

Report on Standing Committee on Overseas Admissions 2017

1. As of 31 December 2017, there were a total of 23 applications for the admission of overseas counsel to practise as a barrister in Hong Kong on an *ad hoc* basis, as compared to 32 in 2016. Of the 23 applications, 7 were for criminal cases.
2. This year the Standing Committee consented to 21 applications, 7 of which were criminal cases. It opposed 2 applications, both civil cases.
3. The total number of applications allowed by the Court was 23 (of which 7 were criminal cases).
4. Members of the Standing Committee are:

Civil proceedings: Stewart Wong SC (Chairman), Gladys Li SC, Robert Whitehead SC, Clifford Smith SC, Paul Shieh SC, Eugene Fung SC, Hectar Pun SC, Douglas Lam SC, Benjamin Chain, Samuel K.Y. Chan, Liza Jane Cruden, P Y Lo, Sanjay Sakhrani, Ling Chun-wai and Hew Yang-wahn.

Criminal proceedings: Graham Harris SC (Chairman), Gary Plowman SC, John Reading SC, Wong Man Kit SC, Peter Duncan SC, Joseph Tse SC, Selwyn Yu SC, James McGowan, Giles Surman and Charles J. Chan.
5. We would like to express our thanks to every member of the Standing Committee for their valuable time spent in considering these applications, to every member of the Bar who appeared for the Bar Council in contested applications before the Court, and to Ms Amy Lee and Ms Fiona Kwok of the Bar Secretariat for their invaluable support and assistance.

Stewart Wong SC
Chairman (Civil)

Graham Harris SC
Chairman (Criminal)

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