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Dear Fellow Members,

Opening of the Legal Year 2025 in England and Wales Strengthening Global Partnerships and Advancing Regulatory Dialogue

I attended the Opening of the Legal Year ("OLY") 2025 in England and Wales from 29 September to 2 October 2025, following an invitation from The Law Society of England and Wales and the Bar Council. This year's OLY was especially significant, marking the 200th Anniversary of The Law Society of England and Wales – a milestone in the history of one of the world's leading legal institutions.

Our participation in this event reflects the Law Society's ongoing commitment to fostering international partnerships, engaging with the global legal community, and addressing shared challenges. The occasion provided valuable opportunities to connect with bar leaders and legal professionals from around the world, reinforcing Hong Kong's reputation for resilience and excellence in legal practice.

Meeting with the Solicitors Regulation Authority ("SRA")

A key highlight of the visit was a forward-looking meeting with senior representatives of the SRA, including Chief Executive Mr Paul Philip and Executive Director of Operations & Resources Ms Liz Rosser. Council Member Mr Pak Sun Hau, Chairperson of the Working Party on Solicitors' Advancement, joined me for this important dialogue.

The Law Society, as an independent statutory body representing over 13,000 members and 900 law firms, is dedicated to upholding the highest professional standards. Similarly, the SRA provides regulatory oversight for more than 200,000 solicitors and 9,000 law firms in England and Wales. Our meeting facilitated meaningful exchanges on key regulatory issues and SRA's experience, including the evolution of legal practice structures such as limited liability partnerships and solicitor corporations – areas the Law Society has been actively pursuing.

Both sides also discussed pathways for solicitors in both jurisdictions and the growing impact of technology on legal practice, including the authorisation of <u>Garfield.law</u>, the first AI-powered

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law firm. These discussions underscored a shared commitment to regulatory excellence, professional principles, and a forward-looking approach to innovation in the legal field.





Engagement with International Bar Leaders

During the visit, I participated in the Commonwealth Bar Leaders' Meeting and the Bar Leaders' Discussion, and held a bilateral meeting with Mr Mark Evans, Incoming President of The Law Society of England and Wales. These exchanges provided opportunities to clarify misconceptions about Hong Kong's legal framework including the independence of our Judiciary, the statutory self-regulatory role of the Law Society, and the professionalism of our legal community. The discussions also highlighted the importance of collective efforts to safeguard the integrity of justice systems worldwide.





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Joint Seminar with the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office, London

Adding further significance to the visit was a vibrant lunchtime seminar co-hosted by the Law Society and the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office ("HKETO") in London, on 2 October 2025. This student engagement event, supported by three student associations in the UK, welcomed over 40 students from 10 prestigious universities across the UK and beyond. Attendees included undergraduates and postgraduates from Hong Kong, Vietnam, Singapore, the UK, and other regions – all united by a shared interest in the unique advantages of Hong Kong's legal profession.

The seminar served as an excellent platform for future legal professionals to explore the exciting opportunities Hong Kong presents within its dynamic and evolving legal landscape. In my sharing, I highlighted the unique strengths of Hong Kong's legal system and the promising career pathways available. The thoughtful questions raised by the students reflected their genuine curiosity and enthusiasm for pursuing legal careers in Hong Kong.

I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to Miss Fiona Chau, Director-General of HKETO London, for co-hosting this meaningful event once again. I was especially delighted to see Katrina, a student I met at last year's seminar, returning this year as one of the key student organisers. Her continued engagement with the Law Society's activities over the past year is a testament to the lasting impact of these initiatives and the value of nurturing future leaders in our profession.



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The Opening of the Legal Year Ceremony at Westminster Abbey

Established in 1897, the OLY is a long-standing tradition for common law jurisdictions. This year's ceremony at Westminster Abbey brought together senior judges and legal professionals from around 40 jurisdictions. Our participation reaffirmed Hong Kong's strong standing in the global legal community. As the only common law jurisdiction within China under the "One Country, Two Systems" constitutional framework, we remain steadfast in upholding our legal system, rooted in well-established common law principles, and committed to fostering international legal exchange and cooperation.

The ceremony provided an opportunity to engage with legal leaders from around the world, including The Right Honourable the Baroness Carr of Walton-on-the-Hill, Lady Chief Justice of England and Wales, as well as The Right Honourable the Baroness Hale of Richmond, Former Non-Permanent Justice of the Hong Kong Court of Final Appeal. These interactions highlighted our shared commitment to upholding justice and the rule of law in our respective jurisdictions.

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Looking Ahead

As the statutory self-regulatory body for the solicitor profession in Hong Kong, the Law Society is proud to host the International Conference of Legal Regulators 2025 in Hong Kong for the first time, from 20 to 22 October 2025. Together with the Hong Kong Bar Association, we will continue our tradition of commemorating the OLY each January, with the upcoming historic ceremony on 19 January 2026 set to bring together judges, legal professionals, and international bar leaders demonstrating our steadfast commitment to the rule of law and judicial independence.

Legislative Council Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services Meeting

On 2 October 2025, the Law Society participated in the meeting of the Legislative Council Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services, where briefings were delivered by the Secretary for Justice and the Director of Administration on the Chief Executive's 2025 Policy Address.

During the session, the Law Society presented its perspectives on several policy matters that are pivotal to Hong Kong's continued development as a global legal and business centre. These included proposals to establish a wealth and asset management hub, strengthen Hong Kong's position as an international intellectual property trading centre, promote the advancement of sports law, and reinforce Hong Kong's role as an international legal and dispute resolution centre. The Law Society also highlighted how Hong Kong, as the only common law jurisdiction within China under the "One Country, Two Systems" framework, is uniquely positioned to leverage its legal system to support the growth of industries with a competitive edge, such as maritime services.

The Law Society welcomes ongoing dialogue with the Government on proposed legislative initiatives and amendments outlined in the Policy Address. We remain committed to contributing our expertise and insights to ensure that Hong Kong's legal sector continues to thrive and adapt to the evolving needs of our community and the international landscape.

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Members are encouraged to review the <u>Law Society's Submission</u> on the 2025 Policy Address for further details on our recommendations and positions.

Attention to WhatsApp Hijacking Incident involving Law Firm

I would like to draw members' attention to the critical cybersecurity risks associated with the use of instant messaging applications, as highlighted by the Anti-Deception Coordination Centre ("ADCC") of the Commercial Crime Bureau of the Hong Kong Police Force.

In a recent collaboration with the ADCC, the Law Society uncovered an incident involving the hijacking of a WhatsApp account belonging to a Hong Kong solicitors' firm in which the fraudster posed as a member firm to direct client's deposit of money to a designated stooge account. Consequently, the Law Society promptly issued the <u>Circular 25-672</u> to our fellow members, emphasizing the professional obligations as outlined in <u>The Hong Kong Solicitors'</u> Guide to Professional Conduct.

The collaboration between the Police and the Law Society in combating such criminal activities is a testament to our collective commitment to upholding public trust in our profession. I commend your joint effort and wish to reiterate the importance of adherence to the preventive measures delineated in the said <u>Circular</u>.

Your unwavering vigilance and steadfast compliance with these measures are essential to uphold the integrity of our profession and safeguard the interests of the public. Let us remain proactive and resolute in our efforts to mitigate cybersecurity threats and uphold the highest standards of professional conduct.

Law Week 2025 Part II: Community Talk on Legal Implications of Cross-Border Living

Building on the momentum and enthusiastic public response from our <u>opening stop in Tin Shui Wai</u>, the second event of the Law Society's flagship annual initiative, Law Week 2025, was successfully held at Ma On Shan Plaza on 4 October 2025. This event exemplified our commitment as a statutory self-regulatory body to promoting legal awareness and serving the community.

At Ma On Shan, I had the privilege of welcoming participants and engaging in meaningful dialogue about the ways law shapes our daily lives. The highlight of the event was the community seminar, "Living Between Hong Kong and Mainland China: Legal Issues You Need to Know", where Council Member Ms Chris Zhao and Ms Helen Liao, Partner at Deacons, provided insightful analysis of the differences in legal systems across the Greater Bay Area. Through real-life examples, they offered practical guidance on cross-border living, covering essential topics such as tax, property rights, marriage, inheritance, and labour protection.



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A cornerstone of Law Week is our dedication to accessible legal support. Over 20 volunteer lawyers generously contributed more than 1,200 minutes of free legal advice to members of the public, addressing a wide range of inquiries from employment and family matters to property and inheritance issues. The event also featured a screening of "The Nitty-gritty of Law 2", our joint legal education programme with RTHK, and interactive legal-themed game booths, blending education and entertainment for participants of all ages.

This gathering reaffirmed the Law Society's enduring commitment to community engagement through legal education and pro bono service. I am deeply grateful to our volunteer lawyers and supporting partners – including the Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education, the Legal Aid Department, the Agency for Volunteer Service, and Fortune Real Estate Investment Trust – for their unwavering support, which was instrumental to the event's success.



Connecting with the Next Generation

Just days after Law Week, I was privileged to spend the holiday following the Mid-Autumn Festival with a group of elite students who participated in the <u>Greater Bay Area Study Tour</u> earlier this summer. Their energy, curiosity, and thoughtful perspectives left a lasting impression on me. Our conversation was a vivid reminder that the future of our profession and indeed our society rests in the hands of these bright young minds.

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Witnessing their enthusiasm for legal knowledge and their commitment to personal growth was both inspiring and humbling. It reinforced my belief that our efforts in legal education and community outreach, whether through Law Week or youth engagement programmes, are not only building legal awareness, but also nurturing the leaders of tomorrow.



A Call to Members: Join Us in Shaping the Future

I would also like to take this opportunity to highlight the tremendous contributions our members have made through initiatives such as <u>Teen Talk</u> and school talks. Every year, our volunteer solicitors reach thousands of students, sharing their expertise and passion for the law. These programmes exemplify the Law Society's unwavering commitment to nurturing the next generation with a profound respect for the rule of law, building a stronger community, and shaping a brighter future through genuine dedication and effort.

If you are interested in joining us as a volunteer for Teen Talk, school talks, or other outreach initiatives, I warmly invite you to contact us at woutheducation@hklawsoc.org.hk. Together, we can leave an indelible mark on our community and empower the youth who will shape the future of our society.

As we look ahead to the finale of Law Week 2025 in Sham Shui Po on 7 December 2025, I invite all members and the public to join us in continuing this journey building a law-abiding and harmonious community, and inspiring the next generation to shape a brighter future for Hong Kong.

Join the Law Society Annual Cocktail Reception 2025

The Law Society's Annual Cocktail Reception 2025 will be held on 10 November 2025 (Monday). I cordially invite members to join this special evening, which promises a unique opportunity to connect and re-connect with fellow members of our legal profession.

At the Cocktail Reception, you will have the opportunity to meet not only legal practitioners, but also representatives from Government departments, the Judiciary, members of

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the Executive Council and the Legislative Council, Consuls General to Hong Kong, and leaders of chambers of commerce and professional organisations.

Date: 10 November 2025 (Monday)

Time: 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm (Reception starts at 5:30 pm)

Venue: Garden Lounge, 4/F, The Hong Kong Club, 1 Jackson Road, Central

The Annual Cocktail Reception is always a highlight of our calendar and enjoys enthusiastic participation from our members and distinguished guests. To assist us in making suitable arrangements for all attendees, members are encouraged to register online at https://lawsoc-member-register.t2ms.com/#/registration or by scanning the QR code below before 24 October 2025.

We look forward to welcoming you at the Reception to celebrate this special occasion together!



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Public Activities Attended in the Past Week

In the past week, the Office Bearers and I have attended the following activities.

2 October 2025 (Thursday)

• Legislative Council Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services Meeting

The Law Society was invited to attend the meeting of the Legislative Council Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services. Vice-President Ms Careen Wong spoke on the briefings by the Secretary for Justice and the Director of Administration on 2025 Policy Address.



3 October 2025 (Friday)

• Sharing Session on the 2025 GBA Legal Professional Examination

The Sharing Session for the 2025 GBA Legal Professional Examination, providing candidates with practical strategies for the upcoming fifth GBA Legal Professional Examination, welcomed over 80 participants and garnered appreciative responses. Dr Horace Cheung, SBS, JP, Deputy Secretary for Justice of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government, shared words of encouragement with attendees through a pre-recorded video message. Vice-President and Chairlady of the Greater Bay Area Lawyers Sub-Committee Ms Careen Wong gave an opening speech and served as the moderator for the event.







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4 October 2025 (Saturday)

• JPC Dragon Boat Charity Race 2025

I was invited to attend the 2025 JPC Dragon Boat Charity Race 2025. The event, coorganised by Junior Police Call and Youth Liaison Section, Police Public Relations Branch and Police Dragon Boat Club, aims to cultivate leadership and organisational skills among young people — a vision that aligns closely with the Law Society's commitment to youth development.





• Law Week 2025 Second Event – Ma On Shan

I gave a welcome speech at the second event of Law Week 2025 at Ma On Shan Plaza and participated in the community talk and engaging interactive activities. Meanwhile, Council Member Ms Chris Zhao, and experienced practitioner Ms Helen Liao shared their insights on the legal implications of cross-border living in a talk titled "Living Between Hong Kong and Mainland China: Legal Issues You Need to Know".



8 October 2025 (Wednesday)

• First Anniversary Celebration of the Hong Kong Chamber of Shipping

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Shipping, commerce, and law are closely intertwined. As an important partner of the shipping industry, I was honoured to be invited to attend the achievement presentation of the Hong Kong Chamber of Shipping in celebration of its first anniversary.





Yours sincerely,

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[This President's Letter is in bilingual text.]



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各位同業:

英格蘭及威爾斯 2025 年法律年度開啟典禮 – 電目全球法律夥伴關係及促進規管對話

應英格蘭及威爾斯律師會及英格蘭及威爾斯大律師公會邀請,我在 2025 年 9月 29日至 10月 2日出席了英格蘭及威爾斯 2025年法律年度開啟典禮。今年的典禮尤為重要,因為它標誌著英格蘭及威爾斯律師會成立 200 週年—這是一個全球頂尖法律機構的重要里程碑。

律師會參與此盛事,體現了我們致力於促進國際合作、與全球法律界交流, 並攜手應對共同挑戰的承諾。這次活動提供了寶貴的機會,讓我們與來自世界各 地的法律領袖和專業人士建立聯繫,進一步鞏固香港法律界的韌性與卓越聲譽。

與律師管理局的會面

這次訪問的重點之一是與律師管理局高層代表的前瞻性會面,律師管理局參與會面的高層代表包括首席執行官 Paul Philip 先生及其營運與資源執行董事 Liz Rosser 女士。理事兼律師提升工作小組主席侯百燊先生亦陪同出席此重要對話。

律師會作為一個獨立的法定機構,代表超過13,000名會員及900家律師事務所,致力於維持最高的專業標準。同樣地,律師管理局負責監管英格蘭及威爾斯超過200,000名律師及9,000家律師事務所。雙方在會議中深入探討了多項監管議題及律師管理局的相關經驗,例如法律業務結構的演變,包括有限責任合夥及律師法團執業模式—這些律師會一直積極推展的範疇。

此外,雙方還討論了兩地律師的職業發展方向及科技對法律實務日益增長的影響,例如全球首家由人工智能驅動的律師事務所 Garfield.law 的授權成立。這



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些討論凸顯了雙方對卓越監管、專業原則的共同承諾,以及彼此一直以前瞻方式處理法律領域推動創新的工作。





與國際法律領袖會面

在訪問期間,我參與了「英聯邦律師領袖會議」及「律師領袖座談會」,並 與英格蘭及威爾斯律師會候任會長 Mark Evans 先生會面。這些交流提供澄清外 界對香港法律制度誤解的機會—包括香港司法系統的獨立性、律師會的法定自 我監管角色,以及我們法律界的專業水平。會議亦強調了全球法律界攜手維護司 法制度公信力的重要性。







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與香港特別行政區駐倫敦經濟貿易辦事處合辦的研討會

令此行更添意義的是,我們與香港特別行政區駐倫敦經濟貿易辦事處於 2025年 10月 2日合辦了一場午餐研討會。這次學生交流活動獲得英國三個學生組織支持,吸引了來自英國及其他地區 10 所知名大學逾 40 名學生參與,當中包括來自香港、越南、新加坡、英國等地的本科生及研究生,同學們均對香港法律專業的獨特優勢展現出濃厚興趣。

研討會為未來的法律專業人士提供理想的平台,讓他們探索香港法律界的發展機遇。在我的分享中,我闡述了香港法律制度的獨特優勢及其為年青法律人才帶來的廣闊前景。參與的學生們提出了深刻的問題,反映出他們對在港發展法律事業的真誠興趣與熱情。

我衷心感謝香港駐倫敦經濟貿易辦事處處長周雪梅女士今年再次與我們合辦這項意義深遠的活動。我非常高興見到去年參與同一研討會的學生 Katrina,今年以主要學生組織者的身份回歸。她過去一年積極參與律師會活動,足證這些活動對未來領袖的深遠影響。



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威斯敏斯特教堂法律年度開啟典禮

自 1897 年創立以來,法律年度開啟典禮一直是普通法司法管轄區的重要傳統。今年的典禮在威斯敏特教堂(通稱西敏寺)舉行,匯聚了來自約 40 個司法管轄區的高級法官及法律專業人士。我們的參與再次彰顯香港在全球法律界的重要地位。作為「一國兩制」框架下中國唯一的普通法司法管轄區,我們堅定維護以普通法原則為基礎的法律制度,並致力促進國際法律界的交流與合作。

典禮期間,我有幸與來自世界各地的法律領袖交流,其中包括英格蘭及威爾斯首席大法官 Carr 女男爵及前香港終審法院非常任法官何熙怡女男爵。這些互動展現了我們對司法公正與法治的共同承諾。



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展望未來

作為香港律師專業的法定自我監管機構,律師會將於2025年10月20日至22日首次在香港主辦「<u>2025年國際法律監管機構會議</u>」。此外,我們將與香港大律師公會攜手合作,秉承每年1月法律年度開啟典禮的傳統。2026年1月19日,我們將舉行歷史性典禮,匯聚法官、法律專業人士及國際法律領袖,展現我們對法治和司法獨立的堅定承諾。





立法會司法及法律事務委員會

2025年10月2日,律師會出席了立法會司法及法律事務委員會(「委員會」) 會議,聽取了會上律政司司長及行政署長就行政長官《<u>2025年施政報告</u>》作的簡報。

律師會在會議中就多項政策發表意見,這些政策對鞏固香港作為全球法律及商業中心地位至關重要,包括建立財富及資產管理中心、加強香港作為區域知識產權貿易中心的地位、推動運動法律的發展,以及鞏固香港作為國際法律及爭議

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解決服務中心的地位。我們亦強調,香港作為中國唯一的普通法司法管轄區,應 善用其法律制度的優點,支持具有競爭力行業的發展,如航運服務。

律師會歡迎政府就施政報告中提及的立法建議與修訂進行持續對話,並將繼續提供專業意見,確保香港法律界蓬勃發展,並應對社區及國際的發展需要。

我們鼓勵會員參閱律師會就《2025 年施政報告》提交的<u>意見書</u>,以進一步了解我們的建議和立場。

關注有關律師事務所 WhatsApp 帳號被盜用事件

我希望提醒各位會員,使用即時通訊應用程式時,務必提高警覺,留意其潛在的重大網絡安全風險。正如香港警務處商業罪案調查科反詐騙協調中心(「反詐騙協調中心」)一再強調,這些風險不容忽視。

在最近與反詐騙協調中心的合作期間,律師會得悉一宗涉及香港律師事務所 WhatsApp 帳號被盜用的事件。詐騙者冒充該事務所,指示客戶將款項存入指定 的「人頭戶口」。就此,律師會已迅速向各會員發出<u>通告 25-672</u>,並強調會員須 遵守《香港律師專業操守指引》所載的專業責任。

警方與律師會在打擊此類犯罪活動上的合作,充分體現了我們共同維護專業公信力的承諾。我特此表揚各位會員的共同努力,並重申嚴格遵守上述<u>通告</u>中所列的預防措施的重要性。

各位對網絡安全的警覺性及對網絡保安措施的堅守,對維護我們專業的誠信 及保障公眾利益至為重要。讓我們繼續主動並堅定地防範網絡安全威脅,並維持 最高的專業操守標準。

法律周 2025 第二回: 社區講座分享兩地生活法律常識

承接律師會的旗艦年度活動「法律周」在<u>天水圍舉行的開幕站</u>的成功和熱烈回應後,法律周 2025 第二場活動於 2025 年 10 月 4 日在馬鞍山廣場圓滿舉行。律師會作為法定自我監管機構,致力於推廣法律意識及服務社區。



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在馬鞍山的活動中,我有幸迎接各參加者,並與大家交流法律如何與我們的日常生活息息相關。今次活動重點為《香港與內地兩地生活須知:您要了解的法律問題》社區講座,當中理事趙彤女士與的近律師行合夥人廖海燕女士詳盡剖析大灣區法律體系差異及應對策略。他們透過真實案例,為跨境生活提供了實用指引,涵蓋稅務、物權、婚姻、繼承及勞工保障等重要議題。

法律周的核心宗旨之一是提供可及的法律支援。超過 20 位義務律師慷慨地 貢獻了逾 1,200 分鐘的免費法律諮詢服務,為公眾解答從僱傭、家庭問題到物業 及繼承事宜的各類查詢。活動期間亦播放律師會與香港電台合製的普法教育節 目《法律是咁的 2》,並設有法律遊戲攤位,寓教於樂,吸引不同年齡層參與。

這次活動再次彰顯了律師會透過法律教育及義務服務積極參與社區的承諾。 我衷心感謝各位義務律師及支持夥伴—包括公民教育委員會、法律援助署、義務 工作發展局及置富產業信託—他們的全力支持是這次活動圓滿成功的關鍵。



聯繫下一代

在法律周結束的幾天後,我有幸與今年夏天參與<u>大灣區「識法」交流團</u>的一群優秀學生共度中秋節翌日假期。他們的活力、好奇心及深刻見解給我留下了深

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刻的印象。我們的交流提醒我,我們專業的未來,甚至整個社會的未來,都掌握 在這些充滿希望的年青人手中。

目睹他們對法律知識的熱忱及對個人成長的投入,令我深受啟發,也感到謙卑。這更加強了我的信念:無論是透過法律周還是青年參與計劃,我們在法律教育及社區外展上的努力,不僅是在提升法律意識,更是在培育明日的領袖。



呼籲會員一起塑造未來

我亦希望藉此機會重點介紹我們會員在「<u>青 Teen 講場</u>」及學校講座等計劃中的貢獻。每年,我們的義務律師接觸數以千計的學生,與分享他們對法律的專業知識及熱情。這些計劃充分體現了律師會對培育下一代的堅定承諾,致力於建立對法治的深厚尊重,加強社區力量,並通過真誠的投入和努力,創造更光明的未來。

如果您有興趣參與「青 Teen 講場」、學校講座或其他外展活動,我誠邀您電郵至 youtheducation@hklawsoc.org.hk 聯絡我們。讓我們攜手為社區留下深遠的印記,啟發未來的年輕領袖,共同塑造社會的未來。

展望法律問 2025 的壓軸活動,將於 12 月 7 日在深水埗舉行。我誠邀各位會員及市民一起參與,共同推進這段旅程,建設守法和諧的社區,並啟發新一代為香港創造更光明的未來。

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參加 2025 年律師會周年酒會

律師會的 2025 年周年酒會將於 2025 年 11 月 10 日 (星期一)舉行。我誠意邀請各會員共同參加這個特別的晚會,這將是一次難得的機會,讓法律界的會員彼此聯繫與重聚。

在酒會上,您將有機會與法律界同業、政府部門代表、司法機構成員、行政會議和立法會議員、駐港領事,以及各商會及專業組織的領袖交流聯繫。

日期: 2025年11月10日(星期一)

時間: 晚上6時至8時30分(招待時間:下午5時30分開始)

地點: 中環昃臣道 1 號香港會所 4 樓 Garden Lounge

周年酒會一直以來是我們日曆上的一大亮點,並受到我們的會員和貴賓的熱情參與。為協助我們為所有與會者作出合適的安排,我們鼓勵會員於 2025 年 10 月 24 日前於 https://lawsoc-member-register.t2ms.com/#/registration 或掃描以下二維碼進行網上登記。

我們期待在酒會上歡迎您,一起慶祝這個特殊的時刻!





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在過去一周,我與其他理事參加了以下活動。

2025年10月2日(星期四)

• 立法會司法及法律事務委員會會議

律師會獲邀出席在立法會司法及法律事務委員會會議。副會長黃巧欣女士就律政司司長及行政署長就行政長官2025年施政報告作出簡報發言。



2025年10月3日(星期五)

• 2025 年粤港澳大灣區律師執業考試分享會

2025年粤港澳大灣區律師執業考試分享會為第五次粤港澳大灣區律師執業考試的考生提供實用的備考策略,吸引了逾80位參加者。香港特別行政區政府律政司副司長張國鈞博士,SBS,JP,透過預錄影片向考生們致以鼓勵和祝福。副會長兼大灣區律師小組委員會主席黃巧欣女士於活動上致開幕辭並擔任主持人。







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2025年10月4日(星期六)

• 2025年少年警訊區際龍舟慈善賽

我獲邀出席 2025 年少年警訊區際龍舟慈善賽。該活動由警察公共關係科少年警訊及青少年聯絡組和警察龍舟會合辦,旨在培育青少年的領導才能及組織能力,與律師會致力培育青年的願景不謀而合。





• 法律周 2025 第二回 - 馬鞍山

我在 2025 年法律周於馬鞍山廣場舉行的第二回活動上致歡迎辭,並參與了社區講座和互動遊戲。理事趙彤女士及資深執業律師廖海燕女士則在題為《香港與內地兩地生活須知:你要了解的法律問題》的法律講座,就跨境生活的法律問題作分享。





2025年10月8日(星期三)

• 香港航商總會一週年慶典



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航運、商業和法律的關係密不可分。作為航運業界的重要夥伴,我很榮幸獲 邀出席香港航商總會的成果發佈會,以慶祝該會的一週年慶典。





为人有益

[本《會長信箋》以雙語發放]

會長 湯文龍 2025年10月9日



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CIRCULAR 25-674 (COM)

9 October 2025

25-674 (COM) ONLINE PLATFORM FOR RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP AND PRACTISING CERTIFICATE 2026

Training Videos

- 1. The Law Society's online platform with new feature for renewal of membership and practising certificate was launched on 29 September 2025.
- 2. Following the sharing session held on 9 October 2025, training videos covering the following five types of applications and payment processes will be uploaded to the Members' Zone of the Law Society's website by 10 October 2025. The video will be available under "Membership/Registration Renewal Applications" → "Renewal of Membership with Practising Certificate (Solicitors)":-
 - (a) [For members] How members can handle or verify the applications for Renewal of Membership, Renewal of Membership with Practising Certificate and/or Statement of Compliance with CPD & RME;
 - (b) [For law firm staff] How law firms can complete the application forms for Renewal of Membership with Practising Certificate and Statement of Compliance with CPD & RME for their lawyers;
 - (c) Recreational and Sports Programme;
 - (d) Online payment for individual solicitors; and
 - (e) Online payment for law firms.



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- 3. Members may also refer to the "General Introduction to Online Applications" for comprehensive guidance on the online application process.
- 4. For enquiries regarding application formalities, please contact the Registration Section at 2846-0554 / 2846-0529 or by email at pcrenewal@hklawsoc.org.hk.



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CIRCULAR 25-675 (COM)

9 October 2025

25-675 (COM) SOLICITORS: MEMBERSHIP & PRACTISING CERTIFICATES

Applications for 2026 Membership and Practising Certificate (Repeat Circular)

- 1. As part of the Law Society's ongoing efforts to enhance services to members, the Law Society has launched an online platform for solicitors to renew their membership and practising certificates, and to settle payments electronically. For details, please refer to Circulars 25-635(COM) and 25-665 (COM).
- 2. In parallel with the online platform, paper forms for the renewal of 2026 membership and practising certificates are being dispatched to all members by post. Members are not required to contact the Registration Section regarding the delivery of their application forms unless they have not received them by 31 October 2025.
- 3. Paper or online applications for membership and/or for practising certificates effective from 1 January 2026 must be submitted on or before 30 November 2025.
- 4. Members subject to the Practising Certificate (Special Conditions) Rules (Cap.159Y) who have not yet given the six weeks' notice to the Law Society are reminded to submit the Notice of Intention to Apply for a Practising Certificate. Please note that there is no online form for this notice, and blank copies may be downloaded from the Law Society's website. For further details, please refer to Circular 25-502 (COM).
- 5. Pursuant to Rule 3 of the Practising Certificate (Solicitors) Rules (Cap.159L), the application fee for a practising certificate is HK\$6,500. The Council has resolved that the membership subscription fee for 2026 will remain at HK\$2,500. The total fee for applying for a 2026 practising certificate and membership subscription is therefore HK\$9,000.



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- 6. Members opting to submit paper applications may settle the payment by cheque, credit card or through the Faster Payment System (FPS) using the individualized QR codes provided. For those choosing to pay by credit card, the completed forms must be submitted at least five working days before the deadline to allow sufficient time for processing.
- 7. Members opting to submit applications online must settle payment electronically via credit card (VISA, Mastercard or Union Pay) or through the Faster Payment System (FPS). Members may assign their law firms to settle payment for any or all of the online applications. To access the online platform and receive application and payment confirmations, members and law firms must have registered their Correspondence Email with the Law Society. Please refer to Circular 25-616 (COM) for details.
- 8. Members are reminded that they remain individually responsible for submitting the relevant applications and ensuring timely payment. Due to the high volume of applications received during this period, the average processing time for membership applications, practising certificate applications and membership cards is approximately four weeks. Applications received by the Law Society after 30 November 2025 may result in (1) practising certificates not being processed before 1 January 2026, and (2) issuance of a 2026 practising certificate valid for less than one calendar year (i.e. from the actual issue date until 31 December 2026). Any case of solicitors practising without a current practising certificate will be referred to the Conduct Section for investigation.
- 9. For enquiries regarding application formalities, please contact the Registration Section at 2846-0554 / 2846-0529 or by email at pcrenewal@hklawsoc.org.hk.



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CIRCULAR 25-676 (COM)

9 October 2025

25-676 (COM) CESSATION OF PRACTICE (HONG KONG FIRM OF SOLICITORS)

The following firm has ceased practice with effect from the date indicated below:

Firm Name Date of Cessation Contact Details

The Agent

BRYAN CAVE LEIGHTON 1 October 2025

PAISNER LLP

(博凱立有限法律責任合夥)

ROBERTSONS

Tel. No.: 2868-2866 Fax No.: 2868-5820 Contact person:

Mr. Michael John LINTERN-SMITH

Total number of firms	New Firms in August 2025
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Law Society: Commencement

of Practice

CIRCULAR 25-677 (COM)

9 October 2025

25-677 (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

IVANYAN & CO

15 September 2025

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Intellectual Property / Trade Marks / Intellectual Property Department

CIRCULAR 25-678 (PA)

9 October 2025

25-678 (PA) INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY DEPARTMENT

TRADE MARKS REGISTRY WORK MANUAL

- 1. The Intellectual Property Department ("IPD") has updated the following chapters of the Trade Marks Registry Work Manual:
 - (a) "Appeals against decisions of the Registrar";
 - (b) "Where the application is to be made";
 - (c) "Applications for extension of time (other than under rules 13(3) and 13(6))"; and
 - (d) "Orders of court transferring registered trade marks and applications".
- 2. The marked-up version showing the changes are set out in the log of changes which can be found on the website of the IPD:

English Version
Chinese Version



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CIRCULAR 25-679 (PA)

9 October 2025

25-679 (PA) INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY DEPARTMENT

UPDATES TO THE PATENTS EXAMINATION GUIDELINES

- 1. The Intellectual Property Department ("IPD") has updated the Preface, Glossary, Sections 6 10 and 13 16 of the Patents Examination Guidelines ("PEG") on 3 October 2025.
- 2. According to the IPD, one of the reasons for the update of the PEG is to reflect amendments to the Patents (General) Rules brought about by the Patents (General)(Amendment) Rules 2025, which came into operation on 1 October 2025.
- 3. Please click the following for the mark-up versions of the above sections as set out in the log of changes: -

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Intellectual Property/Trade Marks/Intellectual Property Department

CIRCULAR 25-680 (PA)

[9] October 2025

25-680 (PA) INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

CONTACT PERSONS FOR ENQUIRIES ON TRADE MARKS, PATENTS AND DESIGNS REGISTRIES

- 1. The Intellectual Property Department ("IPD") on 6 October 2025 provided the Law Society with a list of contact persons of the IPD, to facilitate practitioners to make enquiries with the department on the E-filing System, the Public Online Search System and the Registries' forms.
- 2. Please click here to view the above list.
- 3. Circular <u>24-857(PA)</u> is superseded.



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CIRCULAR 25-681 (SG)

9 October 2025

25-681 (SG) LAW SOCIETY ANNUAL COCKTAIL RECEPTION

Monday, 10 November 2025

- 1. The Law Society will hold its Annual Cocktail Reception on **Monday, 10 November 2025**, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Garden Lounge, 4/F, The Hong Kong Club, 1 Jackson Road, Central.
- 2. All solicitors, trainee solicitors and registered foreign lawyers are invited to attend this year's Cocktail Reception at no charge. As space is limited, registration will be processed on a first-come-first-served basis. For those members who would like to attend the Cocktail Reception, please scan the QR code below or click here to register online **before 24 October 2025**.
- 3. Invitations to attend the Cocktail Reception as guests of the Law Society have been extended to Government departments; the Judiciary; Members of the Executive Council and the Legislative Council; Consuls General to Hong Kong; Chairmen of chambers of commerce and Presidents of professional organisations, etc.
- 4. Chairmen and members of the Law Society's Committees and Working Parties, and the Law Society's CPD and RME course presenters will also be invited as guests in appreciation of their contributions to the work of the Law Society.

Enquiries

5. For enquiries, please contact our Communications & External Affairs and Member Services Department by email at events@hklawsoc.org.hk.





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CIRCULAR 25-682 (MS)

9 October 2025

25-682 (MS) THE LAW SOCIETY PRO BONO AND COMMUNITY WORK RECOGNITION PROGRAMME 2025 (Repeat Circular)



1. The Pro Bono and Community Work Recognition Committee cordially invites members to submit entries and nominate member(s)/ law firm(s) for the awards under the Pro Bono and Community Work Recognition Programme ("the Programme"). The Programme is dedicated to honouring lawyers, law firms and law students that have demonstrated outstanding commitment to volunteering pro bono and community service during the recognition period.



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2. Below is a brief description of the Programme:

Types of Awards	(a) Individual Awards			
	Gold Award/ Silver Award/ Bronze Award			
	Young Lawyer Special Award Note (i)			
	Pro Bono and Community Service 10-Year Achievement Award Note (ii)			
	(b) Law Firm Awards			
	Gold Award/ Silver Award/ Bronze Award			
	(c) Distinguished Service Awards Note (iii)			
	Distinguished Pro Bono Service Award			
	Distinguished Community Service Award			
	Distinguished Pro Bono Law Firm Award			
	Distinguished Community Service Law Firm Award			
	(d) Special Award for the Year: Raising Legal Awareness Note(iv) Individual/ Law firm			
	(e) Improvement Awards Note(v)			
	Individual/ Law firm			
	(f) Student Awards Note(vi)			
	Gold Award/ Silver Award/ Bronze Award			
Recognition Period	1 July 2024 – 30 June 2025			
Deadline for	Wednesday, 22 October 2025			
Application				
Application Method	 (a) Lawyers and law firms – online application can be made here (b) Student Awards – online application can be made here (c) Application details - https://www.hklawsoc.org.hk/en/Serve-the-Public/Pro-Bono/ 			
	Remarks: Only online application is accepted.			
Award Presentation	12 December 2025			

Notes:

- (i) Members (including trainee solicitors and registered foreign lawyers) with 5 years P.Q.E. in Hong Kong or below (as of 30 June 2025) who participated in pro bono and community work of not less than 100 hours within the Recognition Period will automatically run for the "Young Lawyer Special Award" when submitting applications for Individual Awards. The Award will be given to the applicant(s) with the highest number of service hours.
- (ii) "Pro Bono and Community Service 10-Year Achievement Award" will be given to member(s) who have obtained Individual Awards (Gold/Silver/Bronze) consecutively in the latest ten editions of the Programme and have not been awarded Pro Bono and Community Service 10-Year Achievement Award previously.
- (iii) Individual applicants/ law firms that participated in pro bono (Distinguished Pro Bono Service Award/ Distinguished Pro Bono Law Firm Award, particularly) or community work (Distinguished Community

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Service Award/ Distinguished Community Service Law Firm Award, particularly) of not less than 100 hours within the Recognition Period are eligible to run for the "Distinguished Service Awards". Individual applicants who apply for the "Distinguished Pro Bono Service Award" and/or "Distinguished Community Service Award" will automatically run for the Individual Awards. Individuals who have received the Distinguished Pro Bono Service Award or the Distinguished Community Service Award for three times would be ineligible to apply for the same category of the Distinguished Service Award for three subsequent years (from the year the individual was last awarded the Distinguished Service Award)and would only be eligible to apply for the award after the three-year interval. Law firms which apply for the Distinguished Pro Bono Law Firm Award and/or Distinguished Community Service Law Firm Award will automatically run for the Law Firm Awards.

Individual applicants/ law firms who/ that performed pro bono and/or community work by serving the 2025 service target – Raising Legal Awareness during the Recognition period will automatically run for the "Special Award for the Year: Raising Legal Awareness". Under the 2025 Programme, the "Special Award for the Year: Raising Legal Awareness" will be given to:

- the eligible applicant(s) with the highest number of hours contributing to "Raising Legal Awareness"; and
- the eligible law firm(s) with the highest average number of hours per lawyer contributing to "Raising Legal Awareness".

Individual applicants/ law firms who/ that had joined the 2024 Programme and awarded with the Bronze or Silver Award will automatically run for the "Improvement Awards". It will be given to the eligible individual lawyers/ law firms who/ that achieve advancement in the 2025 Programme:

- (a) from Bronze Award in the 2024 Programme to Silver or Gold Award in the 2025 Programme; or
- (b) from Silver Award in the 2024 Programme to Gold Award in the 2025 Programme.
- (iv) Applicants of the "Student Awards" must be (a) a student of Law, and (b) a Student Member of the Law Society of Hong Kong or has submitted application for Student Membership to the Law Society's Registration Section at the time of application. If the application for Student Membership is subsequently declined, suspended or withdrawn, the application for Student Awards will automatically be terminated. Law Society Student Membership is a pre-requisite for being awarded the "Student Awards".

Joining our Student Membership



3. All individual applicants/law firms shall submit their personal particulars, records of pro bono and community work, personal colour passport photos/company logos and supporting documents via the online application platform. To apply for Distinguished Service Awards, individual applicants/law firms will be invited to provide videos and photos regarding the pro bono or community work involved by uploading the information to our corporate Microsoft SharePoint site, which will be provided by Law Society upon your application.



- 4. The application deadline is **Wednesday, 22 October 2025**. You may edit the information saved/submitted any time before the application deadline. Please note that your last entry submitted on or before the application deadline will be treated as final and will be used for your application for the 2025 Programme. All previous submissions before the final entry will be overwritten. For Student Awards, no changes can be made once the application form is submitted.
- 5. Lawyers/ law firms can access the online application platform through their login IDs and passwords for the Members' Zone. If you have lost the login IDs and/or passwords, please retrieve at https://www.hklawsoc.org.hk/en/Support-Members/Forgot-LoginID.
- 6. Only online application will be accepted. No hard copy of application or supporting documents will be accepted. Upon successful online submission, an acknowledgement email will be sent to the email address you provided in the application. If you want to withdraw your application, please send an email to award@hklawsoc.org.hk.
- 7. An event programme including short profiles of all awardees/awarded law firms will be produced and its electronic version will be uploaded to the Law Society's website. Awardees/awarded law firms' profiles and photos may be featured under the Programme webpage and/or the Law Society's social media platforms.
- 8. The Award Presentation Ceremony may be photographed and/or videotaped for the Law Society's records and promotion of future events. By participating in this event, you and your accompanying person(s) (where applicable) consent to be photographed and videotaped, and give permission to the Law Society to use your images for internal records, educational and marketing purposes, and in promotional materials including but not limited to the Law Society's website, Law Society's weekly Circulars, Annual Report, Hong Kong Lawyer and social media platforms e.g. the Law Society mobile App, event-related Facebook and Instagram. By submitting your application, you have consented to the Law Society's use of your personal data in the aforesaid manner. In the case where your minor child(ren) take(s) part in the event, you give permission to the Law Society to use your child/children's images for the aforesaid purposes.
- 9. If you have any enquiries, please contact Ms. Charlotte Yeung of the Member Services Department on award@hklawsoc.org.hk or 2846 8813.



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CIRCULAR 25-683 (SD)

9 October 2025

25-683 (SD) CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

"The Impact of AI and How to Manage the Risks of Using AI in Legal Practice"

- 1. The Hong Kong Academy of Law presents a webinar titled "The Impact of AI and How to Manage the Risks of Using AI in Legal Practice".
- 2. Details of the webinar are as follows:

Date : Monday, 27 October 2025

Time : 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Mode of Delivery : Webinar via Zoom

Speaker : Mr. Paul Haswell, Partner, Howse Williams

Language : English

CPD Point(s) : 1.5 CPD points

Fee : HK\$400

Registration : <u>Online registration</u>

3. All enquiries should be sent to enquiry@hklawacademy.org.



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CIRCULAR 25-684(SD)

9 October 2025

25-684 (SD) CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

"Alternative Dispute Resolution Practice Update"

- 1. The Hong Kong Academy of Law presents a webinar titled "Alternative Dispute Resolution Practice Update".
- 2. Details of the webinar are as follows:

Date : Friday, 31 October 2025

Time : 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Mode of Delivery : Webinar via Zoom

Speaker : Mr. John Y.C. Lee, Solicitor, FCIArb, FHKIArb, MA

Language : English

CPD Point(s) : 1 CPD point

Fee : HK\$250

Registration : <u>Online registration</u>

3. All enquiries should be sent to enquiry@hklawacademy.org.

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CIRCULAR 25-685 (EA)

9 October 2025

25-685 (EA) Cross Strait Four Regions Young Lawyers Forum 2025 25 November 2025

- 1. The Law Society of Hong Kong has been organising the Cross Strait Four Regions Young Lawyers Forum ("Forum") annually since 2011 to provide a platform for lawyers from the Mainland, Taiwan, Macau and Hong Kong to exchange, learn, network and promote the development of legal businesses in the Greater China region. As one of the flagship events within the legal profession in the Greater China region, it has attracted the participation of nearly 3,200 young lawyers over the years.
- 2. The Cross Strait Four Regions Young Lawyers Forum 2025 ("the Forum"), themed "**DARE**" (Data & Digitalisation, Artificial Intelligence, Robotics, E-Commerce;「 咸智敢創, 數智先鋒」) will be held on **25 November 2025** at the **Charles K. Kao Auditorium**, also known as the Golden Egg, situated at the **Hong Kong Science Park**.
- 3. Under the overarching theme of DARE, the Forum will delve into three sub-themes. Renowned experts will share their invaluable insights and experiences in the following areas:
 - AI-Powered Future: Legal Boundaries and Innovative Integration
 - Robotic Horizon: Legal Ecosystem and Digital Innovation in Robot Applications
 - E-Commerce: The Legal Ecosystem of Low-Altitude Economy

Event Registration

4. All members, be they senior/ young solicitors, in-house lawyers or trainees, are welcome to attend the full-day Forum. The event summary is as below:

Name: Cross Strait Four Regions Young Lawyers Forum

Date: 25 November 2025

Address: Charles K. Kao Auditorium

(1/F, Building 10W, 10 Science Park West Avenue, Hong Kong Science Park)

Programme: Please click <u>here</u>

Registration fee: • HK\$500 (Full-day participation, including lunch and dinner) or

• HK\$300 (Half-day participation, excluding lunch and dinner)

Format: Physical



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Registration deadline: 20 October 2025

Language: English / Cantonese/ Putonghua (simultaneous interpretation available)

CPD/ RME points: Being applied for (only applicable for full-day physical participants)

5. Members who are interested in attending the event are cordially invited to register by 20 October 2025 through the following link or by scanning the QR code below:



https://2vx.io/KyObYgv?promo=LSHK1125

6. Registrations are on a first-come-first-served basis. A confirmation e-mail will be sent to members who have successfully registered.

Sponsorship Packages

- 7. To allow parties who are interested in taking advantage of this annual signature event to gain exposure, particularly to legal counterparts in the Greater China region, members and/or their law firms and organisations are cordially invited to become sponsors of this meaningful event. Please click here for the sponsorship packages and application form.
- 8. If members and/or your law firms/organisations are interested in sponsoring this Forum, please complete the sponsorship application form and return to us by **20 October 2025 (Saturday)**.
- 9. All sponsorship applications are to be considered on a case-by-case basis.
- 10. For enquiries in relation to the event and sponsorship invitation, please contact Ms Kaycee Li at 2846 0587 or via email at cs4r@hklawsoc.org.hk.



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CIRCULAR 25-686 (MS)

9 October 2025

25-686 (MS) MBC Thirsty Thursday!

Member Benefit Committee Thursday, 30 October 2025



- 1. Some people call it Thursday but someone call it Friday Eve! The Member Benefit Committee has launched a series of networking drinks event to gather members on Thursday evenings for a casual catch up or making new friends, and to start winding down for the weekend.
- 2. The MBC Thirsty Thursday event will be held on the last Thursday of this October with details below:

Date: Thursday, 30 October 2025

Time: 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Venue: Twenty Fifth Hour

13/F, Luk Yu Building, 24-26 Stanley Street, Central, Hong Kong

Format: This is a no-host drinks event (participants pay for their own drinks).

- 3. For those members who are interested in joining the event, please click here to register online on or before **Monday**, 27 October 2025.
- 4. For enquiries, please contact Ms K.Y. Chan of the Communications & External Affairs and Member Services Department at ky.chan@hklawsoc.org.hk.
- 5. The Law Society reserves the full right to alter any arrangements, or otherwise cancel this event.



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CIRCULAR 25-687 (EA)

9 October 2025

25-687 (EA) RECRUITMENT OF VOLUNTEERS

for GBA Voluntary Service Exchange Tour (Huizhou) (大灣區義工服務交流團 – 惠州) 25 – 26 October 2025 (Repeat Circular)

- 1. Paso a Paso Foundation Ltd (韻律動力基金有限公司) ("PPFL"), a tax exempted charitable body under Section 88 of the Inland Revenue Ordinance, is collaborating with the Agency for Volunteer Service to organise a "GBA Voluntary Service Exchange Tour" on 25-26 October 2025 (the "**Tour**"). This initiative aims to promote cultural exchange and mutual understanding within the Greater Bay Area through voluntary services. Key activities include:
 - Visit to a children's home; and
 - Visit a manufacturer to understand its operation and development in the Mainland
- 2. The Law Society is participating as a Supporting Organisation for this event. Members are cordially invited to support this meaningful event by your participation. Each participant will bear their own cost of around HK\$1,200. The cost will be payable to PPFL.
- 3. For details, please click <u>here</u> to refer to the programme.
- 4. For members who wish to participate in this event, please provide your contact information in the <u>online registration form</u> on or before 13 October 2025. After successful registration, the Law Society will send you a confirmation email and PPFL will reach out to you to make further arrangements.
- 5. For enquiries about the Tour, please contact PPFL at 9286 7823 (Ms Stephanie Leung) or at 9417 8215 (Ms Doris Tam).

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CIRCULAR 25-688 (MS)

9 October 2025

25-688 (MS) Hong Kong Bar Association's YBC Conference 2025: The Art of Regulation

30 & 31 October 2025

- 1. The Law Society of Hong Kong is one of the supporting organisations of the upcoming Young Barristers Committee ("YBC") Conference 2025: The Art of Regulation organised by the Hong Kong Bar Association. The conference will explore the future regulation in crypto and art law, two fast evolving domains.
- 2. Details of the conference are as follows:

Welcoming drinks		
Date:	30 October 2025 (Thursday)	
Time:	6:30 pm	
Venue:	Popinjays, 26/F, The Murray, 22 Cotton Tree Drive, Central	

Conference		
Date:	31 October 2025 (Friday)	
Time:	2:00 – 5:00 pm*	
Venue:	Niccolo Room, 25/F, The Murray, 22 Cotton Tree Drive, Central	

^{*}CPD accreditation is being applied for

Gala dinner		
Date:	31 October 2025 (Friday)	
Time:	7:00 pm	
Venue:	The Magistracy, Tai Kwun, Centre for Heritage & Arts, 1 Arbuthnot Road, Central	

3. Conference packages are outlined below. For those members who are interested in attending the event, please register via online form.



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- Full Conference Ticket: HK\$1,500 Early Bird: HK\$1,000 (registration on or before 10 October 2025)
- Conference Only: HK\$800 Early Bird: HK\$600 (registration on or before 10 October 2025)
- Concession package is available to law students, pupils, young barristers, trainees and young solicitors, please <u>view here</u> for the special pricing.
- 4. Sponsorship opportunities are available for members, for further information please contact Felix T.L. Tang, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Young Barristers of Hong Kong Bar Association via email felixtang@courtyardchambers.com.



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CIRCULAR 25-689 (MS)

9 October 2025

25-689 (MS) RECREATION AND SPORTS PROGRAMME



1. The Recreation and Sports Committee ("RSC") is a subcommittee under the Standing Committee on Member Services. Through encouraging members to take part in various recreational and sporting activities, the Law Society enables members to have a balanced life within demanding work routines and to network with fellow members and external parties.

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2. Please click the link(s) below for details of the upcoming RSC activities.

Practice/Training

Recreation and sports practice & class timetable
Muay Thai Classes (24 November to 22 December 2025)

- 3. For those who are interested in joining the RSC activities above, please sign up for the Recreation and Sports Programme (the "Programme") 2025 according to the enrolment and payment instructions. If you have already joined the Programme 2024, your membership has been automatically renewed until 31 December 2025, and it is not necessary for you to enroll in the Programme 2025. Please click here for more details.
- 4. The Law Society provides a set of safety guidelines for most of the RSC activities. The safety guidelines can be found at the RSC webpage (Member's Zone login is required).
- 5. If you have any enquiries, please feel free to contact us on RnS@hklawsoc.org.hk.



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CIRCULAR 25-690 (MS)

9 October 2025

25-690 (MS) RUNNING TEAM

The Law Society Running Team's Time Trial 2025 (Mini Race)
18 October 2025
(Repeat Circular)



- 1. The Law Society Running Team will host the Time Trial 2025 (Mini Race) on 18 October 2025 at Aberdeen Sportsground. The event aims to unite runners of all levels, strengthen team spirit, and build camaraderie among members, while celebrating recent RSCP SCM Award achievements and preparing for future races.
- 2. Details are as follows:

	Time Trial 2025 (Mini Race)		
Dates:	18 October 2025		
Time:	7:15 AM	Registration/Race Bib pick-up	

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	7:30 AM	Warm up + Drills	
	8:00 AM	5000m Time Trial begins	
	9:00 AM	1400m Time Trial begins	
	9:40 AM	Award ceremony & refreshments	
Venue:	Aberdeen Sportsground (revised)		
Awards:	(a) Medals for top 3 runners in each distance/age group/category. (b) Trophies for overall winners in each distance/category		
Remarks:	 a) Participants are required to join the Recreation and Sports Programme 2025 and the Law Society Running Team. If you have not joined the Programme yet, please sign up according to the enrolment and payment instructions. b) The Running Team reserves the right to update any arrangements including re-scheduling in case of inclement weather conditions (amber rainstorm or T3 signal or above being hoisted after 5am on the event date) or other reasons; and/or cancelling the event due to under subscription. 		

3. For those members who are interested in joining the event, please register via the <u>online form</u> by <u>Friday, 10 October 2025</u>. For details, please refer to the <u>online form</u>.

4. Personal Information Collection Statement

The personal data collected in the process of registration (the "data") will be used by the Law Society (the "Organiser") for registration of The Law Society Running Team's Time Trial 2025 (Mini Race), making logistical arrangements, and other related purposes. The data may be provided to such persons within the Law Society whose proper business is to process your registration of the event, and may also be provided to other persons who may facilitate the Organiser to carry out the purposes mentioned above. Any data that is provided to anyone outside of the Organiser will be restricted to what is necessary to achieve any intended purposes. You have the right to request access to and correction of the data. Any such request should be addressed to the Secretary General, The Law Society of Hong Kong, 3/F, Wing On House, 71 Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong. The Privacy Policy Statement of the Law Society is available on its website at www.hklawsoc.org.hk.

5. Statement on Use of Event Photos and/or Videos

The Mini Race may be photographed, videotaped, screen captured and/or video recorded for the Law Society's records and/or promotion of future events. By participating in this event, you and any accompanying person(s) (where applicable) consent to be photographed, videotaped, screen captured and/or video recorded, and permit the Law Society to use such image(s) for internal records, educational and marketing purposes, including promotional materials such as, but not limited to, the Law Society's websites, social media platforms and publications. In the case where your minor child(ren) take(s) part in the event, you give permission to the Law Society to use your child/children's images for the aforesaid purposes.

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- 6. For enquiries related to the class(es), please contact the Running Team with details below:
 - Mr Sonny Lam, Running Team Captain: 6218 2212 or cslsonny@yahoo.com; or
 - Ms Catherine Lau, Running Team Convenor: 6107 0230 or catherinelsf@gmail.com; or
 - Mr Danis Wong, Running Team Convenor: 9088 2813 or wongsorlam@gmail.com



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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 HOE (陳好)	28 December 1999	B742322(0)	STEVENSON, WONG & CO.
HSU TIN KWAI (許天桂)	14 April 2025	A615714(1)	TAM, PUN & YIPP
WONG CHI CHOI (黄志財)	12 August 2025	E353405(0)	LCP
CHENG SIN CHEUNG (鄭善祥) Alias (郑善祥)	27 January 1998	H363896(2)	GRANDALL ZIMMERN LAW FIRM
WONG CHING (黄清)	01 February 2020	B896125(0)	TSANG DEREK LAW OFFICE
FUNG KWOK LUEN (馮國聯)	27 October 2022	B850214(0)	CHUI AND LAU SOLICITORS
CHAN CHUN WA (陳春華)	07 June 2011	R261703(9)	LO & CO., PETER W.K.
KAM PAK KEUNG (甘伯強)	04 February 2022	A385202(7)	CHEUNG & CO.



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CHEUNG PO KING (張寶景)	24 August 2025	E639560(4)	TANG AND SO
CHAN KAI (陳繼)	Certified dead on 28 March 2025	A730392(3)	KAN & CO., FRED
LIU QICHUN (劉齊春) Alias (刘齐春)	23 August 2025	K720465(5) 及 港澳居民來往內地 通行證號碼 H00563510	KAN & CO., FRED
HONG YAU FAT (康有發)	12 February 2023	D011668(9)	KAN & CO., FRED
MAN PO KAN (文寶根) Alias (文宝根)	30 May 2025	H044512(8) 及 港澳居民來往內地 通行證號碼 H08281596	LO & CO., PETER W.K.
(邝好)	15 September 2021	中華人民共和國 居民身份證 440301193511221322	CHAU & CO., K.B.
WONG WING (黃榮)	26 June 2015	B388174(7)	SUN LAWYERS LLP
(陈国华)	29 February 2016	中華人民共和國 居民身份證 440301193503121313	CHAU & CO., K.B.
SIN MAN SHUN (冼民信)	10 December 2021	A932683(1)	FAIRBAIRN CATLEY LOW & KONG
TSE LEE MING (謝利明)	23 July 2025	E203071(7)	CHEUNG & CO.
YU CHOI YUK (余彩玉)	22 January 2024	P059955(0)	CHONG & CO., SOLOMON C.
CHEN MEILAN (陳美蘭)	25 October 2024	M196620(6)	CHONG & CO., SOLOMON C.



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TONG CHING MAN (湯靜雯)	03 August 2025	C282898(5)	KCL & PARTNERS
CHENG CHEUNG SHUN (鄭長順)	11 February 2025	K890393(A)	CHONG & CO., SOLOMON C.
CHAN CHO CHUNG (陳祖從)	10 June 2005	D278359(3)	CHUNG & KWAN SOLICITORS
SO PO LAN (蘇寶蘭)	Certified Dead on 30 September 2010	B076932(6)	SUEN & CO, JOHN C H
LAM OI TAI (林愛弟)	29 April 1999	A071423(5)	SUEN & CO, JOHN C H