- 2. Firms with solicitors and unqualified staff member who are currently serving as Clerks to the Tribunal are also welcome to nominate those solicitors and/or their unqualified staff member to join the Panel of Clerks.
- 3. The hourly rates for the appointees on the Panel of Clerks is HK\$2,000 for solicitors and HK\$1,000 for unqualified staff members, and are payable to the firms. Payment of the firms' bills may be subject to taxation.
- 4. The duties of the Clerks to the Tribunal include (i) assisting the Tribunal to arrange hearings and associated matters; (ii) performing administrative and clerical duties during the hearing and such other duties as more particularly described in Sections 10(3), 12(2), 12(2A) and 12(9) of the Legal Practitioners Ordinance, Cap.159 and Rules 2, 6(2), 8(1), 9, 13(1), 15, 16, 17 and 34 of the Solicitors Disciplinary Tribunal Proceedings Rules, Cap 159C; and (iii) performing any other secretarial duties as directed, from time to time, by the Chairman of the Tribunal.
- 5. The Tribunal Convenor to the Solicitors Disciplinary Tribunal Panel ("Tribunal Convenor") will conduct the selection process and appoint the Panel of Clerks. Any conduct history and/or disciplinary records of the applicants kept by the Law Society will be disclosed to the Tribunal Convenor for the purpose of processing the applications.
- 6. Interested firms should send the CV(s) of the applicant(s) together with a letter of consent from a sole practitioner/sole proprietor, or a letter of consent from the employer and a letter of consent from the applicant (please click here for the requisite terms of the letters) to the Director of Conduct, the Law Society of Hong Kong, 3/F, Wing On House, 71 Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong on or before 14 August 2025.



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Personal Information Collection Statement

The personal data collected in the resume supplied by the applicants and any conduct history and disciplinary records relating to the applicants will be used by the Law Society of Hong Kong and the Tribunal Convenor for the purposes of processing the applications for appointment to the Panel of Clerks.



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Law Society: Commencement of Practice

CIRCULAR 25-501 (COM)

31 July 2025

25-501 (COM) COMMENCEMENT OF PRACTICE (REGISTERED FOREIGN FIRM)

The following registered foreign firm has commenced practice from the date indicated below:

Firm Name

Date of Commencement of Practice

EVERWIN LAW OFFICE (法制盛邦律師事務所)

23 July 2025



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CIRCULAR 25-502 (COM)

31 July 2025

25-502 (COM) Practising Certificate (Special Conditions) Rules

Notice of Intention to Apply for a Practising Certificate (2026)

- 1. The "Notice of Intention to Apply for a Practising Certificate" ("Notice") required under Section 5 of the Practising Certificates (Special Conditions) Rules ("Rules") is not an application for a practising certificate.
- 2. The Notice should be completed and declared **only if**:
 - (a) you are applying for the issue of a practising certificate for the first time;
 - (b) you have been censured or ordered to pay a penalty or costs by the Solicitor Disciplinary Tribunal since you were last issued a practising certificate;
 - (c) you have failed or refused to give to the Law Society a sufficient and satisfactory explanation in respect of any matter relating to your conduct when invited to do so since you were last issued a practising certificate and have been notified in writing by the Law Society that you have so failed or refused;
 - (d) you have been suspended from practice since you were last issued a practising certificate and the period of your suspension has expired;
 - (e) you have had your name removed from or struck off the roll of solicitors since you
 were last issued a practising certificate and your name has been restored to the roll of
 solicitors;
 - (f) you have become bankrupt since you were last issued a practising certificate and have been discharged;
 - (g) you have had a monetary judgment (not being a judgment excepted in the Rules) given against you since you were last issued a practising certificate;
 - (h) you have not been in full-time practice of law for two continuous years immediately prior to the giving of notice of intention to apply for a practising certificate (refer to circular 04-310 (SD) for details); or
 - (i) you were a principal in or a consultant of a firm at the time of an intervention of the firm by the Law Society during the preceding 18 months.

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- 3. Solicitors to whom the Rules apply must give at least 6 weeks' notice to the Law Society before applying for their practising certificates. You are recommended to return the completed Notice to the Law Society by 19 September 2025, and in any event, by 17 October 2025.
- 4. Blank copies of the Notice can be collected from the reception counter of the Law Society or downloaded from the Law Society's website at www.hklawsoc.org.hk or by clicking here. Please click here for the Notes on How to Fill in the Notice.
- 5. Late submission of the Notice will delay the renewal process of the practising certificates causing such practising certificates to bear the date of issue and not backdated. Please be reminded that the Standing Committee on Compliance takes a very serious view of members practising without a valid practising certificate.
- 6. The Notice should be declared before a solicitor of another firm or company in order for the solicitor taking the declaration to comply with Principle 13.09 of The Hong Kong Solicitors' Guide to Professional Conduct Volume 1, 3rd Edition. Please refer to <u>Principle 13.09</u> for details. Any inappropriately declared Notice will be processed without prejudice to any conduct investigation into the matter.
- 7. The Rules came into effect in February 2003. Please refer to Circulars <u>03-29(SD)</u> and <u>04-310(SD)</u> for details.

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CIRCULAR 25-503 (EA)

31 July 2025

25-503 (EA) LAW WEEK 2025

RECRUITMENT OF VOLUNTEER SOLICITORS FOR FREE LEGAL ADVICE SERVICE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC

- 1. Since 1991, the Law Society's flagship programme "Law Week" has demonstrated our aspiration to promote legal knowledge and give back to the community. Themed "Law in Action: Building The Future Together" (「法治連線 共建未來」), Law Week 2025 will officially commence with an Opening Ceremony to be held on 14 September 2025 (Sunday). To leverage the success of past events, a Free Legal Advice Programme ("FLAP") and a one-hour Community Talk will be featured alongside the Opening Ceremony, at the same venue, to maximise reach and impact to the general public. Given the enthusiastic reception and positive impact evidenced in previous years, we will be organising three rounds of FLAP and Community Talk altogether in different districts this year.
- 2. The recruitment of volunteer solicitors for FLAP is now open. Members with a minimum of five years post-qualification experience ("PQE") are encouraged to apply as volunteer solicitors. Additionally, we welcome members with less than five years PQE and for trainee solicitors to support FLAP by assisting with initial inquiries during the registration. A briefing session for all volunteers will be held in late August 2025.
- 3. The event details for the three rounds of FLAP are as follows:

| Date: | Sunday, | Saturday, | Sunday, | | |
|--------|--|-------------------------|-------------------|--|--|
| | 14 September 2025 | 4 October 2025 | 7 December 2025 | | |
| Time: | 5 sessions between 12:00 noon and 7:00 p.m. (Please refer to the application form for the exact timeslots) | | | | |
| | +WOO | Ma On Shan Plaza | Dragon Center | | |
| Venue: | G/F, 12-18 Tin Yan | 608 Sai Sha Road, Ma On | 37K, Yen Chow St, | | |
| | Road, Tin Shui Wai | Shan, Shatin | Sham Shui Po | | |

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| Session: | Each inquirer will be assigned to a volunteer solicitor for free legal advice service up to 15 minutes | | | |
|------------|---|--|--|--|
| | · Employees' Compensation Claims and Personal Injuries | | | |
| | · Family | | | |
| | · Criminal | | | |
| Scope: | · Wills & Probate | | | |
| | · Building Management | | | |
| | · Landlord & Tenancy and Conveyancing & Property | | | |
| | · Commercial Dispute | | | |
| Number | | | | |
| of | We require approximately 30 volunteer solicitors | | | |
| volunteer | for each round of FLAP. | | | |
| solicitors | | | | |
| required: | | | | |

4. Interested members please complete and return the application form to the Communications & External Affairs and Member Services Department on or before 7 August 2025 by email to youtheducation@hklawsoc.org.hk or by fax to 2845 0387. For more information about the event, please contact Ms Gigi Wong of Communications & External Affairs and Member Services Department at 2846 0555.

Please click here for the application form

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Professional Indemnity Scheme

CIRCULAR 25-504 (PA)

31 July 2025

25-504 (PA) PROFESSIONAL INDEMNITY SCHEME ("PIS")

Application for Indemnity Form ("AI") and Gross Fee Income Report ("GFIR") to be submitted online on or before Friday, 15 August 2025 5:30 p.m.

The professional indemnity cover for all Hong Kong law firms for the 2024/2025 indemnity year will expire on Tuesday, 30 September 2025.

1. Renewal Forms

To renew indemnity, principals of law firms are required to submit an AI and a GFIR (except for new law firms, see paragraph 2(f) below) online via the PIS Digital Platform ("Platform") to the Scheme Manager, ESSAR Insurance Services Ltd. ("ESSAR") under rule 8 of the Solicitors (Professional Indemnity) Rules (Cap. 159M) ("Rules").

A notification email has been sent to the designated principal of each law firm from "do-not-reply@riskonnect.com" regarding the renewal of the 2025/2026 indemnity year via the Platform in late June 2025.

All Hong Kong law firms are required to complete and submit the AI and GFIR (as a scanned (black and white) copy attachment to the AI) executed in accordance with paragraph 2(a)(ii) below to ESSAR via the Platform online on or before 15 August 2025 at 5:30 p.m., for the renewal of their indemnity for the 2025/2026 indemnity year, which commences on 1 October 2025. No physical/ hard copy or other forms will be accepted by ESSAR.

For enquiries on the Platform, please contact:

ESSAR Insurance Services Ltd

Ms. Pamela Poon, Scheme Administrator (direct line: +852 2862-4251); or Ms. Ada Chan, Assistant Scheme Administrator (direct line: +852 2861-6300)

34/F, One Island East, Taikoo Place

18 Westlands Road, Quarry Bay, Hong Kong

Telephone no.: +852 2861-6666 (general)



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2. The procedure for submitting the AI and GFIR (together the "Documents") online

a) Execution of the Documents

- (i) The AI must be signed by a principal of the law firm.
- (ii) The GFIR must:
 - (1) be signed by a Certified Public Accountant (Practising) ("CPA") reporting the gross fee income of the law firm's Practice for the immediately preceding accounting year of not less than twelve (12) months;
 - (2) be issued under the **letterhead of a CPA firm**;
 - (3) specify the CPA's full name and Practising Certificate number (at the signature block of the GFIR);

If this is the law firm's first time submitting a GFIR, the GFIR should cover the gross fee income of the law firm's Practice from its commencement date and for not less than twelve (12) months.

If the law firm has changed its accounting year end, the GFIR should cover the period from the law firm's last reported accounting year end to the immediately preceding new accounting year end.

The Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants informed its members through its Circular in May 2022 to utilize the updated GFIR for the purpose of rule 8 of the Rules. The sample wording of the GFIR will be available for downloading when a law firm accesses its AI online.

b) Date of Submission: on or before 15 August 2025

- (i) The AI requires a law firm to state the name(s) of the solicitor(s) and foreign lawyer(s) practising under the law firm's name as at 31 July 2025. This is because under paragraph 2(1)(a) of Schedule 1 to the Rules, with the exception of new law firms, ESSAR will calculate the amount of annual contribution based on the number of solicitors and foreign lawyers on that date.
- (ii) Under rule 8(1) of the Rules, the last day to submit the Documents is Friday, 15 August 2025.
- c) Failure to submit the Documents by the statutory deadline of 15 August 2025

Failure to comply with rule 8 is a breach of the Rules. Any failure shall be considered by the Working Party on PIS Gross Fee Income Reports and Contributions ("Working Party") with recommendations to the Council to take appropriate action.

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d) Documents are to be submitted ONLINE ONLY via the Platform

Do NOT send physical or hard copies of the Documents to ESSAR or the Law Society.

e) Application for an Extension of Time: To be sent to The Law Society

If for any reason a law firm is not able to meet the statutory deadline of 15 August 2025, the law firm should make a **PRIOR** application to the Council for an extension of time to submit the Documents, setting out (i) the period of time extension required and (ii) the reasons for requiring it. All applications should be addressed to the Assistant Director, Professional Indemnity Scheme, at the Law Society, 3/F, Wing On House, 71 Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong. Applications should be made on or before 8 August 2025 as there is no guarantee that applications received after this date can be considered by the Working Party before the statutory deadline of 15 August 2025.

f) New Law Firms or Law Firms without the first set of Audited Accounts

A new law firm, i.e. a law firm which commenced practice after 15 August 2024 or a law firm which has not had its first set of accounts audited, will not need to submit a GFIR by 15 August 2025. It must, however, submit an AI online via the Platform by 15 August 2025 to comply with rule 8(1) of the Rules. The new law firm will not need to state the amount of gross fee income in the AI. Pursuant to paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 1 to the Rules, the new law firm will pay a basic average contribution for the PIS renewal for the 2025/2026 indemnity year.

g) Law Firms intending to Cease Practice

Any law firm which intends to cease Practice prior to the commencement of the 2025/2026 indemnity year must comply with Practice Direction D7 of the Law Society Practice Directions. In particular, for the purpose of professional indemnity cover, the law firm must give notice of cessation to ESSAR at least 8 weeks prior to 30 September 2025. If the notice period ends on a date after 30 September 2025, the law firm may be required to pay contribution for the whole of the 2025/2026 indemnity year subject to any adjustment to be made upon cessation of Practice.

3. An email regarding the PIS renewal 2025/2026 has been sent to the designated email address of the designated principal of each law firm in early July 2025 by the Law Society. Members are reminded to take note that the email has been sent from "adpis_group@hklawsoc.org.hk".

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Courts: Practice & Procedure & Judiciary

CIRCULAR 25-505 (PA)

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25-505 (PA) Duty/Urgent Application Judges and Admission Judges

28 July 2025 to 3 January 2026

| 1. | Week beginning | Duty Judge | Saturday | Admission Judge |
|----|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| - | 28 July 2025 | DHCJ MK Liu | 2 August 2025 | Hon Tam J |
| | 4 August 2025 | DHCJ Grace Chow | 9 August 2025 | Hon Alex Lee J |
| | 11 August 2025 | Hon Ng J | 16 August 2025 | Hon Ng J |
| | 18 August 2025 | DHCJ Gary Lam | 23 August 2025 | Hon Anna Lai J |
| | 25 August 2025 | DHCJ Kent Yee | 30 August 2025 | Hon Kwok J |
| | 1 September 2025 | Hon Harris J | 6 September 2025 | Hon Harris J |
| | 8 September 2025 | Hon Woodcock J | 13 September 2025 | Hon Woodcock J |
| | 15 September 2025 | Hon Au-Yeung J | 20 September 2025 | Hon Au-Yeung J |
| | 22 September 2025 | Hon Cheng J | 27 September 2025 | Hon Cheng J |
| | 29 September 2025 | Hon Andrew Chan J | 4 October 2025 | Hon Andrew Chan J |
| | 6 October 2025 | Hon H Au-Yeung J | 11 October 2025 | Hon H Au-Yeung J |
| | 13 October 2025 | Hon Lisa Wong J | 18 October 2025 | Hon Lisa Wong J |
| | 20 October 2025 | Hon D Yau J | 25 October 2025 | Hon D Yau J |
| | 27 October 2025 | Hon Leung J | 1 November 2025 | Hon Leung J |
| | 3 November 2025 | Hon ST Poon J | 8 November 2025 | Hon ST Poon J |
| | 10 November 2025 | Hon Winnie Tsui J | 15 November 2025 | Hon H Au-Yeung J |
| | 17 November 2025 | Hon Barnes J | 22 November 2025 | Hon Barnes J |
| | 24 November 2025 | Hon Wilson Chan J | 29 November 2025 | Hon Wilson Chan J |
| | 1 December 2025 | Hon Fung J | 6 December 2025 | Hon Fung J |
| | 8 December 2025 | Hon Anthony Chan J | 13 December 2025 | Hon Anthony Chan J |
| | 15 December 2025 | Hon K Yeung J | 20 December 2025 | Hon K Yeung J |
| | 22 December 2025 | Hon Johnny Chan J | 27 December 2025 | Hon Johnny Chan J |
| | 29 December 2025 | Hon Mimmie Chan J | 3 January 2026 | Hon Mimmie Chan J |

2. The Duty Judge can be contacted at this mobile phone number: 9137 9005.



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- 3. Members are advised that there could be last-minute changes to the above roster. On the other hand, any updates to the above roster may not be made available by the Judiciary to the Law Society for publication in time. Members may wish to make inquiries with the Registrar direct to ascertain the duty judge on a particular day.
- 4. Circular 25-390 (PA) is superseded.

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CIRCULAR 25-506 (PA)

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25-506 (PA) PUBLIC CONSULTATION

- 1. The Law Society, with the assistance of its specialist committees, reviews and comments on public consultations throughout the year. Members wishing to comment may send views on current public consultations to the Secretariat by the specified deadlines for consideration by the relevant specialist committees.
- 2. The following is a list of the current public consultations:

| | Consultation Paper | Specialist Committees | Deadlines for comment to the Law Society* | Contact at the Secretariat |
|-----|------------------------------|--------------------------|--|----------------------------|
| Ne | w Consultation(s) | | | |
| (a) | FSTB Public Consultation on | Investment | 5 August 2025 | adpa1@hklawso |
| | Enhancing Regulation of | Products and | | c.org.hk |
| | Licensed Money Lenders | Financial | | Ü |
| | - | Services | | |
| | | Committee | | |
| (b) | Consultation on draft FRR | Investment | 15 August 2025 | adpa1@hklawso |
| | amendments, Guidelines for | Products and | | <u>c.org.hk</u> |
| | Internal Models Approach for | Financial | | |
| | FRR Market Risk Charges | Services | | |
| | Calculation and General | Committee | | |
| | Principles for Model Risk | | | |
| | <u>Management</u> | | | |

^{*} The above deadline is the Law Society internal deadline to allow sufficient time for the relevant draft submissions to be approved by the Council prior to the public consultation deadline.



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CIRCULAR 25-507 (SG)

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25-507 (SG) THE HOSPITAL AUTHORITY

Tender Invitation Notice for Expression of Interest for Contract Advisor Consultancy Services

- 1. The Hospital Authority ("HA") has issued a Tender Invitation Notice for Expression of Interest (EOI) for Contract Advisor Consultancy Services on 25 July 2025.
- 2. HA invites law firms to study the EOI Document in detail and submit proposals before 12:00 noon on 8 August 2025 (Friday) (Hong Kong Time).
- 3. The EOI Document including any subsequent addendum can be downloaded from HA website at https://www.ha.org.hk/ under heading of "Tender Notices".
- 3. Please click the following links for information on

<u>Tender Invitation Notice</u> <u>Expression of Interest (EOI) for Contract Advisor Consultancy Services.</u>



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Property

CIRCULAR 25-508 (PA)

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25-508 (PA) HONG KONG HOUSING AUTHORITY

Tender Notification for Appointment of Solicitors for Conveyancing for Sale of Green Form Subsidised Home Ownership Scheme Flats 2024 (Repeat Circular)

- 1. The Hong Kong Housing Authority ("Housing Authority") invites all solicitors' firms for tender for appointment of solicitors for conveyancing for sale of Green Form Subsidised Home Ownership Flats 2024.
- 2. Detailed information and forms of tender can be obtained through e-mail to abby.ma@housingauthority.gov.hk and marked "Tender for Appointment of Conveyancing Solicitors GSH 2024".
- Please click <u>here</u> for a copy of the Tender Notification Notice with tender details. The Notice has also be published in the Government Gazette and posted on <u>Housing Authority</u> / <u>Housing Department's</u> website on 11 July 2025.
- 4. The tender documents have to be submitted **before 10:00 a.m. on Friday, 8 August 2025**.

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CIRCULAR 25-509 (SD)

31 July 2025

25-509 (SD) CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ("CPD") AND RISK MANAGEMENT EDUCATION ("RME") REQUIREMENTS FOR THE 2024/25 CPD/RME PRACTICE YEAR

This Circular serves as a reminder of the CPD and RME requirements for the 2024/25 CPD/RME practice year and different ways in which the CPD and RME requirements may be met for solicitors, trainee solicitors and registered foreign lawyers, and matters ancillary thereto.

Ways in which the CPD and RME requirements may be met

1. There are a variety of ways for practitioners to meet their CPD requirements. Apart from attending courses, practitioners may undertake other activities to meet their CPD and RME requirements. These activities include writing articles and books, conducting legal research, writing dissertations, preparing for, presenting and facilitating approved training courses, participating in the work of approved Committees and institutions, and conducting coaching. These activities, other than being accredited with CPD points, would enable and facilitate interaction between senior and junior members of the profession and encourage passing on skills, knowledge and good tradition.

The accreditation guidelines of CPD and RME activities are set out in the following Information Packages:

<u>CPD Information Package</u> – (pages 9 to 21) RME Information Package – (pages 21 to 28)

2. As always, the Law Society ("Society") encourages practitioners to participate in pro bono work. If a pro bono activity is law-related and meets accreditation criteria of CPD activities, the organiser of the activity may apply to the Society for CPD accreditation of the activity. The accreditation criteria of CPD activities are set out on pages 1 and 2 of the CPD Information Package.



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3. Alternatively, if a pro bono activity is law-related and involves delivery of talk, seminars or presentation at conference, instead of having the organiser applying for CPD accreditation of the activity, a practitioner may be able to claim CPD point(s) under the deemed accreditation system. Details of the deemed accreditation system are set out in Guideline 10 of the CPD Information Package.

CPD requirements of solicitors

4. A solicitor holding a current practising certificate for the 2024/25 CPD practice year, which commenced on 1 November 2024 and ends on 31 October 2025, is required under rule 5 of the CPD Rules to accumulate 15 CPD points.

RME requirements of solicitors and registered foreign lawyers ("RFLs") practising in Hong Kong Law Firms ("HK Firms")

- 5. In the 2024/25 RME practice year ending on 31 October 2025:
 - (a) a principal is required under <u>rule 6 of the RME Rules</u> to complete a core course for principals if this is the first practice year a solicitor becomes a sole proprietor or a partner and has been practising as such for 100 days or more;
 - (b) a non-principal solicitor is required under <u>rule 5 of the RME Rules</u> to complete a core course for non-principals if this is the first practice year a person becomes an assistant solicitor or a consultant and has been practising as such for 100 days or more. Trainee solicitors who have completed the trainee solicitor's core courses and the compulsory first elective are exempt from completing the non-principal's core course during the practice year in which they commence practice as a non-principal solicitor in a HK Firm after their admission as a HK solicitor. They are nevertheless subject to the annual RME elective obligations applicable to non-principal solicitors;
 - (c) an RFL practising in a HK Firm is required under <u>rule 5 of the RME Rules</u> to complete a core course for RFLs if this is the first practice year a person becomes an RFL and has been practising as such in a HK Firm for 100 days or more; or
 - (d) where <u>rule 7 of the RME Rules</u> applies, principals, non-principal solicitors, and RFLs are required under rule 7 of the RME Rules to complete 3 hours of RME courses or 6 hours if they have not done so in the immediately preceding RME practice year.

CPD and **RME** requirements of trainee solicitors

6. (a) Trainee solicitors are required to accumulate 15 CPD points (or where appropriate, complete the pro-rated annual CPD requirement set out in Table A of the CPD Information Package) in the 2024/25 CPD practice year;

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- (b) They are also required to complete the trainee solicitor's core courses in the 2024/25 RME practice year if it is the first RME practice year in which the RME Rules apply to them (i.e. they are employed as trainee solicitors for 100 days or more in the current RME practice year), or the compulsory first elective in the 2024/25 RME practice year if it is the second RME practice year in which the RME Rules apply to them
- 7. Compliance with the CPD and RME obligations is a condition precedent to admission as a solicitor in Hong Kong.

CPD requirements in mediation training

8. A solicitor-mediator on the Panel of General Mediators, Panel of Family Mediators or Panel of Family Mediation Supervisors of the Society ("Panels of Mediators of the Society") is required to accumulate not less than 20 CPD points in mediation training out of his or her annual CPD requirement during the 4 CPD practice years immediately preceding his or her application for renewal of Panel membership. Details of the CPD requirement for solicitor-mediators are set out on page 4 of the CPD Information Package.

Carrying over excess CPD points

- 9. Solicitors are permitted to carry over a maximum of 10 CPD points accumulated in excess of the CPD requirement in a CPD practice year to the immediately succeeding CPD practice year only.
- 10. As an exception to the normal carry over policy, a principal who has completed all requisite modules of the RME core courses for principals within the practice year specified under rule 6 of the RME Rules is permitted to carry over a maximum of 15 excess CPD points in a CPD practice year to the next immediately succeeding CPD practice year only.
- 11. In respect of RME elective courses, the following carry over policy set out in paragraph 4 of Section B of the RME Information Package applies:-
 - (a) a solicitor may utilize a maximum of 3 CPD points obtained from completion of RME electives in excess of his or her annual CPD requirements to satisfy the RME elective requirement in the succeeding RME practice year only;
 - (b) an RFL may utilize a maximum of 3 CPD points obtained from completion of RME electives in excess of his or her annual RME elective requirements to satisfy the RME elective requirement in the succeeding RME practice year only.
- 12. The normal carry over policy set out in paragraph 9 is also applicable to trainee solicitors. However, any excess CPD points accumulated during employment under the trainee solicitor contract cannot be carried over to the CPD practice year in which a trainee solicitor has been admitted as a solicitor.



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13. All enquiries should be sent to:

Ms. Iris Cheung Assistant Director, Professional Development The Law Society of Hong Kong Email: adpd@hklawsoc.org.hk



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Companies/Bankruptcies/ Official Receiver's Office

CIRCULAR 25-510 (PA)

31 July 2025

25-510 (PA) OFFICIAL RECEIVER'S OFFICE

Tender for Providing Services to Complete Preliminary Examination in Bankruptcy Cases (Tender Reference: OR/B/2025)

- 1. The Official Receiver's Office ("ORO") has issued a tender notice to invite interested parties to submit a tender for providing services to complete Preliminary Examination in Bankruptcy Cases.
- 2. For details, please click <u>here</u> for a copy of the letter from the Official Receiver's Office dated 29 July 2025.

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CIRCULAR 25-511 (FA)

31 July 2025

25-511 (FA) HONG KONG ECONOMIC AND TRADE OFFICE IN BEJING, GUANGDONG, SHANGHAI, CHENGDU AND WUHAN

BJETO, GDETO, SHETO, CDETO & WHETO Newsletters – July 2025

- 1. The BJETO, GDETO, SHETO, CDETO and WHETO Newsletters are regular publications by the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Offices in Beijing, Guangdong, Shanghai, Chengdu and Wuhan containing the latest information on the Mainland commercial and trade-related policies, laws and regulations and the economic and trade activities in Beijing, Guangdong, Shanghai, Chengdu and Wuhan.
- 2. Please click the following links for the July 2025 Edition (in Chinese only):

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Enquiries From Solicitors On Wills, Codicils And Other Testamentary Dispositions

An enquiry has been received from solicitors as to the existence of a will, codicil or other testamentary disposition made by the following deceased persons. If you are holding the original or a copy of any of these documents, you are requested to contact the enquiring firm directly within 14 working days.

Members are reminded to exercise due care when responding to enquiries in order to avoid any breach of the duty of confidentiality which they owe to the testator or the testator's personal representatives.

| Name of Deceased Person | Date of Death | Hong Kong Identity Card No (save as otherwise specified) | Enquiring Firm |
|---------------------------|-------------------|---|-----------------------------|
| CHAN FUN (陳芬) | 26 July 1997 | B636244(9) | WONG POON CHAN LAW & CO. |
| YIM MUI (嚴 梅) | 27 September 2023 | B636245(7) | WONG POON CHAN LAW & CO. |
| LYN CHYN TENG (林勤棠) | 30 October 2023 | 中華民國國民身份證 C120116762 | LO & FUNG |
| CHEUNG CHOI CHIU (張財照) | 16 January 2025 | E960993(1) 及 港澳居民來往內地 通行證號碼 H0620883800 | YIP TSE & TANG |
| XING YUHUA (邢玉华) | 21 October 2023 | 中華人民共和國 港澳居民居住證 210221196901090648 及 中華人民共和國護照 EL1500880 | ADRIAN LAU & YIM LAWYERS |



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| KWAN KEE LEE (關其利) Alias (关其利) | 23 June 2011 | A483332(8) 及 港澳居民來往內地 通行證號碼 H0550488100 | ANTHONY SIU AND COMPANY |
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| SIN KWAN WING (冼坤榮) | Certified dead on 12 March 2019 | B911415(2) | NG, LIE, LAI & CHAN |
| WONG MAN LING (黃敏 玲) | 24 October 2022 | A990246(8) | NG, LIE, LAI & CHAN |
| WONG KAM HON (黃錦漢) | 24 April 2021 | B851253(7) | YUNG, YU, YUEN & CO. SOLICITORS |
| KWOK YUN TIM (郭潤甜) | 09 February 2021 | B948797(8) | YIP TSE & TANG |
| YIP WAR (葉窩) | 12 March 2012 | B948798(6) | YIP TSE & TANG |
| CHENG FUK TIN (鄭福田) | 21 June 2025 | B174465(3) | PETER W.K. LO & CO |
| TANG YAU (鄧友) Alias (邓友) | 17 June 2023 | C003909(6) | TERRY YEUNG & LAI SOLICITORS |
| CHENG CHEONG (鄭昌) Alias (郑昌) | 24 May 2007 | H383101(0) | C.L. CHOW & MACKSION CHAN, SOLICITORS |
| TING WAI MIN (丁惠民) | 18 May 2025 | A397063(1) | K.B. CHAU & CO. |
| POON SHUK FU (潘淑富) | 08 November 2007 | R273946(0) | ANTHONY SIU AND COMPANY |



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| HO HAO TONG (何厚鏜) | 29 April 2025 | MACAU IDENTITY CARD NO. 5003458(6) 及 港澳居民來往內地通行證 號碼 M06990116 | DARIN LEUNG & PARTNERS |
| YAU TING CHUNG (丘定忠) | 12 May 2013 | B372762(4) | LI & PARTNERS |
| HO TAI KIN (何大健) | 21 March 2025 | K524192(8) 及 港澳居民來往內地 通行證號碼 H09633916 | AUGUSTINE C.Y. TONG & CO., SOLICITORS |
| KEUNG WING CHEUNG (姜永祥) | 27 October 2001 | A590422(9) | RICARDO LEE & ASSOCIATES LAW OFFICE |
| CHEUNG TSZ SHING (張子成) | 01 June 2025 | P037383(8) | CHEUNG FUNG & HUI |
| KWOK FUK YING (郭福英) | Certified dead on 13 December 2019 | K776494(4) | CHEUNG FUNG & HUI |
| LEE CHIU LAM (李超霖) | 21 June 2025 | E094392(8) | KONG & TANG, SOLICITORS |
| NG YIP FEI LEO (吳曄暉) | 30 May 2025 | D634593(0) | IU, LAI & LI SOLICITORS & NOTARIES |
| TSANG YUK KING (曾玉琼) | Discovery on 16 October 2023 | P938232(5) | M.C.A. LAI SOLICITORS LLP |
| MOHAMMAD SHAHZAD | Certified dead on 13 December 2022 | P117451(0) | TANG, WONG & CHOW |
| MAK KWONG HUNG (麥廣洪) | 06 April 2023 | B537518(0) | CHUNG & KWAN, SOLICITORS |
| RAN XIAOQIN (冉小琴) | Certified dead on 14 March 2025 | M746815(1) | FONG YIN CHEUNG & CO. |



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| SHIN CHI LAM (冼梓林) | Within about one day prior to discovery on | A447552(9) | HOWSE WILLIAMS |
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| NG CHUEN WAI (吳全偉) | 18 February 2025 18 May 2025 | A688730(1) | SHUM WONG & CO., SOLICITORS |
| QIU YALING (邱亞 玲) | 02 July 2025 | R528968(7) | S.T. CHENG & CO., SOLICITORS |
| ZHANG XIN (張新) Alias CHEUNG KWONG YUNG (張光墉) Alias (张新) | 28 March 2023 | P883273(4) 及 中華人民共和國 居民身份證 440301195901122935 | PATRICK MAK & TSE |
| TANG SIU CHUN (鄧笑珍) | 13 May 2025 | B511144(2) | TAM & PARTNERS, SOLICITORS |
| FU CE JUN (符策君) | 07 October 2022 | D440573(1) | NG & SHUM |
| CAI HUIHUI (蔡暉暉) Alias (蔡晖晖) | 05 December 2024 | M399542(4) 及 港澳居民來往內地 通行證號碼 H60205306 | HARMONY NG & ASSOCIATES |
| (周娟) | 25 April 2025 | 中華人民共和國 居民身份證 420124198009110080 | YIP TSE & TANG |
| LI PING (李冰) | 28 April 2024 | K582765(5) | YIP TSE & TANG |
| LO SHUK HING (盧淑馨) | 14 March 2021 | K646335(5) | FRANCIS KONG & CO |
| LI CHIN WAN (李展雲) | 24 March 2008 | B604924(4) | S.T. CHENG & CO., SOLICITORS |



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| LO SZE ON (羅士安) | 09 April 2021 | A046795(5) | YIP TSE & TANG |
|--|-------------------------------------|--|--------------------------|
| MA MING FAI (馬明輝) | Certified dead on 28 December 2023 | G360089(A) | BOASE COHEN & COLLINS |
| KOO HO MING (古浩銘) | Certified dead on 16 August 2023 | Y837246(0) | HO & ASSOCIATES |
| LAU HIU FUNG (劉曉峰) | 31 January 2005 | H110654(8) | HA & HO, SOLICITORS |
| LAU TAK SANG (劉德盛) Alias LAU WILLIAM TAK SANG | 10 September 2023 | A082637(8) & Australia Passport No. PB4354493 | LO & LO |