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**Law Society: Cessation of
Practice**

CIRCULAR 26-418 (COM)

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**26-418 (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
W.F. KWOK & CO. (郭榮豐律師行)	30 June 2026	For files of the closed firm with reference of "BK" at the highest order. TANG, LEE & CO. LLP Tel. No.: 3848-8678 Fax No.: 3619-7456 Contact person: Mr. KWOK Wing Fung
		For files of the closed firm with reference of "JY" at the highest order. C.O. YU & Co. SOLICITORS LLP Tel. No.: 2116-1902 Fax No.: 2116-1909 Contact person: Mr. CHAN Lap Ip

Total number of firms	New Firm in May 2026
930	0



Index Reference :

Property

CIRCULAR 26-(PA)

9 July 2026

26-419 (PA) HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME SECONDARY MARKET SCHEME

Special Arrangements for Wang Fuk Court residents

1. Reference is made to Circular [26-21 \(PA\)](#) of 8 January 2026.
2. In order to enable affected families of Wang Fuk Court (“WFC”) to arrange their long-term accommodation in a flexible manner, and as part of the long-term housing arrangements for residents of WFC, the Hong Kong Housing Authority (“HKHA”) endorsed in March 2026 to grant concerned owners of WFC flats (“the WFC Applicants”) Green Form Status for a period of two years upon selling their titles in WFC flats to the Government and receiving the acquisition payment, allowing them to purchase Subsidised Sale Flats (“SSF”) in the secondary market.

Please click [here](#) for a letter of HKHA dated 2 July 2026 on the above special arrangements.
3. HKHA in the above letter also states that “... the WFC Applicants would be **exempted** from making the requisite declaration in **Part B** of the "Declaration in Support of the Application for a Letter of Nomination for Sale of Flats under Home Ownership Scheme Secondary Market Scheme" (HD891) in the course of making an application for the Letter of Nomination and the purchase of an SSF. The WFC Applicants may use the current version of HD 891 (Rev. 01/2026) with Part B struck out and initialled by them (as per the enclosed sample HD 891) for such purpose.”
4. If members have any queries, please contact Mr. Kenneth TSANG of HKHA (for Green Form Status) at 3162 0680 or Mr. YAU of HKHA (for White Form Secondary Market Scheme) at 2794 5504.



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Professional Indemnity Scheme

CIRCULAR 26-420 (PA)

9 July 2026

26-420 (PA) PROFESSIONAL INDEMNITY SCHEME ("PIS")

**Application for Indemnity Form ("AI") and Gross Fee Income Report
("GFIR") to be submitted online
on or before Saturday, 15 August 2026 5:30 p.m.**

The professional indemnity cover for all Hong Kong law firms for the 2025/2026 indemnity year will expire on Wednesday, 30 September 2026.

1. Renewal Forms

To renew indemnity, principals of law firms are required to submit an AI and a GFIR (except for new law firms, see paragraph 2(f) below) online via the PIS Digital Platform ("Platform") to the Scheme Manager, ESSAR Insurance Services Ltd. ("ESSAR") under rule 8 of the Solicitors (Professional Indemnity) Rules (Cap. 159M) ("Rules").

A notification email will be sent to the designated principal of each law firm from "do-not-reply@riskconnect.com" regarding the renewal of the 2026/2027 indemnity year via the Platform in Mid-July 2026.

All Hong Kong law firms are required to complete and submit the AI and GFIR (as a scanned (black and white) copy attachment to the AI) executed in accordance with paragraph 2(a)(ii) below to ESSAR via the Platform online **on or before 15 August 2026 at 5:30 p.m.**, for the renewal of their indemnity for the 2026/2027 indemnity year, which commences on 1 October 2026. No physical/ hard copy or other forms will be accepted by ESSAR.

For enquiries on the Platform, please contact:

ESSAR Insurance Services Ltd
Ms. Pamela Poon, Scheme Administrator (direct line: +852 2862-4251); or
Ms. Erica Kwok, Assistant Scheme Administrator (direct line: +852 2861-6300)
34/F, One Island East, Taikoo Place
18 Westlands Road, Quarry Bay, Hong Kong
Telephone no.: +852 2861-6666 (general)



2. The procedure for submitting the AI and GFIR (together the “Documents”) online

a) Execution of the Documents

- (i) The AI must be signed by a principal of the law firm.
- (ii) The GFIR must:
 - (1) be signed by a **Certified Public Accountant (Practising) (“CPA”) reporting the gross fee income of the law firm’s Practice for the immediately preceding accounting year of not less than twelve (12) months;**
 - (2) be issued under the **letterhead of a CPA firm;**
 - (3) specify the **CPA’s full name and Practising Certificate number (at the signature block of the GFIR);**

If this is the law firm’s first time submitting a GFIR, the GFIR should cover the gross fee income of the law firm’s Practice from its commencement date and for not less than twelve (12) months.

If the law firm has changed its accounting year end, the GFIR should cover the period from the law firm’s last reported accounting year end to the immediately preceding new accounting year end.

The Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants informed its members through its Circular in May 2022 to utilize the updated GFIR for the purpose of rule 8 of the Rules. The sample wording of the GFIR will be available for downloading when a law firm accesses its AI online.

b) Date of Submission: After 31 July 2026 and on or before 15 August 2026

- (i) The AI requires a law firm to state the name(s) of the solicitor(s) and foreign lawyer(s) practising under the law firm’s name as at 31 July 2026. This is because under paragraph 2(1)(a) of Schedule 1 to the Rules, with the exception of new law firms, ESSAR will calculate the amount of annual contribution based on the number of solicitors and foreign lawyers on that date. To ensure that accurate information will be provided to ESSAR, law firms should submit the AI online after 31 July 2026.
- (ii) If law firms choose to submit the AI online before 31 July 2026, **it is important that ESSAR be notified of any change in the composition of solicitors and foreign lawyers in the law firm between the date of online submission of the AI and 31 July 2026.**
- (iii) **Under rule 8(1) of the Rules, the last day to submit the Documents is Saturday, 15 August 2026.**



c) Failure to submit the Documents by the statutory deadline of 15 August 2026

Failure to comply with rule 8 is a breach of the Rules. Any failure shall be considered by the Working Party on PIS Gross Fee Income Reports and Contributions (“Working Party”) with recommendations to the Council to take appropriate action.

d) Documents are to be submitted ONLINE ONLY via the Platform

Do NOT send physical or hard copies of the Documents to ESSAR or the Law Society.

e) Application for an Extension of Time: To be sent to The Law Society

If for any reason a law firm is not able to meet the statutory deadline of 15 August 2026, the law firm should make a **PRIOR** application to the Council for an extension of time to submit the Documents, **setting out (i) the period of time extension required and (ii) the reasons for requiring it.** All applications should be addressed to the **Assistant Director, Professional Indemnity Scheme, at The Law Society of Hong Kong, 26/F, The Center, 99 Queen's Road Central, Central, Hong Kong.** Applications should be made **on or before 6 August 2026** as there is **no guarantee** that applications received after this date can be considered by the Working Party before the statutory deadline of 15 August 2026.

f) New Law Firms or Law Firms without the first set of Audited Accounts

A new law firm, i.e. a law firm which commenced practice after 15 August 2025 or a law firm which has not had its first set of accounts audited, will not need to submit a GFIR by 15 August 2026. It must, however, submit an AI online via the Platform by 15 August 2026 to comply with rule 8(1) of the Rules. The new law firm will not need to state the amount of gross fee income in the AI. Pursuant to paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 1 to the Rules, the new law firm will pay a basic average contribution for the PIS renewal for the 2026/2027 indemnity year.

g) Law Firms intending to Cease Practice

Any law firm which intends to cease Practice prior to the commencement of the 2026/2027 indemnity year must comply with Practice Direction D7 of the Law Society Practice Directions. In particular, for the purpose of professional indemnity cover, the law firm **must give notice of cessation to ESSAR at least 8 weeks prior to 30 September 2026.** If the notice period ends on a date after 30 September 2026, the law firm may be required to pay contribution for the whole of the 2026/2027 indemnity year subject to any adjustment to be made upon cessation of Practice.



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3. An email regarding the PIS renewal 2026/2027 has been sent to the designated email address of the designated principal of each law firm on 9 July 2026 by the Law Society. Members are reminded to take note that the email will be sent from “adpis_group@hklawsoc.org.hk”.



Index Reference :

Law Society: General

CIRCULAR 26-421 (FA)

9 July 2026

**26-421 (FA) HONG KONG ECONOMIC AND TRADE OFFICE
IN BEIJING, CHENGDU, GUANGDONG, SHANGHAI AND
WUHAN**

**BJETO, CDETO, GDETO, SHETO & WHETO Newsletters –
July 2026**

1. The BJETO, CDETO, GDETO, SHETO and WHETO Newsletters are regular publications by the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Offices in Guangdong, Shanghai, Chengdu and Wuhan containing the latest information on the Chinese Mainland commercial and trade-related policies, laws and regulations and the economic and trade activities in Beijing, Chengdu, Guangdong, Shanghai and Wuhan.
2. Please click the following links for the July 2026 Edition (in Chinese only):
["BJETO" Newsletter](#)
["CDETO" Newsletter](#)
["GDETO" Newsletter](#)
["SHETO" Newsletter](#)
["WHETO" Newsletter](#)



9 July 2026

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
LAU BING YAN (劉炳寅)	Certified dead on 19 April 2010	A744472(1)	YU SUN YAU MAK & LAWYERS
(梁亞意)	15 June 2011	中華人民共和國居民身份 証號碼 440103193402253925	YU SUN YAU MAK & LAWYERS
(陈瑞均)	23 February 2022	中華人民共和國居民身份 証號碼 440103193411163913	YU SUN YAU MAK & LAWYERS
WONG HUNG BUN (王鴻斌) Alias (王鴻斌)	26 August 2004	P822320(7)	YU SUN YAU MAK & LAWYERS



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HUI GEORGE (許佐之)	19 October 2025	E929329(2)	CHONG & CO., SOLOMON C.
CHOW LEE PENG (曹麗蘋) Alias LEE PENG CHOW	27 February 2026	P493967(4)	AU-YEUNG, CHENG, HO & TIN
LAU CHUN LAN (劉春蘭) Alias (刘春兰)	Discovery on 15 January 2024	P869683(0) 及 港澳居民來往內地通行証 H03133977	SHEA & CO., DAMIEN SOLICITORS
TSE KWAI SIU (謝葵笑)	27 November 2008	B594361(8)	YUNG, YU, YUEN & CO.
CHONG NIN HO (莊年好)	Certified dead on 28 December 2025	E795456(9)	SHUM WONG & CO., SOLICITORS
LI YUNYING (李云英)	28 December 2025	R647201(9) 及 港澳居民來往內地通行証 H60579820	KONG & TANG
YUAN YONGHE (原永合)	22 November 2025	F036330(4)	YEUNG TERRY & LAI



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SHEN XIAOXIAN
(沈小闲)

03 June 2024

中華人民共和國居民身份
証

AU-YEUNG, CHAN &
HO, SOLICITORS

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及

往來港澳通行証

C20707525

及

中華人民共和國護照

E46112283

SO HUNG CHEUNG
(蘇雄章)

About 3-5 days
before 13 July 2025

A560804(2)

FONG & CO., JACK

LAU CHOY MAY
(劉彩薇)

23 December 2015

B914975

LEUNG PANSY TANG &
CHUA

Alias
LAM CHOY MAY