

## **Report on Committee on Arbitration 2017**

This year has been a very active year for this committee. We see that international commercial arbitration is an area our members can actively participate and to make their presence known. The committee has co-hosted a seminar with the International Chambers of Commerce to promote barristers' interest in international commercial arbitration. The seminar was well attended by over 100 participants including our members with a key-note speech by Lord Neuberger. We have now further arrange a joint seminar with the HKIAC in the coming January. We have also participated in the Department of Justice's trip to Kuala Lumpur to promote Hong Kong's arbitration.

In terms of legislative amendments, this is a very busy year. The Bar, via this committee, offered its comments on the Third Party Funding legislation and amendments to the Arbitration Ordinance. This committee has no hesitation to express its views on legislative changes which are good to Hong Kong and our profession.

Importantly, as a fine tradition of the Bar, we have repaid our debt by offering training and education to both our members by subsidizing junior members to participate in international events. Also this is the first year, the Hong Kong Bar offered a teaching course on international commercial arbitration to LLM students of Peking University. A total of 12 members from various seniority voluntarily offered to teach. I express my gratitude to the great contributions of our members.

We look forward to commence more initiatives for the benefit of members of the Bar and all constructive ideas are warmly welcome.

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