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Law Society: Commencement

of Practice

CIRCULAR 25-793 (COM)

4 December 2025

25-793 (COM) COMMENCEMENT OF PRACTICE (HONG KONG FIRMS OF SOLICITORS)

The following Hong Kong solicitors' firms have commenced practice from the dates indicated:

Firm Name Date of Commencement of Practice

DOUGLAS & CO 5 November 2025

(李卓恒律師事務所)

KONG & LAM, SOLICITORS 1 December 2025

(江林律師行)

Total number of firms	New Firms in September and October 2025
929	6



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Law Society: Cessation of

Practice

CIRCULAR 25-794 (COM)

4 December 2025

25-794 (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

FRANCIS KONG & CO., 1 December 2025
SOLICITORS
(江得源律師行)
Fax No.: 2388-8566
Contact person:
Mr. KONG Tak Yuen



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Law Society: General

CIRCULAR 25-795 (PA)

4 December 2025

25-795 (SG) HIGHER RIGHTS OF AUDIENCE (HRA)

APPOINTMENT TO EXAMINING PANELS Deadline Extended: 15 December 2025

- 1. The Higher Rights Assessment Board ("the Board") appoints Examining Panels for the purpose of conducting assessments of professional competence of applicants for higher rights of audience. For each assessment exercise, there are usually 2 panels, one for civil proceedings and one for criminal proceedings. Pursuant to Rule 17 of the Higher Rights of Audience Rules, each Examining Panel consists of four members. At least one member is selected from a list of not less than six solicitors submitted to the Board by the Council of the Law Society. A member of an Examining Panel holds office for a period of two years.
- 2. There are currently vacancies on the **Examining Panel (Civil)** and the **Examining Panel (Criminal)**. Members who would like to be considered for nomination to the Examining Panels and have a minimum of 10 years of practice experience in civil law and/or in criminal law should send their CVs to the Director of Practitioners Affairs at the Secretariat of the Law Society via email at: dpa@hklawsoc.org.hk marked "HRA Examining Panels" on or before 15 December 2025. Members should specify in their applications which Panel(s) they intend to apply for.
- 3. The Board indicates that if solicitor advocates wish to be considered for nomination to the panels, they should have obtained their higher rights of audience for over 5 years.
- 4. For members' information,
 - The Board usually conducts HRA assessments once a year. Assessments will take place over weekends. The tentative schedule for the coming round of assessments will be as follows:

Criminal written examination 25 April 2026 (Saturday)
Civil written examination: 25 April 2026 (Saturday)
Criminal practical assessment: 9 or 16 May 2026 (Saturday)
Civil practical assessment: 9 and 16 May 2026 (Saturdays)

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• The Board will be able to pay honorariums to Panel members in respect of each formal assessment, that is, for examining the practical demonstrations by the candidates of their skills and advocacy coupled with their knowledge of practice and procedure, marking of the written examination papers of the candidates and preparing a report for the Board. The Board indicates that at this time, a sum of HK\$50,000 per Panel per assessment will be payable.

Note: The personal data provided in the CV submitted will be used for approval, appointment, and purposes relating to the co-option and appointment. By submitting your CV, you understand and agree that the Law Society may provide your personal data provided in the CV to relevant committees, Council and the Board for the aforesaid purposes.



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CIRCULAR 25-796 (PA)

4 December 2025

25-796 (PA) JUDICIARY

Contact Details as at 27 November 2025

- 1. The Judiciary Administrator has updated the current contact details of the clerks assigned to High Court Judges, Deputy Judges, Recorders and Masters.
- 2. Members should encourage their clerks to check the Judiciary's website for the most up-to-date information on the contact details:

English Version and Chinese Version

- 3. Please click the following links for information on
 - (a) Telephone directory of Clerks to Chief Judge / Justices of Appeal of the Court of Appeal of the High Court
 - (b) Telephone directory of Clerks to Judges of Court of First Instance of the High Court
 - (c) <u>Telephone directory of Clerks to Deputy Judges of the Court of First Instance of the High Court</u>
 - (d) Telephone directory of Clerks to High Court Masters
 - (e) Matters handled at the Clerk of Court's Office
 - (f) Matters handled at the High Court Registry
 - (g) Clerk of Court's Office Listing
 - hearings before Court of First Instance Judges (Civil matters and various tribunal appeals) Room G32, G/F
 - Criminal matters Room G31, G/F

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- (h) Clerk of Court's Office Listing of appeals (except tribunal appeals)
 - Civil appeals Room G30, G/F
 - Criminal appeals and appeals from magistrates' courts Room G28, G/F
- (i) Listing of hearings before High Court Masters (LG1 Rm 108A & 108B)
- 4. For enquiries of the video conferencing facilities of the Correctional Services Department, (for lawyers on taking statements, meeting with client) please contact Lai Chi Kok Reception Centre at 2176 0181 or 2785 3461, or Cell of High Court Building at 2180 4848.
- 5. Members may refer to the "Contact Us" page of the Judiciary Website (address shown below) for the relevant contact information, including fax numbers, in the High Court as well.

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6. Circular 25-767 (PA) is deleted.



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Intellectual Property

CIRCULAR 25-797 (PA)

4 December 2025

25-797 (PA) INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY FINANCING SANDBOX UNDER THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S 2025 POLICY ADDRESS

- 1. The Intellectual Property Department ("IPD") is appealing on behalf of the HKSAR Government for intellectual property ("IP") legal practitioners' professional support for the IP financing sandbox ("Sandbox") under the Chief Executive's 2025 Policy Address.
- 2. Details provided by the IPD regarding the Sandbox are as follows:
 - (a) The Sandbox is a new policy initiative to be launched through the collaboration amongst the Commerce and Economic Development Bureau, IPD and Hong Kong Monetary Authority ("HKMA"). Its major objective is to promote and develop the local IP financing ecosystem progressively through collaboration and building up rapport amongst various relevant market players including the legal profession. The Sandbox arrangement in essence allows participating banks and enterprises (particularly those in the technology sector) to explore and take part in pilot IP financing transactions (such as credit/debt financing) by leveraging those enterprises' assets covering IPs in a risk-controlled environment, with the support of, amongst others, legal and valuation professions.
 - (b) To facilitate the smooth implementation of the Sandbox, the IPD has been specifically requested to provide to HKMA as early as possible for the banking sector's reference a list of law firms with considerable knowledge and experience in IP practice which are interested to provide the requisite legal support to those participating banks/enterprises in carrying out the pilot IP financing transactions under the Sandbox. At this stage, a list of interested law firms' names will suffice. Supplementary information like detailed descriptions of IP practice knowledge, experience and track records of each interested law firm may be provided later, subject to HKMA's further specific requests.
 - (c) The participating enterprises with IP assets in need of financing may likely comprise small and medium enterprises ("SMEs") if not start-ups. SMEs play a vital role in the market for driving our economic growth but whose overall resources for consulting professional advice and support are often quite limited. Their full participation in the Sandbox at the initial stage is not only a critical factor for enabling the Sandbox to make a good start, but also would eventually contribute to the ultimate success of the

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Sandbox in terms of progressively developing and strengthening the ecosystem of IP financing in Hong Kong. It is therefore of utmost importance that those suitable/worthy SMEs will not be precluded from participating in the Sandbox and enjoying the potential business opportunities which the Sandbox can practically offer, simply because they are unable to have access to affordable professional services out of their financial constraint in reality.

- (d) There is no restriction for participants in the Sandbox in terms of IP types or industry/business sectors. Priority may be given to business of the innovation and technology (I&T) sector in alignment with the Government's policy to develop new quality productive forces should the total number of participants exceed the capacity of the participating banks.
- (e) Subject to the preparatory progress, it is anticipated the first cohort of the Sandbox initiative be launched in December 2025 at the earliest. Subject to operational experience, feedback and data to be collected from the first cohort of participants, the Sandbox initiative may involve more cohorts of participants. In the meantime, no definite duration for implementation of the Sandbox initiative is set, given that transactions involving IP financing as a type of financial transactions should be allowed to run their own course in the free market of Hong Kong.
- (f) Accordingly, the IPD shall be grateful to have all participating professional practitioners' considerable and generous support as well as kind understanding by, amongst others, making their best efforts to address/entertain SMEs' special needs and flexibly negotiating with them affordable chargeable professional fees under the Sandbox arrangement. Provision of pro bono professional services by practitioners in appropriate cases will be much appreciated.
- 3. For members whose firms are interested in participating in the Sandbox, please email ADPA3 (adpa3@hklawsoc.org.hk) with the following information by 8 December 2025:
 - (a) Firm name
 - (b) Contact person
 - (c) Contact details (email and phone number)
- 4. All applications received will be forwarded to the IPD without vetting by the Law Society.



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Companies/Bankruptcies/ Official Receiver's Office

CIRCULAR 25-798 (PA)

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25-798 (PA) OFFICIAL RECEIVER'S OFFICE

Support Measures in response to the Fire at Wang Fuk Court in Tai Po

- 1. The Official Receiver's Office ("ORO") informed the Law Society its support measures in response to the Fire at Wang Fuk Court in Tai Po.
- 2. For details, please click <u>here</u> for a copy of the letter from the ORO dated 3 December 2025.



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CIRCULAR 25-799 (PA)

4 December 2025

25-799 (PA) JUDICIARY

Judiciary Website - Information on Insolvency Matters

- 7. The Judiciary advised that information on insolvency matters on its website has been enhanced and arranged in a more user-friendly manner:
 - a. Two new items "<u>Common Requisitions Bankruptcy</u>" and "<u>Common Requisitions Winding Up</u>" are added under "High Court" on the "<u>Guidance Notes / Notices</u>" page.
 - b. All forms and checklists related to insolvency matters are consolidated under two new sections of "Bankruptcy Case Related Forms" and "Winding Up Case Related Forms" on the "Court of First Instance (CFI) Forms" page.



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4 December 2025

PROBATE

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
LEUNG JUN-QIAN (梁振謙) Alias JUN QIAN LEUNG Alias JASON LEUNG	20 September 2023	P909329(3)	SIAO, WEN AND LEUNG
KWOK LIN (郭連)	02 August 2001	A184395(0)	SO MIKE, JOSEPH LAU & CO.
TSUTSUI OSAMU (筒井修)	05 November 2024	K136225(9) & Japanese Passport No: TZ1122208	LIU ALVAN & PARTNERS



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NG LUK NUI (吳六女) Alias NG CHUN (吳珍) Alias CHU NG LUK NUI (朱吳六女) Alias NG LOOK LE	15 January 2018	B598750(A)	SIT, FUNG, KWONG & SHUM, SOLICITORS
TANG PANG (鄧鵬) Alias TANG CHI PANG (鄧志鵬) Alias TANG YAT PANG (鄧逸鵬)	30 December 2011	A114982(5)	LAM & CO., JAMES P.Y.
WONG KAM YUEN (黄金遠)	18 September 2025	D589053(6)	SO, LUNG & ASSOCIATES, SOLICITORS
LAM WONG TAI (林旺泰)	09 June 2021	G324660(3) 及 港澳居民來往內地 通行證號碼 H07728260	WONG S.W. & ASSOCIATES
YEUNG CHIN HUNG (楊展鴻)	Certified dead on 1 April 2021	H385465(7)	CHIU, SZETO & CHENG SOLICITORS



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CHOW SIU WAH (周少華) Alias (周少华)	18 September 2025	D578391(8) 及 港澳居民來往內地 通行證號碼 H08328773	CHIU, SZETO & CHENG SOLICITORS
LAU CHI HUNG (劉志雄) Alias (刘志雄) Alias (刘秋雄)	07 May 2025	K932835(1) 及 港澳居民來往內地 通行證號碼 H00209577	NG HARMONY & ASSOCIATES
LAM YIN KOW (林賢球) Alias (林贤球)	23 November 2023	E216513(2)	CHONG & CO., SOLOMON C.
WAT KAM (屈金) Alias SUM WAT KAM (沈屈金)	Certified dead on 15 December 2022	B521099(8)	LEE CHAN CHENG
SUM HUNG KEE (沈洪基) Alias (沈鴻基)	Certified dead on 14 March 2005	B521098(A)	LEE CHAN CHENG
AU SIU WAH PHYLLIS (區少華)	Discovery on 3 July 2025	G047268(8)	WONG SHUM & CO.
CHU CHI CHOI (朱志才)	28 December 2018	B863936(7)	SIT, FUNG, KWONG & SHUM, SOLICITORS



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CHU LOK (朱洛) Alias CHE LOOK POI (朱洛培)	30 October 1992	B598751(8)	SIT, FUNG, KWONG & SHUM, SOLICITORS
WONG KWONG YU (王光宇)	07 August 2022	E737392(2)	LAI K.M. & LI
KAN LING SO (簡梅玲素) Alia MUI LING SO (梅玲素) Alias KAN MUI LING SO Alia LING SO KAN	10 October 2024	A588058(1)	KOO CHRISTINE M. & IP, SOLICITORS & NOTARIES LLP
POON SHUNG (潘宋)	14 March 2006	B593923(8)	YIP, TSE & TANG
TANG YING WO (鄧影和)	02 April 2021	B156121(4)	WONG POON CHAN LAW & CO.
IP CHUNG FAT (葉松發)	18 May 2010	B156120(6)	WONG POON CHAN LAW & CO.
CHAN CHOW JOHN (陳洲) Alias JOHN CHOW CHAN	20 July 2025	B254002(4)	WOO & CO., P.C.
LAM MAN WAI (林文偉)	22 September 2025	H363734(6)	FENN & CO., DAVID



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LEUNG KIN (梁堅)	17 June 2002	A213952(1)	LEE & CO., SIDNEY
CHEUNG DIP HOI (張蝶開)	31 January 2003	A635607(1)	LEE & CO., SIDNEY
LEUNG SHE MUI (梁社梅)	14 February 2025	P794350(8) 及 港澳居民來往內地 通行證號碼 H01425037	LEE & CO., SIDNEY
YUEN YU TEI (袁餘弟)	06 July 2025	E485376(1)	CHUNG & KWAN SOLICITORS
WU CHAOLIANG (伍超亮)	16 March 2025	中華人民共和國居民 身份證號碼 440104196412202574 及 中華人民共和國護照號碼 EF9162443	LIU ALVAN & PARTNERS
CHEUNG TSZ MING (張子明)	02 October 2025	E896087(2)	TAM & PARTNERS
LUI SHING YIP (呂成業)	Certified dead on 26 October 2017	A529249(5)	KING & COMPANY
KUNG WAI MING (孔慧明)	11 April 2025	B988872(7)	CMK LAWYERS
LAU SHAU CHUN (劉秀珍)	23 July 2025	A100941(1)	CMK LAWYERS
CHUNG WAI PING (鍾慧萍)	01 December 2024	C554469(4)	CMK LAWYERS



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LEE PAK KEUNG (李伯強)	01 February 2018	E007961(1)	CMK LAWYERS
YAN KUEN CHEUK (甄權爝) Alias (甄權爵) Alias (甄权爵)	20 November 2015	B043989(A)	YUNG, YU, YUEN & CO.
CHEUNG KIM HA (張儉霞) Alias (张俭霞)	31 October 2025	P387445(5)	YUNG, YU, YUEN & CO.
HO KIU (何嬌)	13 August 2025	B552999(4)	KAN & CO., FRED
HEUNG CHICK HONG (香藉康)	06 April 2018	E036614(9)	KAN & CO., FRED
WONG YOOK LAN (黄玉蘭)	28 December 2020	B435287(A)	LEE & CO., SIDNEY
SHUM WING SHEUNG (岑詠常)	20 August 2017	B227703(A)	KWOK & CO., W.F.
WONG FOOK YAU (黄福有) Alias (黄福有)	15 February 1995	A167959(A)	INCE & CO
TANG FUK (鄧福) Alias (邓福)	26 January 2020	P935386(4) 及 港澳居民來往內地 通行證號碼 H0349457601	HO K.C. & FONG



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水 女 集 團		HOMEPAGE(網貝): <u>http://www.hklawsoc.org.hk</u>		
WONG YUK HA (黄玉霞)	22 February 2017	P305308(7) 及 港澳居民來往內地 通行證號碼 H00757258	HO K.C. & FONG	
(胡水) Alias (胡金水)	14 October 1977	NIL	ho K.C. & fong	
LAW TAK CHOI (羅德才)	25 October 2017	B831409(3)	TSANG, CHAN & WOO SOLICITORS & NOTARIES	
KAN SIN (簡仙)	Certified dead on 16 February 2015	B831410(7)	TSANG, CHAN & WOO SOLICITORS & NOTARIES	
CHEUNG LEE KWAI LIN LUCY (張李桂蓮) Alias (张李桂莲)	18 April 2025	B376172(5)	TONG & CO., AUGUSTINE C.Y.	
LEUNG KAN (梁根)	22 March 2024	B329616(A)	CMK LAWYERS	
YIP KWOK TAI (葉國泰)	About 1 to 2 days before discovery on 11 April 2025	A449683(6)	CMK LAWYERS	
FANG LINA	18 August 2025	M421710(7)	CHAU & CO., K.B.	



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CHAN SUN CHOY (陳新財) Alias (陈新财)	11 February 2021	E243110(A) 港澳居民來往內地 通行證號碼 H0924515902	NG HARMONY & ASSOCIATES
CHUNG CHUN FONG (鍾進芳)	01 April 2022	A741310(9)	CHIU, SZETO & CHENG SOLICITORS
YAU NYEE FATT Alias HIEW NYEE FATT Alias HIEW NYUK FATT	03 February 2024	Malaysian Identity Card 420629-12-5339	KAO, LEE & YIP
HIEW YUN LOI (邱運來) Alias HIEW HING KONG (邱民光)	25 May 2002	Malaysian Identity Card 340630-12-5037	KAO, LEE & YIP
LAM MEI YUNG (林美容)	23 March 2021	H372453(2)	TSANG MARIE, DUSTIN CHAN & CO.
LEUNG PO CHUN (梁寶珍)	About 1 day before discovery on 19 March 2025	A841915(1)	WOO KWAN LEE & LO
LUI KING CHUNG (雷敬宗)	About 3-4 days prior to discovery on 26 March 2014	E075368(1)	HUEN & PARTNERS