



Press Release

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31 August 2021

**Mr. C.M. Chan elected as
President of the Law Society of Hong Kong**

The Council of The Law Society of Hong Kong 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 term 2021/22 at its meeting on 31 August 2021.

The list of Council members for 2021/22 is as follows:

List of Council Members (2021/22)

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

Calvin K. Cheng

Doreen Y.F. Kong

Janet H.Y. Pang

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Justin H.Y. Yuen

Brian W. Gilchrist

Careen H.Y. Wong

Mark Daly

Kenneth Lam

Michelle W.T. Tsoi

Jimmy K.H. 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

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

Mr. C.M. Chan first joined the Council in 2016. In 2018, he was elected Vice-President of The Law Society and was re-elected in 2019 and 2020. In 2021, Mr. Chan was elected as President of The Law Society. Upon joining the Council, Mr. Chan has since been involved in the work of all 6 Standing Committees. Mr. Chan was the founding chairman of In-House Lawyers Committee. He is the incumbent Chairman of Greater China Legal Affairs Committee. 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, the Land Survey Disciplinary Board Panel (since 2021) and the Law Reform Commission (since 2021). He is also an external examiner of the Department of Professional Legal Education, the 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 the 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 and a part-time consultant of a local law firm.

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, International Legal Affairs Committee, InnoTech Committee, Consents Committee, Solicitors' Accounts Rules Committee 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, alternate director in eBRAM, council of IBA and Regional Secretary for Union Internationale des Advocats (UIA).

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 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 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 (Hong Kong Branch) and Head of Claims, Financial Lines Asia of Berkley Insurance Company. Mr. Tong 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

- Council Member
- Member, Standing Committee on Policy & Resources
- Chairman, Standing Committee on Member Services
- Member, Standing Committee on Standards and Development (up to October 2018)
- Member, Standing Committee on Practitioners Affairs
- Member, Consents Committee
- Member, In-House Lawyers Committee
- Member, Insurance Law Committee
- Member, Public Policy Committee (up to September 2020)
- Chairman, Recreation and Sports Committee
- Member, Professional Indemnity Scheme – Panel Solicitors Selection Board
- Chairman, Teen Talk Organizing Committee
- Member, Honours Committee
- Member, Legal "Fact Check" Committee
- Chairman, Legal Talent Recruitment Scheme (Trainee Solicitors) Committee
- Member, Working Party on Dreamvar's case
- Member, Working Party on Election System
- Member, Working Party of the Law Society IT System
- Member, Working Party on Unregulated Legal Service Providers
- Member, Working Party on the Young Solicitors' Group
- Chairman, Working Party for In-House Lawyers
- Member, Working Party on Law Society Premises

Interests

Roden 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 represents a broad spectrum of clients, ranging from listed companies, sponsors and underwriters, financiers, controlling shareholders, professional investors and minority shareholders. Mr. Yu qualified as a solicitor in Hong Kong and England and Wales.



Mr. Yu has extensive experience in handling small-to-mid cap listed company clients, having led the completion of 3 IPOs in 2020/2021. He currently represents a dozen of SME listed companies, both mainboard and GEM board listed companies on ongoing Listing Rules, Takeovers Code and general HK law Compliance. He is well-versed with the typical challenges SME listing candidates and listed companies face.

Mr. Yu is an active member in the legal community. He serves on multiple committees of the Law Society, including as the vice-chairman of the Standing Committee on Compliance, as a member of the Standing Committee on Standard & Development, as a member of the Company Law Committee and as a member of the Legal Education Committee. Over the last year, he has been heavily involved in the intervention of Wong, Fung & Co as a member of the monitoring committee of the largest intervention in the history of the Law Society. Owing to his experience in corporate finance, he regularly assists the Council on financial services related topics, including on views on amendment of legislation, market consultations of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange and the Securities and Futures Commission.

Public Service

Feb 2021	Panel member, Appeal Board Panel under District Cooling Services Ordinance relating to the Kai Tak Development
Jul 2020	Member, Legal Education Committee of the Law Society of HK
Oct 2019	Member, Company Law Committee of the Law Society of HK
Oct 2019	Member, Standing Committee on Standards & Development of the Law Society of HK
Oct 2019	Vice Chairman, Standing Committee on Compliance of the Law Society of HK
May 2019	Council Member, the Law Society of HK

Experience

2015	Partner	<i>Howse Williams</i>
2013	Partner	<i>Goodwin Procter</i>
2011	Senior associate	<i>Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton</i>
2009	Associate	<i>Latham & Watkins</i>
2008	Manager	<i>Morgan Stanley</i>
2002	Trainee solicitor and Associate	<i>Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer</i>