

Claims to monies held in any bank accounts of Messrs. Wong, Fung & Co. (“the Intervened Firm”)

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- 1. Where can I obtain the statement of truth and declaration form in order to lodge a claim to monies held in any bank accounts of the Intervened Firm?**

You should download the statement of truth and declaration form from the Law Society’s website (www.hklawsoc.org.hk). You may also obtain the statement of truth and declaration form from the reception of Messrs. Chui And Lau Solicitors (the “**Intervention Agent**”) (address: Room 703-4, 7th Floor, Wing On House, 71 Des Voeux Road C., Central, Hong Kong).

- 2. Who can complete the statement of truth and declaration form for me?**

You or the new solicitor you have appointed may complete the statement of truth and declaration form. Please note that the Intervention Agent/Messrs. Cheung Tong & Rosa Solicitors, Messrs. P.C. Woo & Co., Messrs. Robertsons and Messrs. Vincent T.K. Cheung, Yap & Co. (collectively, the “**Four Firms**”) will NOT be able to complete the statement of truth and/or administer the execution of the declaration form for you as such firms have been retained by the Council of the Law Society (the “**Council**”) for the intervention of the Intervened Firm.

- 3. What documentary evidence do I need to submit to enable the Intervention Agent and the Four Firms to verify my claim?**

You may refer to **paragraph 4 of the notes to the statement of truth and declaration form** for the documentary evidence required.

- 4. Who can administer the execution of the declaration form for me?**

You may choose to use the free service available at the Home Affairs Enquiry Centres in 18 districts to administer the declaration. For further details, you may visit the Home Affairs Department’s website (www.had.gov.hk).

Alternatively, you may ask a practising solicitor in Hong Kong, a notary public (if executed outside Hong Kong) or other commissioners for oaths to administer the declaration for you. Please note that the provision of such service may not be free of charge.

- 5. What is the deadline for the submission of the statement of truth and declaration form?**

The Intervention Agent has placed notices in one Chinese newspaper, one English newspaper and the Gazette to invite potential claimants for monies held in the bank accounts of the Intervened Firm to submit the statement of truth and declaration forms. The first deadline for submission of the statement of truth and declaration form is 31 May 2021.

6. From whom can I ascertain that my statement of truth and declaration form has been received?

The Intervention Agent will issue to you an acknowledgement of receipt of your statement of truth and declaration form. If you have not received such acknowledgment of receipt after 7 days from the date of dispatch of your statement of truth and declaration form, you may contact the Intervention Agent by the following ways:-

Telephone : 2810 7822
Facsimile : 2845 0504

7. How long will it take for the Intervention Agent and the Four Firms to process my claim?

The time for processing your claim will depend on the complexity of your claim and the adequacy of the supporting documents provided by you. If the documents submitted by you are insufficient to substantiate your claim, the Intervention Agent/one of the Four Firms will telephone and/or write to you and/or your solicitor inviting you and/or your solicitor to provide further and better supporting documents within a certain period of time. As the total number of claims to be received in respect of monies held in the bank accounts of the Intervened Firm is expected to be voluminous, you need to be patient as it will take considerable time for the Intervention Agent and the Four Firms to verify all claims.

8. If I have completed the statement of truth and declaration form and submitted all documentary evidence required to substantiate my claim, will I be able to recover my money in full?

Even if the Intervention Agent/the Four Firms has/have verified and accepted your claim, you may still not be able to recover your money claimed in full as the amount of money to be distributed to you will depend on the number of claimants and the total amount of money kept in the bank accounts of the Intervened Firm. A court order will be obtained before any distribution of money is made.

9. When will the Intervention Agent file the relevant court application for, inter alia, distribution of money kept by the Intervened Firm to claimants with valid claims (the “Court Application”) on behalf of the Council?

The Intervention Agent will not make the Court Application before it has determined how much of the funds vested in the Council are clients’ money in which the Intervened Firm’s clients are beneficially entitled to, who is beneficially entitled to the funds and what is the amount of each claim. Sufficient time should be given to other claimants to lodge their claims to the Intervention Agent.

10. When will the Intervention Agent and/or the Four Firms notify me of the result of my claim?

The Intervention Agent/the Four Firms will notify you of the result of your claim after the verification of claims and the making of the relevant court order under the Court Application.