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#### **Press Release**

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# Mr. C.M. Chan re-elected as President of The Law Society of Hong Kong

The Council of The Law Society of Hong Kong re-elected Mr. C.M. Chan as President and Mr. Amirali B. Nasir, Mr. Roden M.L. Tong and Mr. Christopher K.K. Yu as Vice-Presidents for the 2022/23 term at its meeting on 30 August 2022.

The list of Council members for the 2022/23 term is as follows:

## **List of Council Members (2022/23)**

President

C.M. Chan

#### **Vice-Presidents**

Amirali B. Nasir Roden M.L. Tong Christopher K.K. Yu

#### **Council Members**

Melissa K. Pang	Warren P. Ganesh
Careen H.Y. Wong	Calvin K. Cheng
Kenneth Lam	Janet H.Y. Pang
Michelle W.T. Tsoi	Davyd Wong
Jimmy K.H. Chan	Tom K.M. Fu
Ronald K.N. Sum	Justin H.Y. Yuen
Simon J. McConnell	Pak Sun Hau
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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: <a href="https://www.hklawsoc.org.hk">www.hklawsoc.org.hk</a>

## C.M. Chan, President of The Law Society of Hong Kong

Mr. C.M. Chan first joined the Council of The Law Society of Hong Kong in 2016. In 2018, he was elected Vice-President of the Law Society and was reelected in 2019 and 2020. In 2021, Mr. Chan was elected as President of the Law Society, and re-elected as President in 2022. He was a member of the International Bar Association Corporate Social Responsibility Committee (2007 - 2012) and LAWASIA as EXCO Member (since 2020). He serves on a number of statutory bodies, including the Board of Review (Inland Revenue) (2013 - 2018), the Committee on Provision of Space in the Legal Hub (2016 - 2020), HKICPA Disciplinary Panel (since 2016), the Land Survey Disciplinary Board Panel (since 2021), the Law Reform Commission (since 2021) and the Trade and Industry Advisory Board (since 2022) and as a member of the Advisory Body on Outcome Related Fee Structures for Arbitration (since 2022). He is also an external examiner of the Department of Professional Legal Education, The University of Hong Kong, and the School of Law, City University of Hong Kong.



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 the 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 networth 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, a part-time consultant of a local law firm and the Head of the Centre for the Rule of Law, Hong Kong Policy Research Institute, a local think tank.

## 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 about 1995. He first joined the Law Society Council in 2005 and has been vice-president since 2016.

He presently chairs the Constitutional Affairs and Human Rights Committee, Guide Working Party, Working Party on Solicitors' Practice Rules, International Legal Affairs Committee, InnoTech Committee, Consents Committee, Solicitors' Accounts Rules Committee, Islamic Finance Working Party and the Solicitors Indemnity Fund Limited.

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, High Court Rules Committee, Court of Final Appeal Rules Committee, The Hong Kong Institute of Architects - Advisory Board, The Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors - Advisory Board, director of eBRAM, Council member of: (i) IBA, (ii) Union Internationale des Advocats (UIA) (Also Regional Secretary for Asia for UIA), and (iii) Commonwealth Lawyers Association.

Mr. Nasir is the founder of Nasirs<sup>®</sup> 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 England and Wales and still maintains his practising certificate. He was also admitted as a solicitor at the Dubai International Financial Centre. 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 practise as a solicitor in Hong Kong, he is enrolled as a Notary Public by separate faculties granted in Hong Kong and in England and Wales respectively. Mr. Nasir is also a trustee and Hon Treasurer of a local religious charitable trust serving the local community in all aspects of life. He was previously a member of the Equal Opportunities Commission and on the Committee on the Promotion of Racial Harmony.



## Roden M.L. Tong, Vice-President of The Law Society of Hong Kong

Mr. Roden Tong is the Chief Executive of Berkley Insurance Company. He leads the Hong Kong operations of Berkley Insurance Asia (a Berkley Company) with over 15 years' experience in Financial Lines and Specialty Claims across the Asia region. He has extensive experience and expertise in handling complex Financial Lines claim matters, including Lehman related investment mis-selling issues, US securities class actions against Hong Kong and PRC companies, US SEC investigations and major fidelity claims.

Mr. Tong was in private practice specialising in litigation and dispute resolution before moving to in-house role in 2007. His clients include multi-international clients, local listed and private companies, banks and financial institutions. Mr. Tong was admitted in Hong Kong.

# Professional Affiliations with The Law Society of Hong Kong

- Vice-President
- Chairman, Standing Committee on External Affairs
- Member, Standing Committee on Member Services
- Member, Standing Committee on Policy & Resources
- Chairman, Greater China Legal Affairs Committee
- Chairman, Legal Talent Recruitment Scheme (Trainee Solicitors) Committee
- Chairman, Recreation and Sports Committee
- Member, Consents Committee
- Member, Diversity and Inclusion Committee
- Member, Honours Committee
- Member, In-House Lawyers Committee
- Member, Insurance Law Committee
- Member, Legal "Fact Check" Committee
- Member, Property Committee
- Member, Professional Indemnity Scheme Panel Solicitors Selection Board
- Chairman, Teen Talk Organizing Committee
- Advisor, Cross Strait Four Regions Young Lawyers Forum 2022 Organising Committee
- Member, 5<sup>th</sup> Belt and Road Conference Organising Committee
- Chairman, Working Party for In-House Lawyers
- Chairman, Working Party for the Celebration of the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of HKSAR and the 115<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Law Society
- Member, Working Party on Chinese Translation of "Barrister" and "Solicitor"
- Member, Working Party on Dreamvar's case
- Member, Working Party on Election System
- Member, Working Party on Law Society Premises
- Member, Working Party on Review of the Law Society's Memorandum and Articles of Association
- Member, Working Party of the Law Society IT System
- Member, Working Party on the Young Solicitors' Group
- Member, Working Party on Unregulated Legal Service Providers

• Member, Legco Liaison Group

# **Interests**

Mr. Tong enjoys playing squash and golf. He represented The Law Society of Hong Kong in a number of golf tournaments.

# **Education**

- City University of Hong Kong, LLM
- University of Hong Kong, PCLL
- University of London, LLB
- The Flinders University of South Australia, BA

## Christopher K.K. Yu, Vice-President of The Law Society of Hong Kong

Mr. Christopher Yu is one of the partners of Howse Williams, one of the largest Hong Kong independent firms. He has a wide range of experience in corporate finance and regulatory matters including IPOs, takeovers, mergers and acquisitions, trading suspensions and resumptions and regulatory investigations. He also specialises in handling legal matters related to funds, trusts and formation of family offices, as well as clients' asset management and wealth succession. Mr. Yu was admitted to practise in Hong Kong and the United Kingdom.





## **Public Service**

Dec 2021	Member, the Panel of Advisers (Film Censorship), Office for Film, Newspaper and
	Article Administration of HKSAR
Dec 2021	Chairman of the Appeal Tribunal Panel, Planning and Lands Branch Development
	Bureau
Sep 2021	Member, PCLL Academic Board, City University of Hong Kong
Sep 2021	Chairman, Standing Committee on Compliance, The Law Society of Hong Kong
Aug 2021	Member, PCLL Academic Board, The Chinese University of Hong Kong
Aug 2021	Member, PCLL Academic Board, The University of Hong Kong
Aug 2021	Member, Board of the Hong Kong Academy of Law Limited
Aug 2021	Vice-President, The Law Society of Hong Kong
Feb 2021	Panel member, Appeal Board Panel under District Cooling Services Ordinance relating
	to the Kai Tak Development
Jul 2020	Member, Legal Education Committee, The Law Society of Hong Kong
Oct 2019	Member, Company Law Committee, The Law Society of Hong Kong
Oct 2019	Member, Standing Committee on Standards and Development, The Law Society of
	Hong Kong
May 2019	Council Member, The Law Society of Hong Kong