



**Press Statement on the Intervention into the Practice of
Messrs. T L IP AND CO by The Law Society of Hong Kong**

1. Mr Ip Tai Lui Leonard (“the deceased solicitor”), formerly the sole proprietor of Messrs. T L IP AND CO (“the Firm”), passed away on 23 August 2022.
2. The solicitor-manager appointed by the deceased solicitor in his will to manage the Firm upon his death pursuant to rule 5AA of the Solicitors’ Practice Rules (Cap 159H) practised as a consultant in the Firm (“Solicitor-Manager”) at the time of the death of the deceased solicitor.
3. Despite continuous liaison by the Law Society with the Solicitor-Manager and the family member of the deceased solicitor since the death of the deceased solicitor in August 2022, no satisfactory arrangements in connection with the practice of the Firm resulting from the death of its sole proprietor had been made.
4. The undue delay was unacceptable. For the protection of the public and the clients of the Firm, the Council thus resolved to intervene into the practice of the Firm pursuant to section 26A(1)(b) and/or section 26A(1)(n) of the Legal Practitioners Ordinance.
5. Messrs. Ronald Tong & Co were appointed as the Intervention Agent (“the Intervention Agent”) and the intervention took place on 9 November 2022.
6. All enquiries in relation to the intervention into the practice of the Firm should be directed to the Intervention Agent. The contact details of the Intervention Agent are as follows:

Contact Person: Ms Lee Wun Chee
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7. The Intervention Agent will contact the clients appearing on the records of the Firm 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 any money they have paid to the Firm.

**The Law Society of Hong Kong
9 November 2022**