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Law Society: Cessation of Practice

CIRCULAR 26-350 (COM)

4 June 2026

**26-350 (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
PAUL C.W. TSE & CO. (謝燦華律師行)	1 June 2026	HASTINGS & CO. Tel. No.: 2523-9161 Fax No.: 2845-9266 Contact person: Mr. YUNG Ching Tat

Total number of firms	New Firms in April 2026
928	2



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**Law Society: Cessation of
Practice**

CIRCULAR 26-351 (COM)

4 June 2026

**26-351 (COM) CESSATION OF PRACTICE
(REGISTERED FOREIGN FIRM)**

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

Firm Name	Date of Cessation	Contact Details The Agent
CHINA COMMERCIAL (HONG KONG) LAW FIRM (廣東華商(香港)律師事務所)	20 May 2026	CHINA COMMERCIAL (HONG KONG) LAW FIRM (廣東華商(香港)律師事務所) Tel. No.: 2115-9525 Fax No.: 2115-3022 Contact person: Mr. Yu Pui Hang



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Law Society: General

CIRCULAR 26-352 (PA)

4 June 2026

26-352 (PA) PROPERTY

Stamp Duty (Amendment) Ordinance 2026

1. The Inland Revenue Department informed the Law Society that the Stamp Duty (Amendment) Ordinance 2026 (“Amendment Ordinance”) has been published in the gazette on 29 May 2026 (“Gazettal Date”). The Amendment Ordinance increases the ad valorem stamp duty (“AVD”) rate for instruments of **residential property** with value above \$100,000,000 from 4.25% to 6.5% with effect from **26 February 2026** (“Effective Date”).
2. Regarding instruments of residential property with value above \$100,000,000 executed on or after the Effective Date and already stamped before the Gazettal Date, the time for paying additional stamp duty, that is the difference between AVD calculated at the rates of 4.25% and 6.5%, is within **30 days commencing immediately after the Gazettal Date**.
3. Please click [here](#) for a copy of letter from the Inland Revenue Department dated 21 May 2026 for more details.



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CIRCULAR 26-353 (PA)

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26-353 (PA) PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS FOR PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS (“PAPT”) – SALE AND PURCHASE OF RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES (“S&P”)

1. Reference is made to [Circular 26-337\(PA\)](#) on the practical workshop held on 21 May 2026.
2. The Hong Kong Association of Banks (“HKAB”) provided video recordings of the practical workshop on HKAB website and Youtube channel. Members may click the below links for reference:
 - a. [HKAB PAPT webpage](#); and
 - b. [Practical Workshop on PAPT for S&P 20260521](#).



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Law Society: General

CIRCULAR 26-354 (PA)

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26-354 (PA) “SCAMETER+” APP

1. The Cyber Security and Technology Crime Bureau of the Hong Kong Police Force has upgraded Scameter+ (防騙視伏 App) to raise public awareness of online scams and strengthen protection against scams. The enhanced app now features advanced AI-powered technologies, helping users quickly identify different types of scams and stay informed about the evolving fraud tactics with the campaign message: “AI protection, smart scam detection.”
2. Please refer to the [Scameter webpage](#) and the [leaflet](#) for further information.



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CIRCULAR 26-355 (PA)

4 June 2026

26-355 (PA) PROPERTY

LANDS DEPARTMENT PRACTICE NOTE NO.2/2026

1. The Lands Department on 29 May 2026 issued the Practice Note No.2/2026 on "*Pilot Scheme on "Pay for What You Build"*".
2. Please click the following link for:
[Practice Note No.2/2026](#)



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**Courts: Practice & Procedure &
Judiciary**

CIRCULAR 26-356 (PA)

4 June 2026

26-356 (PA) JUDICIARY

Contact Details as at 1 June 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
 - Criminal appeals and appeals from magistrates' courts - Room G28, G/F
 - (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 26-317 (PA) is deleted.



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**Courts: Practice & Procedure &
Judiciary**

CIRCULAR 26-357 (PA)

4 June 2026

26-357 (PA) DISTRICT COURT

**Duty Judges
4 June 2026 to 2 August 2026**

1. The roster of Duty Judges in the District Court for the period of **4 June 2026 to 2 August 2026** is as follows:

Weeks in 2026	Duty Judge
4 June to 7 June 2026	HH Judge Harold Leong
8 June to 14 June 2026	HH Judge K.C. Chan
15 June to 21 June 2026	Deputy Judge Peter Yu
22 June to 28 June 2026	HH Judge Clement Lee
29 June to 5 July 2026	HH Judge A. Yim
6 July to 12 July 2026	HH Judge Phillis Loh
13 July to 19 July 2026	HH Judge A.N. Tse Ching
20 July to 26 July 2026	HH Judge Stanley Chan
27 July to 2 August 2026	HH Judge E. Lin

2. The Duty Judge can be contacted at this mobile phone number 9137 9004 for the specified period to deal with urgent applications and countersigning Form 4 / Form 7 under the Mental Health Ordinance, Cap. 136, after court hours.
3. Any messages left on the Duty Judge's mobile phone may be unattended until some time later. **Members should only use the designated mobile phone in case of urgency after court hours.**
4. Members are advised that there could be last-minute changes to the above roster. On the other hand, the 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.
5. Circular 26-250 (PA) is superseded.



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Law Society: General

CIRCULAR 26-358 (SG)

4 June 2026

26-358 (SG) INDICATION OF INTEREST TO JOIN LAW SOCIETY COMMITTEES AND WORKING PARTIES

1. One of the ways for members to contribute to the work of the Law Society is through active participation in the Law Society committees and working parties.
2. The Council is the governing body of the Law Society. Under the Council, there are six Standing Committees:
 - (a) **Compliance** deals with the regulatory and administrative aspects of the profession;
 - (b) **External Affairs** manages the Law Society's professional, media and community relations;
 - (c) **Member Services** enhances members' interests and benefits;
 - (d) **Policy and Resources** is responsible for policy co-ordination and management of the Law Society's resources and budget;
 - (e) **Practitioners Affairs** deals with law reforms and policies affecting the legal profession;
 - (f) **Standards and Development** maintains standards of professional practice through formulation of practice rules and training and oversees the CPD Scheme and the Overseas Lawyers Qualification Examination.

Under each Standing Committee, there are different committees and working parties responsible for specific tasks within the remit of the Standing Committee.

3. Co-option of members used to be done for individual committees and working parties at different times of the year.
4. To enable members to have an overall view of the committees and working parties that are open to co-option applications, a Circular inviting indications of interest to join any of the committees and working parties listed in the Circular will be issued on the first Monday of March and June.
5. Regular appointments to committees and working parties will be made in October every year. There may also be ad hoc appointments to certain committees and working parties during the year (e.g. where a causal vacancy arises as a result of the retirement of a member).



6. Indications of interest received in response to a co-option Circular during the year will be collated for consideration in the first co-option exercise that follows the receipt of indications. All information received will be retained until the completion of that co-option exercise. The conduct history and disciplinary records of the applicants may also be reviewed in the co-option process.

7. Please click [here](#) for a list of the committees and working parties and their terms of reference. If you are interested in joining any of them at the next co-option exercise, please return the [Reply Slip](#) together with the necessary supporting documents in accordance with the instructions set out on the reply slip.



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Law Society: Property

CIRCULAR 26-359 (PA)

4 June 2026

**26-359 (PA) SETTLEMENT OF RATES AND/OR
GOVERNMENT RENT
AT THE TIME OF CONVEYANCE AND UPDATING OF
NEW PROPERTY OWNERS' PARTICULARS**

1. The Rating and Valuation Department ("RVD") asked The Law Society to draw members' attention to the following:
 - the owner's responsibility to settle rates and/or Government rent as demanded and the points to note when purchasing a property ([Annex 1 and enclosed leaflet \(RVD1054\)](#)); and
 - the benefit of eRVD Bill service ([Annex 2](#)) which is convenient and environmentally friendly (RVD website: www.rvd.gov.hk).
2. According to the RVD, it is important to note that the Government is entitled to take back the property under the Government Rights (Re-entry and Vesting Remedies) Ordinance (Cap. 126) for any outstanding Government rents including those accrued prior to the sale of the property.
3. Please click [here](#) for the letter from RVD which provides the above information and further details.



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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
LAM SHEK CHUN (林石進)	18 December 2012	B534513(3) 及 港澳居民來往內地通 行證號碼 H0651593900	TAM & CO., KENT
LEE WOOD (李活)	07 April 2020	B622301(5) 及 港澳居民來往內地通 行證號碼 H0912879200	TAM & CO., KENT
CHUN SUE KWAN (秦少群)	23 January 2026	B619891(6)	HUEN & CHEUNG



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TANG SIK HON ALLAN (鄧錫漢) Alias TANG SEK HON Alias (邓锡汉)	14 April 2026	A667881(8) 及 港澳居民來往內地通 行證號碼 H09472656	HO AND WONG
LEE TSZ FAI (李子輝)	Certified dead on 12 September 2024	Y442752(A)	AU-YEUNG, CHAN & HO, SOLICITORS
LAW SHUK FONG (羅淑芳)	08 September 2024	B270236(9)	AU-YEUNG, CHAN & HO, SOLICITORS
NG SIU PIK (吳紹碧)	02 July 2002	C040499(1)	AU-YEUNG, CHAN & HO, SOLICITORS
CHUNG SIU PUN (鍾少斌)	Certified dead on 10 February 2026	H100282(3)	KONG & LAM, SOLICITORS
WONG YIU WING (王曜榮)	09 October 2017	G318195(1)	KONG & LAM, SOLICITORS
YAN HOI MAN (甄開民) Alias (甄开民)	11 April 2012	B319609(2)	YUNG, YU, YUEN & CO.



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LI KAM SHEUNG (李錦嫦)	07 August 2019	P942140(1)	YUNG, YU, YUEN & CO.
LIP PING (聶萍)	13 July 2024	B057406(1)	YUNG, YU, YUEN & CO.
LAM LING SHAN (林令山)	Discovery on 9 March 2025	K128465(7)	CHIANG ANTHONY & PARTNERS
TANG HING CHUEN (鄧興全) Alias (邓兴全)	27 November 2008	C322349(1)	CHOW C.L. & MACKSION CHAN, SOLICITORS
NG MOI (吳妹)	20 November 2015	A125898(5)	GALLANT
LEUNG TIM (梁添)	12 February 2005	A125897(7)	GALLANT
CHOI CHOR KWONG (蔡楚光)	04 April 2026	E267405(3)	TAM & PARTNERS



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TO CHUI WAN (杜翠雲)	13 June 2016	R030000(3)	TAM & PARTNERS
HO KING YIN (何景賢)	04 March 2026	B655179(9)	CLY LAWYERS
CHAN MEI SZE (陳美思)	Certified dead on 26 March 2026	C673600(7)	LEUNG & CO., JOHNNY K.K.
CHEUNG SHING (張成)	16 November 2003	B586357(6)	YU SUN YAU MAK & LAWYERS
WONG SUN KEUNG (黃新強)	15 April 2026	D392823(4) 及 港澳居民來往內地通 行證號碼 H07639885	TANG & CO., K.M.
WONG SHUN PAK (黃舜柏)	Certified dead on 9 February 2026	B957065(4)	WONG, HUI & CO.
CHENG CHUN KIU (鄭春嬌)	25 June 2018	P827941(5)	AU-YEUNG, CHENG, HO & TIN