



Touting - Bankruptcy Cases

If you or a member of your family have problems repaying debts and are considering petitioning for bankruptcy, you should consider seeking legal advice.

Touting

If strangers approach you at the following locations: court buildings, Official Receiver's Office or other government offices and offer assistance to find a lawyer, be alert, as these people could be touts. They may offer the following:

- a lawyer who will not charge any fees;
- provide financial assistance including preparation of your legal documents for very small or even no fees;
- offer help to complete court forms, and arrange court hearings dates.

Legal Advice

If you need legal advice DO NOT accept help from these touts as they are not legally qualified. Instead of helping you, touts and the people they work for often provide misleading or even incorrect advice which will adversely affect your claim.

The simplest way to obtain legal advice is to directly go to see a solicitor.

Consider help by contacting the following:

The Law Society of Hong Kong

- ChooseHKLawyer.com - Select a solicitor who will provide up to 45 minutes of free legal consultation, or select the Tel-Law Scheme for preliminary legal advice; or
- Choose a solicitor by visiting: "Find Legal Services" on the Law Society web-page:
http://www.hklawsoc.org.hk/pub_e/
- Free Legal Helpline – 8200 8002

Unlawful agreements for legal services

Hong Kong law prohibits agreements with solicitors on a "no-win-no-fee" basis known as "contingency fees". It is a criminal offence for someone to encourage or financially support a case by agreeing to share with touts or solicitors any compensation awarded by the court.

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