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### Law Society: General

CIRCULAR 26-297 (SG)

14 May 2026

## 26-297 (SG) 2026 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

### Election of Council Members

1. The Council election will be held at the Law Society Annual General Meeting (“AGM”) on 28 May 2026.
2. Printed copies of the Postal Ballot papers, Appointment of Proxy forms and the candidates’ statements were dispatched to members on 14 May 2026. These AGM papers together with the FAQs in relation to the completion of forms have been posted on the Law Society website under "Corporate Governance – General Meetings (including AGMs)" in the Members' Zone since 6 May 2026. Any member who has not received the voting papers by 20 May 2026 should contact Ms. Cathy Leung, Senior Administration Officer, by telephone on 2846-0513 or by email at [cathy@hklawsoc.org.hk](mailto:cathy@hklawsoc.org.hk).
3. Members are particularly reminded that:
  - (a) completed Postal Ballot Papers and Appointment of Proxy forms **must be returned to Tricor Investor Services Limited (“Tricor”) as set out in the forms and NOT to the Law Society;**
  - (b) the completed Postal Ballot Papers and Appointment of Proxy forms must be returned to Tricor not later than 6:15 p.m. on 25 May 2026 and not later than 6:15 p.m. on 26 May 2026 respectively; and
  - (c) only original signed Postal Ballot Papers and Appointment of Proxy forms delivered to Tricor in compliance with the time limits as set out in the forms will be accepted. In returning the forms, members may make use of the prepaid return envelope delivered with the forms.
4. **The candidates’ election statements and/or videos have been posted on the Law Society website under "Corporate Governance – General Meetings (including AGMs)" in the Members' Zone.**



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### Law Society: General

CIRCULAR 26-298 (PA)

14 May 2026

## **26-298 (PA) DEDICATED SPECIAL PANEL OF MEDIATORS FOR COMMODITIES MARKET DISPUTES UNDER THE FRAMEWORK OF THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MEDIATION**

### **INDICATION OF INTEREST**

1. On 7 May 2026, the Financial Secretary, the Hon Paul Chan Mo-po, GBM, GBS, MH, JP announced that Hong Kong would explore the establishment of a dedicated special panel of mediators for international commodities disputes in order to reinforce Hong Kong's position as a regional hub for metals trading, yuan-denominated commodities products and physical gold storage.
2. Following the above announcement of the Financial Secretary, Professor Teresa Cheng Yeuk-wah, Secretary-General of the International Organization for Mediation ("IOMed") also announced in the Global Mediation Summit on 8 May 2026 that the IOMed, the Government and other stakeholders were exploring the establishment of a dedicated special panel of mediators for commodities market disputes under the IOMed framework. It was emphasised that the above panel aimed to provide specialised mediators for disputes arising across the commodities value chain, from upstream to downstream activities.
3. Members and law firms with experience in commodities-related practice or mediation are invited to indicate their interest and share their views and insights by emailing the Law Society at [mediation@hklawsoc.org.hk](mailto:mediation@hklawsoc.org.hk) by 29 May 2026. Those who wish to enquire about the proposed panel or obtain further information on the establishment and implementation are likewise invited to do so by the same date.



***Index Reference :***

**Law Society: Cessation of  
Practice**

**CIRCULAR 26-299 (COM)**

**14 May 2026**

**26-299 (COM) CESSATION OF PRACTICE  
(HONG KONG FIRM OF SOLICITORS)**

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

<b>Firm Name</b>	<b>Date of Cessation</b>	<b>Contact Details The Agent</b>
FRANCES IP & CO., SOLICITORS (葉鳳仙律師事務所)	10 January 2026	<b>GLORIA CHAN &amp; CO.</b> Tel. No.: 2815-1199 Fax No.: 3158-0118 Contact person: Ms. CHAN Pui Yin Gloria



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**Law Society: Commencement  
of Practice**

**CIRCULAR 26-300 (COM)**

**14 May 2026**

**26-300 (COM) COMMENCEMENT OF PRACTICE  
(HONG KONG FIRMS OF SOLICITORS)**

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

<b>Firm Name</b>	<b>Date of Commencement of Practice</b>
NG & CHENG LAWYERS LLP (吳鄭律師事務所有限法律責任合夥)	13 March 2026
CHARMAINE YIM LAWYERS (嚴穎欣律師事務所)	1 April 2026
C L TAN & ASSOCIATES (陳珠萊律師事務所)	22 April 2026

<b>Total number of firms</b>	<b>New Firms in March 2026</b>
929	3



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***Law Society: General***

**CIRCULAR 26-301 (COM)**

**14 May 2026**

**26-301 (COM) RENEWAL OF CERTIFICATE OF  
REGISTRATION  
AS A FOREIGN LAWYER AND FOREIGN FIRM  
2026/2027  
(Repeat Circular)**

**Online Platform**

1. The Law Society introduced an online platform for the renewal of Certificates of Registration as a Foreign Lawyer in 2024. The platform enables foreign lawyers to submit annual renewal applications and to settle payment online by credit card (i.e. VISA, Mastercard or Union Pay) or via the Faster Payment System (FPS).
2. Under the online platform, foreign lawyers may authorise their firms to make payments on their behalf in connection with the renewal application.
3. To access the online platform and to receive application and payment confirmations, foreign lawyers and firms must have registered their Correspondence Email with the Law Society. Please refer to “General Introduction to Online Applications (Foreign Lawyers)” for detailed information on the online application process.
4. Please note that the online application procedure for foreign firms applying for annual renewal will not be implemented this year. If you have any enquiries on the application formalities, please contact the Registration Section by email at [foreign@hklawsoc.org.hk](mailto:foreign@hklawsoc.org.hk).

**Correspondence Email**

5. Foreign lawyers who have not yet registered their Correspondence Email with the Law Society are requested to update their details via the “Change of Personal Particulars Form” available in the Members’ Zone of the Law Society’s website.



6. Firms may register or update their Correspondence Email by completing the “Notification of Changes to a Practice (LP4)” (if applicable), or by email at [regist@hklawsoc.org.hk](mailto:regist@hklawsoc.org.hk).
7. For enquiries relating to the registration or updating of Correspondence Email, please contact the Registration Section at [regist@hklawsoc.org.hk](mailto:regist@hklawsoc.org.hk).

### Paper Forms

8. In parallel, the Law Society will continue to issue paper application forms for the renewal of Certificates of Registration to all foreign lawyers and foreign firms. The paper forms have been dispatched on or around 2 April 2026.
9. Representatives of foreign firms and foreign lawyers who intend to use paper forms should contact the Registration Section at [foreign@hklawsoc.org.hk](mailto:foreign@hklawsoc.org.hk) if the paper forms have not been received.
10. Foreign lawyers who are currently outside Hong Kong are encouraged to make use of the online renewal platform, where practicable, to avoid any potential delay associated with postal delivery.

### Submission of Application and Payment

11. All paper and online applications for renewal of Certificates of Registration must be submitted to the Law Society on or before the statutory deadline of **15 May 2026**.
12. Pursuant to Section 1 and the Schedule to the Foreign Lawyers Registration (Fees) Rules (Cap. 159U), the fee for renewal of a Certificate of Registration as a Foreign Lawyer and the fee for renewal of a Certificate of Registration as a Foreign Firm, effective from 1 July 2026, are HK\$9,000 and HK\$12,000 respectively.
13. Foreign lawyers remain personally responsible for the submission of renewal applications and the timely settlement of fees. Foreign lawyers and firms are reminded to access the Members' Zone of the Law Society's website to check any items marked as “Outstanding Payment” and to ensure that all payments are settled on or before **15 May 2026**.



### Consequence of Late Submission

14. Applications received by the Law Society after 15 May 2026 may result in the following:-
  - (a) the renewal applications may not be processed before 1 July 2026; and
  - (b) the issuance of a 2026/2027 Certificate of Registration which will be valid for less than one calendar year, i.e. from the date of issue until 30 June 2027.
15. The Law Society takes a serious view of late renewal of Certificates of Registration. Late submissions will be referred to the Conduct Section for investigation.
16. Rule 6(1) of the Foreign Lawyers Registration Rules (Cap. 159S) provides that a Certificate of Registration as a Foreign Lawyer is subject to the condition that there shall be in existence at all times a policy of insurance under which the foreign lawyer is entitled to be indemnified, in respect of services rendered by him/her while acting or practising as a foreign lawyer, in a manner and to the extent similar to the indemnity provided to a solicitor under the fund established under [section 3 of the Solicitors \(Professional Indemnity\) Rules \(Cap. 159M\)](#). If at any time there is no such policy in existence, the foreign lawyer's registration shall be deemed to have been suspended.



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### Professional Indemnity Scheme

CIRCULAR 26-302 (PA)

14 May 2026

## 26-302 (PA) PROFESSIONAL INDEMNITY SCHEME CONTRIBUTION REDUCTION INDEMNITY YEAR 2026/2027

1. Pursuant to paragraph 2(7)(a) of Schedule 1 to the Solicitors (Professional Indemnity) Rules Cap 159M (“Rules”), the Council has resolved to reduce the total contributions payable by law firms in respect of the renewal of professional indemnity cover for the 2026/27 indemnity year by **90%**.
2. The debit notes that member firms will receive between late August and early September 2026 will reflect the contribution reduction for the indemnity year 2026/27, as resolved above. In addition, ESSAR Insurance Services Limited (“ESSAR”) will send an Explanatory Note on how the reduction is calculated.
3. Any enquiries regarding the calculations should be directed to ESSAR. The details are as follows:

**Ms. Pamela Poon, Scheme Administrator**  
**ESSAR Insurance Services Ltd.,**  
**34/F, One Island East, Taikoo Place,**  
**18 Westlands Road, Quarry Bay, Hong Kong**  
**Telephone no.: 2862 4251 (direct line), 2861 6666 (general)**

4. Members should note that the possibility of a contribution reduction is reviewed by the Council annually, and there is no guarantee that a reduction will be made in any particular year. The decision depends on various factors, including the actuarial projection of the Fund's liabilities, as well as the Fund's actual investment returns and claims experience.



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**Law Society : General**

**CIRCULAR 26-303 (SG)**

**14 May 2026**

**26-303 (SG) GRAND OPENING OF NEW OFFICE AND  
119<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF  
THE INCORPORATION OF THE LAW SOCIETY  
FREE COFFEE/TEA AT THE COFFEE CORNER  
(EXTENDED TO 29 May 2026)  
(Repeat Circular)**

1. The Grand Opening of our new office premises, together with the 119<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the incorporation of The Law Society, was successfully held on 8<sup>th</sup> April 2026.
2. The free coffee or tea benefit will be extended to 29 May 2026 (inclusive). Each member may enjoy one (1) cup of free coffee or tea per day at the Coffee Corner of the Law Society's office premises at 26/F, The Center, 99 Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong.
3. Members may present their members' QR code on The Law Society new mobile application at The Coffee Corner during its operating hours, from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. (subject to change), Monday to Friday, excluding public holidays, to enjoy the above arrangement.
4. Please download the new mobile application from the relevant app stores.





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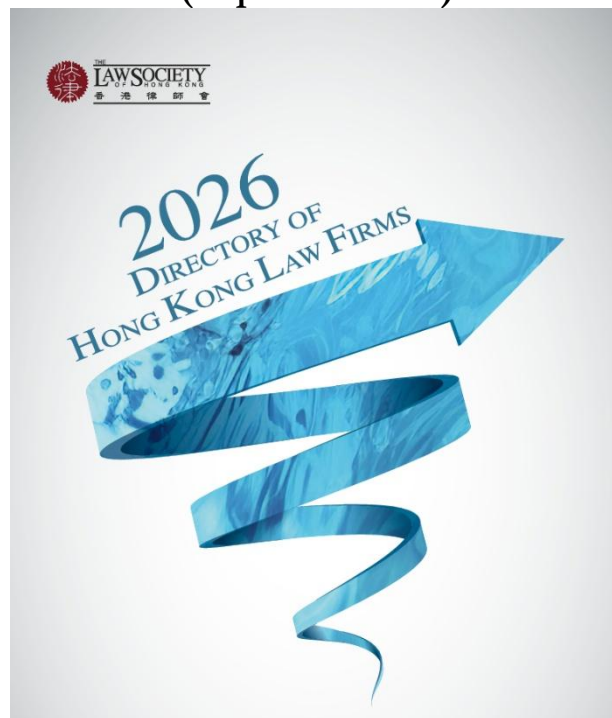
**Law Society: General**

CIRCULAR 26-304 (MS)

14 May 2026

**26-304 (MS) DIRECTORY OF HONG KONG LAW FIRMS 2026**

**Call for Application**  
**Online Application Deadline: Monday, 8 June 2026**  
**(Repeat Circular)**



1. The Law Society will be publishing the Directory of Hong Kong Law Firms 2026. The Directory is a Law Society publication which is made available in both hard copy and online to facilitate the public in identifying law firms which are published in the Directory and knowing the services they provide.



2. The Law Society also has a [website](#) with listings of firms offering 45-minute preliminary free legal consultation (the “FLC services”) to the public. The FLC service will be highlighted in the printed version of the Directory.
3. If your firm is interested in making an entry to the Directory or wishes to enter a listing on the website of FLC services, please click [here](#) to apply on or before **Monday, 8 June 2026**. Please access the online application platform with your law firm’s login IDs and passwords for the Members’ Zone. If you have lost your law firm’s login information, you may click [here](#) to retrieve the existing login details (please select “Firm” for “Member Type”). The Law Society will handle your request or enquiry as soon as possible.
4. The listing fee per branch listing in the Directory is HK\$300 and the fee per branch listing of FLC service is HK\$100 (printed and website versions inclusive). If your firm has submitted an entry to the Directory, the fee for listing in the FLC service for the same branch will be waived. Any subsequent request for amendments to the Directory will be subject to an administrative charge of HK\$100 per amendment. You may refer to the Application Page for more information about listings and charges.
5. If you have any enquiries, please feel free to contact us on [directory@hklawsoc.org.hk](mailto:directory@hklawsoc.org.hk) or 2846 0530.



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### Property

CIRCULAR 26-305 (PA)

14 May 2026

## **26-305 (PA) PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS FOR PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS (“PAPT”) FOR SALE & PURCHASE OF PROPERTIES (“S&P”)**

### **PRACTICAL WORKSHOP**

1. Reference is made to [Circular 26-100\(PA\)](#).
2. The Hong Kong Association of Banks (“HKAB”) is organising a practical workshop on Payment Arrangements for Property Transactions (“PAPT”) For Sale & Purchase of Properties (“S&P”). Details are as follows:

<b>Date</b>	Thursday, 21 May 2026
<b>Time</b>	12:00 n.n. – 1:00 p.m.
<b>Language</b>	Cantonese, supplemented by English where appropriate
<b>Target Audience</b>	Members of the Law Society of Hong Kong and their staff engaged in conveyancing work are invited to join
<b>Format</b>	Hybrid In person at Hong Kong Monetary Authority, Room 5603 at IFC, 8 Finance Street, Central, Hong Kong, or online via Zoom webinar
<b>Agenda</b>	1. Presentation by bank representatives, covering detailed, practical guides on how to update the relevant legal documents and workflows, and illustration of sample bank documents 2. Q&A
<b>Fee</b>	Admission is free



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<b>Enquiries</b>	Ms Bianca Luk / Ms Jacqueline Pok (tel. 2521 1169, email: <a href="mailto:info@hkab.org.hk">info@hkab.org.hk</a> )
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3. For members and their staff who are interested in participating in the practical workshop **in person**, please complete and return the [Excel Form](#) to the HKAB via email ([info@hkab.org.hk](mailto:info@hkab.org.hk)) by 19 May 2026 (Tuesday).
4. For members and their staff who are interested in participating in the practical workshop **via zoom webinar**, please click [here](#) for registration by 19 May 2026 (Tuesday).



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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
LEE SUN KEI (李新基)	13 January 2025	H048654(1)	HA AND HO
LIU YUK KIU (廖玉嬌) Alias LIU KIU (廖嬌) Alias MAK LIU YUK KIU	23 December 2021	B228291(2)	CHOW C.L. & MACKSION CHAN, SOLICITORS
MOK YAU KEUNG (莫有強)	27 October 2008	H351101(6)	NG & COMPANY, PAUL



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HOMEPAGE (網頁) : <http://www.hklawsoc.org.hk>

MA WAI HING (馬偉興)	Discovery on 29 June 2025	R106850(3)	CHIANG ANTHONY & PARTNERS
NG YING KIT (吳英杰)	26 April 2007	B724375(3)	FOO AND LI
POON LUNG CHUNG (潘濃頌)	17 March 2025	A722864(6)	CHONG & CO., SOLOMON C.
FONG FRANCES (方寶儀) Alias (LEE FONG FRANCES) Alias (李方寶琰)	21 March 2026	E490686(5)	CHEN & CO., CARINA SOLICITORS
CHAN HON SHEUNG (陳漢相)	15 March 2026	A035077(2)	CHUI AND LAU SOLICITORS
LUI NGUN FOON (廖銀歡) Alias (廖银欢)	02 October 2025	B934218(A) 及 港澳居民來往內地通行 證號碼 H06117207	HO K.C. & FONG
TANG HOI WAH (鄧海華) Alias (邓海华)	15 April 1997	A100828(8)	LIU ALVAN & PARTNERS



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陈梅金	21 November 2023	中華人民共和國公民身 份證 350127193610106363	LIU ALVAN & PARTNERS
林瑞嫻	10 April 2019	中華人民共和國公民身 份證 440621192606123124	LIU ALVAN & PARTNERS
TOWN SHOWER (湯曉華) Alias SHOWER SHOW-HWA TOWN Alias TANG SHOW-HWA Alias SHOWER S.H. TOWN Alias S.H. TOWN	14 August 2010	A085021(A)	DEACONS
ANGELA KA-YEE CHIU (招嘉儀)	09 February 2026	D410551(7)	LING & LAWYERS
KU NGOK (顧萼)	29 March 2021	H304330(6)	SHUM WONG & CO., SOLICITORS



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KUO TING-TZU (郭廷梓)	02 August 2018	中華民國國民身份證號 碼 J100549252 及 中華民國護照號碼 130201692 (former passport number) 及 中華民國護照號碼 301329905 (current passport number)	HOM & ASSOCIATES
LI LAI YEUNG (李禮讓)	06 August 2015	D152327(A)	YU SUN YAU MAK & LAWYERS
李宏騫	12 August 2011	中華人民共和國居民身 份證 440105192310013914	YU SUN YAU MAK & LAWYERS
万媚	10 April 2017	中華人民共和國居民身 份證 442527192207201687	YU SUN YAU MAK & LAWYERS
黃慰欢	21 April 2009	中華人民共和國居民身 份證 442527193209056027	YU SUN YAU MAK & LAWYERS
周月清	04 October 2023	中華人民共和國居民身 份證 442527192907116010	YU SUN YAU MAK & LAWYERS