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Property

CIRCULAR 26-21 (PA)

8 January 2026

**26-21 (PA) HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME
SECONDARY MARKET SCHEME**

Updated documentation

1. Reference is made to Circular 25-464 (PA) of 17 July 2025.
2. The Hong Kong Housing Authority (“HKHA”) has updated its “Declaration in Support of the Application for a Letter of Nomination for Sale of Flats under Home Ownership Scheme Secondary Market Scheme (HD891)”.

Please click [here](#) for a letter of HKHA dated 2 January 2026 on the above update. The **updated HD891 (Rev. 01/2026)** is enclosed with the above letter from HKHA.

3. HKHA in the above letter also states that

“... [Law Society] members are required to adopt the updated version of HD891 (Rev. 01/2026) from **26 Jan 2026** onwards for ALL Green Form applicants.

...the updated version of HD891 (Rev. 01/2026) shall **NOT** be applicable to applicants under the White Form Secondary Market Scheme (WSM) 2024. Members are reminded to adopt HD891 (Rev. 10/2024) for such WSM 2024 applicants.”

4. Circular 25-464(PA) will be superseded on 26 January 2026.



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CIRCULAR 26-22 (COM)

8 January 2026

**26-22 (COM) CESSATION OF PRACTICE
(REGISTERED FOREIGN FIRM)**

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

Firm Name	Date of Cessation	Contact Details
		The Agent
ADVOKATFIRMAN ODEBJER FOHLIN (鄧傅律師事務所)	31 December 2025	BOASE COHEN & COLLINS (布高江律師行) Tel. No.: 3416-1711 Fax No.: 2529-5035 Contact Person: Mr. LIU Kin Sing



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CIRCULAR 26-23 (COM)

8 January 2026

26-23 (COM) CESSATION OF PRACTICE (HONG KONG FIRM OF SOLICITORS)

The following firms have ceased practice with effect from the dates indicated below:

Firm Name	Date of Cessation	Contact Details The Agent
AGNES P.Y. KWONG & CO. (鄺沛瑩律師行)	1 January 2026	TAI, TANG & CHONG Tel. No.: 2523-8141 Fax No.: 2523-8143 Contact person: Mr. LEE Kwok Lun
SWAINSTON SOLICITORS	1 January 2026	MORLEY CHOW SETO Tel. No.: 3905-1333 Fax No.: 3158-0898 Contact person: Mr. JOHNSON William Kwan Lok
TOULLEC SOLICITORS	1 January 2026	LPA LAW LLP Tel. No.: 2907-7882 Fax No.: 2907-6682 Contact person: Mr. TOULLEC Jean-Yves Paul Andre/ Mr. VANDERCHMITT Nicolas Frederic

Total number of firms	New Firm in November 2025
924	1



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**Intellectual Property / Trade
Marks / Intellectual Property
Department**

CIRCULAR 26-24 (PA)

8 January 2026

26-24 (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) “Classification”; and
 - (b) “Cross search list”.
2. The marked-up versions of the chapters can be accessed in the log of changes on the IPD’s website:

[English Version](#)

[Chinese Version](#)



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Law Society: General

CIRCULAR 26-25 (PA)

8 January 2026

26-25 (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 consultation(s):

Consultation Paper	Specialist Committee	Deadline for comment to the Law Society*	Contact at the Secretariat
New Consultation(s)			
(a) <u>Consultation on Legislative Proposal to Regulate Virtual Asset Advisory Service Providers and Virtual Asset Management Service Providers</u>	Investment Products and Financial Services Committee	12 January 2026	adpa1@hklawsoc.org.hk
(b) <u>Public Consultation on the Review of Registered Designs Regime of Hong Kong</u>	Intellectual Property Committee	26 January 2026	adpa3@hklawsoc.org.hk

* The deadline(s) is the Law Society's internal deadline to allow sufficient time for the relevant draft submission(s) to be approved by the Council prior to the public consultation deadline(s).



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Courts: Practice & Procedure & Judiciary

CIRCULAR 26-26 (PA)

8 January 2026

26-26 JUDICIARY

Contact Details as at 6 January 2026

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) [Telephone directory of Clerks to Deputy Judges of the Court of First Instance of the High Court](#)
 - (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
 - (h) [Clerk of Court's Office - Listing of appeals \(except tribunal appeals\)](#)
 - Civil appeals - Room G30, G/F



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- 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.
[English version](#) and [Chinese version](#)
- 6. Circular 25-830 (PA) is deleted.



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Law Society : General

CIRCULAR 26-27 (PA)

8 January 2026

**26-27 (PA) LAW SOCIETY OFFICE PREMISES –
CONFERENCE ROOM AND COFFEE CORNER
NAMING COMPETITION**

**Deadline: 30 January 2026
(Repeat Circular)**

1. The Law Society has successfully completed the acquisition of our new office premises on the 26th Floor of The Center, No. 99 Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong, on 1 December 2025. The new office premises will not only address our current space needs but also enhance operational efficiency and provide a dynamic, future-ready environment for members' professional engagement, collaboration and support.
2. The new office premises are now targeted to commence operation in the second quarter of 2026, which will enhance operational efficiency by centralising the Secretariat's functions and providing improved facilities. More importantly, they are designed as a purpose-built venue for the benefit of members. Part of the new premises will serve as a Law Society clubhouse, supporting members' use as well as Continuing Professional Development (CPD) and Risk Management Education (RME) courses, seminars, and meetings of the Law Society's more than 130 committees and working parties.
3. To mark this momentous occasion and to embed a sense of shared identity and heritage into the very fabric of our new premises, we are launching a special initiative. Members are warmly invited to participate in the Conference Room and Coffee Corner Naming Competition, and to help shape the character of these important shared spaces.
4. Details of the competition:

Eligibility:	Members (including Full Members, Foreign Registered Lawyers, Associate Members, Trainee Solicitors and Student Members) ("the Contestant")
Submission:	Each submission must comprise the following:



	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. A proposed naming “set” for all meeting rooms with a common theme (for example, Hong Kong landmarks or legal values), with up to 10 sample room names; and/or2. A distinctive name for the coffee corner.3. All entries must be presented in bilingual format (English and Chinese).4. A written description, not exceeding 300 words, outlining the concept behind the proposed names and explaining their relevance and suitability for the new premises. <p>Submission can be made by completing the Submission Form doc</p>
Deadline of submission:	5:45pm on 30 January 2026
Remarks:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Each Contestant may submit more than one entry.2. Upon receipt of the submission, each entry will be allotted with a number to ensure anonymous voting by the Judges.3. By submission, the Contestant shall be deemed to have agreed that copyright of the Name (if selected) shall be vested with the Law Society.4. Credit will be given to the winning Contestant(s) in the Law Society Office Premises Conference Room and Coffee Corner Naming Competition

5. For enquiries, please contact dsg@hklawsoc.org.hk.



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Law Society : General

CIRCULAR 26-28 (COM)

8 January 2026

**26-28 (COM) PANEL OF PROSECUTORS FOR
SOLICITORS DISCIPLINARY TRIBUNAL PROCEEDINGS
(Repeat Circular)**

1. Members, preferably partners of a firm, with more than 10 years' post qualification experience are invited to apply for appointment to the Panel of Prosecutors for solicitors disciplinary tribunal proceedings ("Panel of Prosecutors").
2. Applicants should have appropriate advocacy skills and relevant experience in criminal and civil cases, particularly prosecution experience.
3. The appointment to the Panel of Prosecutors will be made on an individual basis. Appointments will be for renewable periods of two years and successful applicants will be expected to continue acting in assigned cases until their conclusion despite expiry of the term.
4. Any conduct history and/or disciplinary records of the applicants will be disclosed to the Standing Committee on Compliance for the purpose of processing the applications.
5. Members who wish to be considered for appointment to the Panel of Prosecutors should send their written application together with a resume of their experience to the Director of Conduct **on or before 29 January 2026**.

A. Notes

The resume should consist of not more than 2 sides of A4 paper giving contact details and particulars of practice experience.

B. Personal Information Collection Statement

1. The personal data collected in the resume supplied by you and any conduct history and disciplinary records relating to you (collectively "the data") will be used by the Law Society of Hong Kong ("the Society") for the purposes of processing your application for appointment to the Panel of Prosecutors ("this Application") and related matters.



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2. In making this Application, it is obligatory for you to supply the Society with the data requested in this circular except as otherwise indicated. The consequence for you if you fail to supply such data is that the Society will not be able to process this Application.
3. The data may be provided to such persons within the Society whose proper business it is to have access to and assist in the processing of this Application. The data may also be provided to the members of the Standing Committee on Compliance to assess the merits of this Application and to such other persons who may help the Society in attaining the purposes above mentioned.
4. Any data that is provided to anyone outside of the Society will be restricted to what is necessary and not excessive to achieve any intended purpose.
5. You have the right to request access to and correction of the data. Any such request should be addressed to the Director of Conduct, the Law Society, 3/F, Wing On House, 71 Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong.
6. The Privacy Policy Statement of the Society is available on its website at www.hklawsoc.org.hk.



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Law Society: General

CIRCULAR 26-29 (EA)

8 January 2026

**26-29 (EA) CEREMONIAL OPENING OF
THE LEGAL YEAR 2026 IN HONG KONG**

**Monday, 19 January 2026
(Updated Circular with Extended Deadline)**

1. The Chief Justice has extended his invitation to members of the Law Society to attend the Ceremonial Opening of the Legal Year 2026 on Monday, 19 January 2026, at the Hong Kong City Hall.
2. The Ceremony will begin with the inspection of the Ceremonial Guard at 4:30 p.m., followed by addresses at the Concert Hall at 5:00 p.m. and a cocktail reception at the Exhibition Hall at around 6:00 p.m.
3. Places are limited. Members please indicate your interest in attending the Ceremony by registering [online](#) on or before **Sunday, 11 January 2026**. The Judiciary will arrange to issue invitation email to members of the Law Society.
4. The Ceremony will also be broadcast live to the public on the Judiciary's website. Members who cannot attend physically are welcome to join online to witness this important event.
5. For enquiries, please contact Ms Sophia Chan of the Communications & External Affairs and Member Services Department at 2846 8809 or oly@hklawsoc.org.hk.



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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
LI KWOK KWONG (李國光)	13 November 2025	D294737(5)	CHOW & CO., B.C.
KWONG CHI HUNG EDDIE (鄺志雄)	15 January 2025	D644426 (2)	YUNG, YU, YUEN & CO.
WONG CHI SANG (黃智生)	Certified dead on 2 August 2025	A281546(2)	WAN AND LEUNG
LAW MA LAI (羅瑪麗)	06 November 2024	P293847(6)	SHUM WONG & CO., SOLICITORS
NG LAI MING MARY (吳麗明)	06 September 2025	A768236(3)	IU, LAI & LI
梁丽棠	03 September 2009	中華人民共和國居民 身份證號碼 440421192204214823 及 440421220421482	CHENG, YEUNG & CO.



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CHEUNG MEI YING (張美英)	27 March 2025	H436504(8)	LAM RAYMOND & ASSOCIATES
CHU KWOK WAH (朱國華)	21 November 2024	H063853(8)	LAM RAYMOND & ASSOCIATES
Alias (朱国华)			
WONG CHIU SHONG (王朝桑)	14 September 2018	P260221(4)	LAM RAYMOND & ASSOCIATES
CHONG LAI SHUEN (莊瓈璇)	21 November 2025	A868187(5)	GRANDALL ZIMMERN LAW FIRM
Alias (WU STELLA LAI SHUEN CHONG)			
Alias (STELLA LAI-SHUEN CHONG WU)			
NG YUET WAH (伍月華)	04 April 2008	B068302(2)	KCL & PARTNERS