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CIRCULAR 26-147 (SG) **12 March 2026**

26-147 (SG) RELOCATION OF THE LAW SOCIETY

1. With effect from 30 March 2026 (Monday), the Law Society will be relocated to the 26/F, The Center, 99 Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong.

   Our telephone no(s), fax no(s) and email address(es) remain the same.

2. The current office at 3/F Wing On House, 71 Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong ("Wing On House office") will close for operations at 5:45 p.m. on Friday, March 27, 2026.

3. All visitors to our new office are required to register at the building lobby / security counter before proceeding to our new office at The Center. Members and law firms should factor in additional time for registration and access, particularly where you are attending to time-sensitive or urgent matters (for example, deadlines for filing, submission of documents or payments).

4. The Law Society's reception at Wing On House office will remain open on weekdays (except public holidays) during the transitional period, from 30 March 2026 (Monday) to 10 April 2026 (Friday) ("the Transitional Period"), to assist members and law firms.

5. The Wing On House office will be closed for renovation after the Transitional Period.

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26-148 (PA) PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS FOR PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS ("PAPT") – SALE AND PURCHASE OF RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES ("S&P")

1. Reference is made to Circular 26-85(PA) on the briefing session held on 11 February 2026 and Circular 26-100 (PA) on the practical issues in relation to PAPT for S&P.

2. The Hong Kong Association of Banks ("HKAB") provided the following for members' reference:

   a. presentation material of the briefing session held on 11 February 2026; and
   b. HKAB's responses to the questions received during the briefing session and the practical issues raised in Circular 26-100(PA).

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26-149 (PA) INTEREST: JUDGMENT DEBTS
Rate of Interest: 1 April 2026

1. The Chief Justice has ordered that with effect from 1 April 2026, the rate of interest on judgment debts in the High Court and District Court shall be 8% per annum.

   Please click here for the rate of interest on judgment debts.

2. Circular 25-815 (PA) is superseded.

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CIRCULAR 26-150 (PA) **12 March 2026**

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26-150 (PA) INVITATION TO APPLY FOR CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT AS DEPUTY JUDGES OF THE COURT OF FIRST INSTANCE (NON-REFOULMENT CLAIMS)

1. The Judiciary launched a special scheme (the "Scheme") in February 2025 to appoint eligible practitioners as Deputy Judges of the Court of First Instance (Non-Refoulment Claims) exclusively for handling non-refoulment claims.

2. The Law Society has been invited by the Judiciary to nominate eligible members to be considered by the Chief Judge of the High Court for appointment as Deputy Judges of the Court of First Instance (Non-Refoulment Claims). Suitable candidates, as determined by the Chief Judge of the High Court, will be recommended to the Chief Justice for consideration of appointment.

3. Members who would like to be considered by Council for nomination and have a minimum of 10 years of post-qualification experience can send their CVs to Deputy Secretary General and Director of Practitioners Affairs at the Secretariat of the Law Society via email at: mailto:dpa@hklawsoc.org.hk marked **"Nomination for Appointment of Deputy Judges of the Court of First Instance (Non-Refoulment Claims)" on or before 2 April 2026.** Experience in non-refoulment cases is not required. Members are reminded that the Judiciary may take into account a range of factors when assessing suitability, and the Law Society is not in a position to advise on or interpret the Judiciary's assessment criteria. Members should note that nomination by the Law Society does not guarantee selection or appointment, as all such decisions rest solely with the Judiciary.

Note: The personal data provided in the CV submitted will be used for the purposes of considering nomination and any subsequent steps relating to the 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 Judiciary for the aforesaid purposes.

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26-151 (PA) JUDICIARY

Contact Details as at 6 March 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

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   (g) Clerk of Court's Office - Listing
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   (i) Listing of hearings before High Court Masters (LG1 Rm 108A & 108B)

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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 26-128 (PA) is deleted.

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26-152 (PA) JUDICIARY
INTEGRATED CASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM ("iCMS")
Briefing-cum-hands-on-demonstration on key functions of the High Court iCMS for Law Firms in March to April 2026
(Repeat Circular)

1. The Judiciary Administration is inviting member firms to its four identical briefing-cum-hands-on-demonstration sessions on key functions of the High Court iCMS scheduled for March and April 2026. Please click here for the programme details.

2. Starting from these sessions, the focus will shift to functions most frequently used by filing clerks for electronic filing and inspection.

3. Members who are interested to participate in these sessions please complete and return a Reply Slip to the Judiciary Administration via email (e-registration@judiciary.hk) by **16 March 2026 (Monday)**.

4. In addition, to facilitate law firms' early migration from conventional paper mode to the iCMS in preparation for mandatory use in 2026, members attending the upcoming briefing sessions may make an appointment with the Judiciary Administration to make use of their technical assistance service at the High Court to initiate an iCMS-enabled case for the first time immediately after the session. To make the necessary arrangements, please call the Information Technology Office of the Judiciary Administration, Miss Emily Lau or Ms Swana Cheung at 2867 2251.

5. Enquiries on the briefing-cum-hands-on-demonstration sessions could be made direct to the Judiciary Administration, Ms Mandy Wong at 2477 1200 or the iCMS general hotline at 2477 1002.

6. It is the target of the Judiciary to make the use of the electronic litigation platform ***mandatory*** by all represented litigants by 2026. Members may wish to consider and plan ahead their resources deployment and training for their firms and staff.

More information on iCMS is available at the Judiciary's dedicated website

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26-153 (PA) Duty/Urgent Application Judges and Admission Judges

12 March 2026 to 5 July 2026

1.

Week beginning	Duty Judge	Saturday	Admission Judge
12 March 2026	Hon K Yeung J	14 March 2026	Hon K Yeung J
16 March 2026	Hon Alex Lee J	21 March 2026	Hon Alex Lee J
23 March 2026	DHCJ Kwong	28 March 2026	Hon D Yau J
30 March 2026	Hon Au-Yeung J	4 April 2026 (Public Holiday)	---
6 April 2026	Hon Anna Lai J	11 April 2026	Hon Anna Lai J
13 April 2026	Hon Lisa Wong J	18 April 2026	Hon Lisa Wong J
20 April 2026	Hon Mimmie Chan J	25 April 2026	Hon Mimmie Chan J
27 April 2026	Hon Winnie Tsui J	2 May 2026	Hon Winnie Tsui J
4 May 2026	Hon Eugene Fung J	9 May 2026	Hon Eugene Fung J
11 May 2026	Hon ST Poon J	16 May 2026	Hon ST Poon J
18 May 2026	Hon Cheng J	23 May 2026	Hon Cheng J
25 May 2026	Hon Toh J	30 May 2026	Hon Toh J
1 June 2026	Hon Barnes J	6 June 2026	Hon Barnes J
8 June 2026	Hon D'Almada Remedios J	13 June 2026	Hon D'Almada Remedios J
15 June 2026	Hon Woodcock J	20 June 2026	Hon Woodcock J
22 June 2026	Hon Harris J	27 June 2026	Hon Harris J
29 June 2026	Hon H Au-Yeung J	4 July 2026	Hon H Au-Yeung J

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

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 26-102 (PA) is superseded.

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26-154 (PA) MANDATORY PROVIDENT FUND REVISED GUIDELINES (GUIDELINES III.2)

1. The Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Authority ("Authority") has issued the revised Guidelines on Equities and Other Securities (Guidelines III.2), which came into effect on 10 March 2026.

2. According to the Authority, the purpose of the revisions is to reflect the inclusion of active exchange traded funds that are authorised by, and not classified as derivative funds by, the Securities and Futures Commission and listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange as permissible investment for MPF funds, subject to an aggregate limit of 10% of net asset value of an MPF fund. Some housekeeping changes have also been made to Guidelines III.2.

3. The revised Guidelines III.2 can be downloaded from the Authority's website. Members may also contact Ms Teresa Lee of the Authority on 2292 1286 to obtain hard copies of the revised guidelines.

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Overseas Lawyers Qualification Examination

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CIRCULAR 26-155 (SD) **12 March 2026**

26-155 (SD) OVERSEAS LAWYERS QUALIFICATION EXAMINATION 2026 INFORMATION PACKAGE
(Repeat Circular)

Opening Date for Applications: **Thursday, 5 February 2026**

Deadline to Submit Applications: **Friday, 20 March 2026**

I. Applications for the 2026 Overseas Lawyers Qualification Examination

1. The Information Package for the Overseas Lawyers Qualification Examination ("the Examination") in 2026 ("2026 Information Package") and the Application Form ("Application Form") are available on the website of the Law Society at www.hklawsoc.org.hk.

2. Kindly note that for the 2026 Examination, applicants may elect to submit the **online Application Form** or **paper-based Application Form**. In either case, applicants are required to submit all supporting documents and information and effect payment of an application fee of HK$6,600 by **Friday, 20 March 2026**.

3. The 2026 Information Package has been updated with the following major amendments:

   (i) Part I – Overseas Lawyers Qualification Examination

   Section C – Overseas Lawyers Qualification Examination Information

   (Both online Application Form and paper-based Application Form are available at the Law Society's website)

   If an applicant wishes to submit his application via online Application Form, he will pay the application fee of HK$6,600 via online payment options including but not limited to credit/debit cards (VISA, Mastercard, Union Pay), Faster Payment System (FPS), Alipay, WeChat Pay. Details of online payment options and procedures will be provided during the online submission process.

   Alternatively, if an applicant wishes to submit the paper-based Application Form, he will have to pay the requisite fee by cheque, bank draft or cashier

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order payable to "The Law Society of Hong Kong" as online payment options are not available for submission of paper-based Application Form.

As the Application Form contains a statutory declaration pursuant to the provisions of the Oaths and Declarations Ordinance (Cap.11, Laws of Hong Kong) (i.e. Item 30 in the Application Form), an applicant is strongly reminded to return the original Application Form with the duly executed statutory declaration together with all supporting documents to the Department of Standards and Development **on or before 20 March 2026** for processing the application no matter an applicant is submitting the online Application Form or paper-based Application Form.

Mode of examination for 2026 Examination

The written Heads of the 2026 Examination (i.e. Heads I, II, III, IV and VI) (collectively, "Written Heads" and each, a "Written Head") will be conducted **in a computer-based format**. An applicant is required to bring his own laptop computer to the Examination venue to take the Examination. An applicant has to pre-install the prescribed computer software for the computer-based Examination ("Lockdown Brower") in his laptop computer prior to the Examination. Details of the installation and operation of the Lockdown Browser (including the taking of a practice examination) will be provided to candidates in due course.

A review of the Law Society's decision under section 9 of the Overseas Lawyers (Qualification for Admission) Rules ("OLQE Rules")

The application fee of HK$3,000 can be made by cheque, bank draft or cashier order payable to "The Law Society of Hong Kong" or by online payment options, details of which will be provided to applicants in due course.

Procedure for registration to sit the 2026 Examination

Candidates can pay the registration fee in accordance with the Overseas Lawyers (Qualification for Admission) (Fees) Rules by cheque, bank draft or cashier order payable to "The Law Society of Hong Kong" or by online payment options, details of which will be provided to candidates in due course.

Withdrawal from sitting the Examination

If an applicant is unable to take the Examination after he has been issued a Section 3(2) Certificate issued under the OLQE Rules ("Section 3(2) Certificate") but before he has registered his intention to sit the Examination, he may apply by letter, before the expiry of the Section 3(2) Certificate, for an extension of its validity period to enable him to take the

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next sitting. The application fee of HK$1,500 can be paid by cheque, bank draft or cashier order payable to "The Law Society of Hong Kong" or by online payment options, details of which will be provided to applicants in due course.

Computers/calculators, mobile phones etc.

As the Written Heads of the Examination (i.e. Heads I, II, III, IV, VI) will be conducted **in a computer-based format**, an applicant is required to bring his own laptop computer to the Examination venue to take the Examination. He has to pre-install the Lockdown Browser in his laptop computer prior to the Examination. Details of the installation and operation of the Lockdown Browser will be provided to candidates in due course. He may also bring and use a silent and non-programmable calculator in the Examination. He is strongly advised not to bring any electronic/communication devices other than the laptop computer required for him to take the Examination (e.g. tablet, i-watches, smart watches, PDA, mobile phones, pagers, ear phones, ear pieces) into the Examination. If an applicant has brought along any of such devices, he must turn it off (including the alarm function) and put it under his seat in a position clearly visible to the invigilators. Failure to do so may result in disqualification.

Candidates with incapacities or disabilities

Any candidate who is incapable to take computer-based Examination or suffers from a disability necessitating special requirements to sit the computer-based Examination should make an application in writing addressed to the Director of Standards and Development **not less than six weeks** prior to the commencement date of the Examination (on or before 11 September 2026):

- advising the nature of the incapacity or disability and its effect in relation to ability to sit the computer-based Examination;
- including a medical report/certificate in support; and
- specifying the special requirements requested.

The application will be considered by the Overseas Lawyers Qualification Examination Committee.

A candidate is required to provide reason(s) for any application made after the deadline of 11 September 2026. The Law Society reserves the right not to consider any late applications.

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Application for review of applicant's script

The application fee of HK$3,000 per Head for a review of the answer(s)/script(s) by the Chief Examiners can be paid by cheque, bank draft or cashier order payable to "The Law Society of Hong Kong" or by online payment options, details of which will be provided to applicants in due course.

Section F-Guidelines for Exemption from sitting all or parts of the Examination

Meaning of "experience in the practice of law"

If an applicant's pre-admission experience such as in-house experience has been recognised by the regulatory authority as equivalent to the completion of statutory training period and as satisfying the admission criteria in the applicant's jurisdiction of admission, the applicant must demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Law Society that such pre-admission experience is comparable to the training required for admission and/or is relevant experience in the practice of law and that documentary evidence of attaining relevant experience in addition to the recognition of such pre-admission experience by the regulatory authority of the applicant's jurisdiction of admission must be provided.

Section G-Application Form

In view of the introduction of online Application Form and online payment options, the Personal Information Collection Statement in the Application Form has been revised. Consequential amendments to Items 29 and 30 of the Application Form have also been revised.

II. Enquiries

All enquiries relating to the applications for the 2026 Examination may be made by email to OLQEAppln@hklawsoc.org.hk or by call to +852 2805 9103.

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26-156 (FA) HONG KONG ECONOMIC AND TRADE OFFICE IN BEJING, GUANGDONG, SHANGHAI, CHENGDU AND WUHAN

BJETO, GDETO, SHETO, CDETO & WHETO Newsletters – March 2026

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 March 2026 Edition (in Chinese only):
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26-157 (SD) THE CHINESE MAINLAND UNIVERSITY LECTURE SERIES 2026 – LECTURER RECRUITMENT CAMPAIGN

For The Law Course For The School Of Foreign Affairs and Law Of East China University of Political Science and Law (華東政法大學涉外法治學院)

1. From 2019 to 2025, a law course titled "Legal Services and Risk Management for Cross-border Transactions", focusing on legal practice under the common law system, cross-border legal services, and specialised areas of Hong Kong legal practice, was conducted annually for law students at Peking University Law School ("PKU") (北京大學).

2. The successful experience gained from the collaboration with PKU laid down a solid foundation for extending similar initiatives to other top-tier Mainland universities. Between November 2024 and November 2025, another four lecture series were conducted for the School of Foreign Affairs and Law of East China University of Political Science and Law ("ECUPL"), China University of Political Science and Law (中國政法大學), and Renmin University of China Law School (中國人民大學). These courses were well received by students, guest audiences, and our members who participated as volunteer lecturers.

3. A re-run of the law course titled "International Commercial Dispute Resolution and Arbitration" for ECUPL is scheduled for 18 April to 13 June 2026. It is a credit-bearing and English-taught course and will be conducted in person on Saturdays and a Sunday at ECUPL's Shanghai campus.

4. We are now recruiting enthusiastic volunteer lecturers to deliver lectures for ECUPL. The course outline and the reply slip are in Annexure 1 and Annexure 2 respectively.

5. Interested members are invited to complete and return the reply slip to the Common Law Centre of the Academy of Law by email at clc@hklawacademy.org **on or before Thursday, 19 March 2026**.

6. Applicants who are appointed to deliver selected lecture class(es) physically at ECUPL will be provided with travel expenses and accommodation.

7. For enquiries, please contact the Common Law Centre of the Academy of Law by email at clc@hklawacademy.org or by phone at 2805 9112 or 2805 9111.

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12 March 2026

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Enquiries From Solicitors On Wills, Codicils And Other Testamentary Dispositions

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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
LAI IN HANG (黎燕卿)	24 September 2024	B692551(6)	KING & WOOD MALLESONS
LOW CHUCK (劉卓)	26 July 2023	B692550 (8)	KING & WOOD MALLESONS
KWOK TIM (郭添)	27 December 2025	A735621(0)	LAU & CO., T.C.
LAU HON KEI (劉漢基) Alias HON KEI LAU	18 November 2025	G484249(8)	LO, WONG & TSUI
LI HUIYING (李惠英)	28 October 2025	M252834(2)	KWAN & CHOW
LEUNG YUN (梁任)	16 January 1999	B918741(9)	YUNG, YU, YUEN & CO.

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MAK YAT FU (麥日符) Alias (YAT-FU MAK) Alias (YAT FU MAK)	04 January 2021	B619992(0)	LEE & CO., C.C.
AU YEUNG YUET HO (歐陽月好) Alias (欧阳月好)	09 July 2010	R806633(6) 及 中華人民共和國居民身份證號碼 440623194807185446	CHONG & CO., SOLOMON C.
CHOI SIU YOR (蔡少若)	14 December 2025	A365685(6)	CHENG & LO
LAI MAN NGAN (黎文顏)	24 May 2025	P272847(1)	KOO CHRISTINE M. & IP, SOLICITORS & NOTARIES LLP
CHAN KUN (陳根)	08 April 2015	A729504(1)	WONG SHUM & CO.
SO YAN YIP (蘇恩曄)	01 December 2025	E090215(6)	Gallant
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WONG KING FONG (黃景芳)	30 August 2007	E293727(5)	CFN Lawyers LLP
CHAN PAK CHI (陳伯柱)	12 January 1999	K725693(0)	LAU & CO., T.C.
CHEUNG SHEUNG PING (張尚平) Alias (张尚平)	06 August 2002	D150121(7)	LAU & CO., T.C.
YAU CHI HO PATRICK (邱志豪)	16 February 2026	G903059(9)	CHAU & CO., K.B.
DU LIANGQIANG (杜良强)	28 June 2022	中華人民共和國居民身份證號碼 37232419731127571X	CHOW C.L. & MACKSION CHAN, SOLICITORS
WONG TUNG FONG (黃同芳)	12 February 2024	E180769(6)	CHAK & ASSOCIATES LLP
WONG YIU WAH (黃耀華)	07 May 2021	H115502(6) 及 港澳居民來往內地通行證號碼 H05506613	CHONG & CO., SOLOMON C.

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