



From the President
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**Statement by President of The Law Society of Hong Kong
on suspected professional misconduct of legal practitioners**

1. The Law Society of Hong Kong today (23 May) held a press conference to respond to a recent complaint on suspected professional misconduct of legal practitioners, which is connected with a case concerning “The Law of the People’s Republic of China on Safeguarding National Security in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region” (“the National Security Law”).
2. On 12 May, the National Security Department of the Police Force reported on a case of suspected contravention of the National Security Law. Criminal investigation revealed that a number of solicitors and barristers were suspected of professional misconduct when providing legal services. Police thus made a complaint to The Law Society of Hong Kong and the Hong Kong Bar Association.
3. At today’s press conference, we confirmed that the Law Society has received the complaint from Police. We have already initiated an investigation into the allegations in accordance with the complaints and discipline mechanism set out in the Hong Kong Solicitors’ Guide to Professional Conduct.
4. As all investigations into professional misconduct are confidential, the Law Society cannot disclose any details. The Law Society would like to stress that, as a regulatory body for solicitors in Hong Kong, we attach great importance to the conduct of our members. The Law Society treats every complaint seriously and deals with them in a fair, impartial and objective manner, regardless of the gravity of the allegations and whether they are connected with any particular cases.

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5. The Law Society understands the concerns of the public about this complaint. We hope that the press conference would help members of the public better understand the relevant follow-up actions being taken by the Law Society. As the regulatory body for solicitors in Hong Kong, the Law Society will continue to fulfil its statutory obligations to follow up on complaints impartially and strive to enhance practice standards of the legal services industry.

C. M. Chan
President of The Law Society of Hong Kong
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President Mr C.M. Chan, Vice-Presidents Mr Amiral Nasir, Mr Roden Tong and Mr Christopher Yu host The Law Society of Hong Kong's press conference on 23 May 2022.