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From the President
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To Editor/ Assignment Editor:

Thank you for your enquiry of 21 April 2022. We do not comment on individual cases where law firms intend to cease practice.

Generally speaking, subject to relevant restrictions in their practising certificates and compliance with relevant legal practice rules and regulations, qualified solicitors are at liberty to give notice to The Law Society of Hong Kong on their commencement or cessation of practice, without being required to provide reasons. Where a law firm intends to cease practice, the firm must notify the Law Society of the intended cessation in writing in a form approved by the Law Society at least 8 weeks prior to the date of cessation.

As a regulatory body for the law firms in Hong Kong, the Law Society deals with notifications to commence or cease practice in accordance with the Legal Practitioners Ordinance, the Law Society's Practice Directions and relevant rules and regulations.

As of 31 March 2022, there are 1,023 law firms in Hong Kong, 82 of which are foreign law firms.

Yours sincerely,

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President of The Law Society of Hong Kong
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致 傳媒編輯/採訪主任：

感謝您 2022 年 4 月 21 日的詢問。律師會不會就律師事務所計劃終止執業的個案作評論。

一般而言，除受其執業證書的有關限制，以及須符合相關法律執業規則和規例之外，合資格的律師可就開始或終止執業通知律師會而毋須提供理由。如果律師事務所計劃終止執業，該律師事務所必須在擬終止的日期前最少 8 周，以律師會核准的書面形式通知律師會有關終止執業的計劃。

作為香港律師事務所的監管機構，律師會根據《法律執業者條例》、律師會執業指引以及相關規則及規例，處理開始或終止執業的通知。

截至 2022 年 3 月 31 日，香港共有 1,023 家律師事務所，其中 82 家為外地律師事務所。

香港律師會會長 陳澤銘

2022 年 4 月 21 日