

Report of the Special Committee on Overseas Admissions

1. As of 31 December 2015, there were a total of 34 applications for the admissions of overseas counsel to practise as a barrister in Hong Kong on ad hoc basis; as opposed to 47 in 2014. Of the 34 applications, 13 were for criminal cases.
2. This year the Special Committee consented to 25 applications, 11 applications were for criminal cases. It opposed to 7 applications, 2 were for criminal cases.
3. The total number of applications allowed by the Chief Judge was 27 (of which, 11 were for criminal cases).
4. Members of the Special Committees are:

Civil: Winnie Tam SC (Chairman), Paul Shieh SC, Andrew Liao SC, Gladys Li SC, Robert Whitehead SC, Clifford Smith SC, Stewart Wong SC, Eugene Fung SC, Hectar Pun SC, Douglas Lam SC, Benjamin Chain, Priscilla Wong, P Y Lo, Ling Chun-wai and Hew Yang-wahn.

Criminal: Michael Blanchflower SC (Chairman), Gary Plowman SC, John Reading SC, Wong Man-Kit SC, Peter Duncan SC, Joseph Tse SC, Selwyn Yu SC, James McGowan and Giles Surman.
5. We would like to express our thanks to every member of the Special Committees for their valuable time spent in considering these applications.

Winnie Tam SC
Chairman (Civil)

Michael Blanchflower SC
Chairman (Criminal)

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