



Press Release

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Ms. Melissa K. Pang re-elected as President of the Law Society of Hong Kong

The Council of The Law Society of Hong Kong re-elected Ms. Melissa K. Pang as President and Mr. Amirali B. Nasir, Mr. Brian W. Gilchrist and Mr. C.M. Chan as Vice-Presidents for the term 2019/20 at its meeting on 4 June 2019.

The list of Council members for 2019/20 is as follows:

List of Council Members (2019/20)

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Melissa K. Pang

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Amirali B. Nasir

Brian W. Gilchrist

C.M. Chan

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About The Law Society of Hong Kong

The Law Society of Hong Kong is the professional body of solicitors in Hong Kong vested with statutory powers to regulate the professional conduct of solicitors, trainee solicitors and foreign lawyers. It establishes and promotes good standards of practice and ensures their compliance by practitioners. The Law Society also offers its views from time to time on legal issues that are of public concern and promotes Hong Kong legal services locally and internationally. For more information, please visit: www.hklawsoc.org.hk

Melissa Kaye Pang, President of the Law Society of Hong Kong

Ms. Melissa K. Pang has been serving as a member on the Council of the Law Society since 2005. She was Vice-President from 2014 to 2017 and President in 2018. In 2019, she was re-elected President. Ms. Pang currently serves as Chairperson of the Consents Committee and the Pro Bono and Community Work Recognition Committee of the Law Society. She is also a member of several other committees overseeing compliance, policy and resources, constitutional affairs and human rights, external affairs, international legal affairs and Greater China legal affairs.

Ms. Pang is qualified to practise as a solicitor in Australia, England and Wales, and Hong Kong. She is also a Notary Public, Civil Celebrant, accredited mediator, associate member of the Hong Kong Institute of Arbitrators, and China Appointed Attesting Officer. Her main areas of practice are civil litigation, commercial law and property law. She is a Partner of Pang & Associates.

Ms. Pang is also Vice-President of LAWASIA. With her devotion to public service, Ms. Pang was awarded the Medal of Honour in 2006 and Justice of the Peace in Hong Kong in 2010.



Amirali B. Nasir, Vice-President of the Law Society of Hong Kong

Mr. Amirali B. Nasir has been involved in various Law Society committees since 1994. He first joined the Law Society Council in 2005 and was Vice-President from 2016 to 2018. In 2019, he was re-elected Vice-President.

Since 2005 he has been involved in the work of various committees either as chair or member. He presently chairs the International Legal Affairs Committee, Guide Working Party, Working Party on Solicitors' Practice Rules, Guidance Sub-committee to Review Rule 5AA of the Solicitors' Practice Rules, Solicitors' Accounts Rules Committee, InnoTech Committee, Working Party on Judiciary's Information Technology Plan, Constitutional Affairs and Human Rights Committee, Working Party on Dreamvar's Case, Working Party on Taxation in Civil Proceedings, Islamic Finance Working Party and Hong Kong Solicitors Indemnity Fund Ltd.

He has also been appointed as a representative on Statutory or Official Committees such as the Advisory Committee on Pilot Scheme for Provision of Publicly-funded Legal Assistance for Non-refoulement Claimants, Costs Committee, District Court Rules Committee, High Court Rules Committee, Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants - Ethics Committee, The Hong Kong Institute of Architects - Advisory Board and The Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors - Advisory Board.

Mr. Nasir is the founder of Nasirs Solicitors. His main areas of practice are litigation, company, commercial, islamic finance, property, trusts and notarial services.

Mr. Nasir was educated in, and first qualified as a solicitor, in London, UK. He moved to Hong Kong and first practised as a solicitor at a prominent local firm of solicitors after which he established his own firm of AB Nasir & Co. later renamed NASIRS. In addition to his practice as a solicitor in Hong Kong, he is enrolled as a solicitor in England and Wales and as a Notary Public by faculties granted in Hong Kong and in England and Wales respectively. Mr. Nasir is also a trustee of a local charitable trust serving the local community in all aspects of life. He was previously a member of the Equal Opportunities Commission. Mr. Nasir was appointed a Justice of the Peace in July 2005.



Brian W. Gilchrist, Vice-President of the Law Society of Hong Kong

Mr. Gilchrist has been serving as a Law Society Council member since 2009. He was elected Vice-President of the Law Society in 2018 and re-elected in 2019. In addition to serving on Council, he has acted as the Chairman and/or been a member of various Law Society committees and working parties, including the Standing Committee on Standards and Development, the PIS Claims Committee, the Standing Committee on Practitioners Affairs, the Standing Committee on Policy and Resources, the Hong Kong Solicitors Indemnity Fund Ltd and the Board of the Academy of Law.



Mr. Gilchrist is a partner of Clifford Chance and expert in risk management and dispute resolution, advising large corporations, major institutions and high net worth individuals on banking, insurance, tax, contentious probate, directors' duties and minority shareholders' rights. He was born and brought up in Zimbabwe, and educated at Sevenoaks School and Cambridge University in the UK. He is qualified to practise as a solicitor in England and Wales (1991) and Hong Kong (1995).

Mr. Gilchrist is the Honorary Legal Advisor to the British Consulate General in Hong Kong. He also represents the Law Society in Statutory and Official Committees of public bodies, including the Civil Court Users' Committee, the High Court Rules Committee and the Civil Justice Reform Monitoring Committee.

C.M. Chan, Vice-President of the Law Society of Hong Kong

Mr. C.M. Chan was elected Vice-President of the Law Society in 2018 and re-elected in 2019. Mr. Chan first joined the Council in 2016, and has since been involved in the work of Standing Committee on Compliance, Standing Committee on Practitioners Affairs, Standing Committee on Standards and Development, Standing Committee on External Affairs and various other committees. Mr. Chan was the founding chairman of In-House Lawyers Committee. He was nominated to represent the Law Society in the International Bar Association Corporate Social Responsibility Committee (2007 - 2012) and LAWASIA as Country Councillor (2016 - present). He serves on a number of statutory bodies, including the Board of Review (Inland Revenue) (2013 - 2018), HKICPA Disciplinary Panel and the Committee on Provision of Space in the Legal Hub.



Mr. Chan is qualified to practise as a solicitor in Hong Kong (1997) and England and Wales (2002). He is also a Civil Celebrant, Registered Financial Planner, and Chartered Tax Advisor. Mr. Chan holds an LLM degree from London School of Economics, an MBA degree from the University of Oxford and an MPA degree from Harvard University.

Mr. Chan had practised in a notable law firm, where he advised high net-worth clients and corporations in relation to their asset management, trust, succession and tax planning matters. Thereafter, he became a legal adviser of different Family Offices for prominent families. Mr. Chan is now a General Counsel of an investment company.