

**Press Statement on the Intervention into the Practice of Messrs. H. T. Ngan & Co.
by The Law Society of Hong Kong**

1. The Law Society of Hong Kong's earlier intervention into the practice of other law firms led to further investigation of the practice of Messrs. H. T. Ngan & Co. Based on the further investigation and after considering the written representations from Ms. Ngan Hiu Ting ("Ms. Ngan"), the sole practitioner of Messrs. H T Ngan & Co., on 30 December 2021, the Council considered that Ms. Ngan was unfit to practise and resolved to exercise its statutory power under section 8A(3) of the Legal Practitioners Ordinance to suspend Ms. Ngan from practice with immediate effect pending a decision of the Solicitors Disciplinary Tribunal constituted to deal with the matter.
2. On 31 December 2021 (today), for the protection of the interests of the clients of the firm and the public, the Council exercised its statutory power to intervene into the practice of Messrs. H. T. Ngan & Co. under section 26A(1)(h) of the Legal Practitioners Ordinance on the basis that Ms. Ngan, its sole practitioner, has been suspended from practice.
3. Messrs. Ronald Tong & Co. was appointed as the Intervention Agent in respect of the intervention into the practice of Messrs. H. T. Ngan & Co.

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4. Messrs. H. T. Ngan & Co. ceased practice immediately upon commencement of the intervention. No one including former principal and staff from the firm can continue working on any matter on behalf of the firm for its former clients. All enquiries in relation to the intervention into the practice of the firm should be directed to the Intervention Agent.

5. In the meantime, the Intervention Agent will contact clients appearing on the records of Messrs. H. T. Ngan & Co. to advise them of the situation and the steps they need to take in relation to their matters including the need to engage alternative solicitors and how to lodge claims for the return of money they have paid to the firm.
6. The Law Society will continue to vigilantly perform its regulatory role. It has set up a Steering Committee to conduct an overall review of any necessary reforms to enhance the regulatory role of the Law Society to best serve the public in a fair, transparent, efficient, accountable and cost-effective manner.

The Law Society of Hong Kong
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