

Report on Committee on Companies Law 2017

The Committee on behalf of the Bar provided detailed comments on the Judiciary's proposed "Practice Directions on Shareholders Dispute – Stages 1 to 3" and the draft Companies (Amendment) Bill 2017 together with the proposed Guideline on the Keeping of Significant Controller Register. The comments had the benefit of the inputs from Jonathan Wong, Eva Sit, Vincent Chen, Hugh Kam, Sabrina Ho and Martin Kwok.

In addition, the Committee organized 2 seminars for the newly qualified or junior members of the Bar as part of their practice development. The first seminar was given by the Honourable Mr Justice Harris on "How to Make the Life of the Companies Judge Easier", and the presentation materials were prepared by Eva Sit with the assistance of Joshua Chan. The second seminar was given by Elizabeth Cheung and Alexander Tang on "Practice and procedure in Companies and Bankruptcy Courts and inspection proceedings". Both seminars were over-subscribed and were attended by over 120 members.

The Committee, with the input from Alexander Tang, prepared a proposal in support of the Bar's application for Professional Services Advancement Support Scheme on a project called "Hong Kong Law in a Nutshell" to promote law in Hong Kong. The proposal was accepted by the Government. It is anticipated that the Committee will be responsible for preparing the guidebook and conducting some of the seminars covering different areas of company and insolvency law.

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