

## Report on Standing Committee on Pupillage and Limited Practice 2017

The new composition of this Standing Committee is as follows:

Jennifer Tsui (Chairman)  
Edwin Choy (Vice Chairman)  
Michael Liu  
Eric Leung  
Tony Li

As usual, this Standing Committee is responsible for processing applications and answering enquiries about the rules, practice and procedure in respect of pupillage and admission.

Pursuant to the implementation of the new Bar Code [Chapter 11.1(d)] which stipulates mandatory commencement dates of pupillage (i.e. 1<sup>st</sup> September, 1<sup>st</sup> December, 1<sup>st</sup> April and 2<sup>nd</sup> July), the Standing Committee has been more hectic in answering relevant enquiries and considering various applications for exemption. The Standing Committee has so far allowed 13 meritorious applications.

### Relevant statistics for reference

	2016/2017	2015/2016
No. of pupillage applications and ancillary applications	606	595
No. of pupils who have completed pupillage or serving pupillage	185	174
No. of pupils admitted as barristers	105 (86 admitted in 2017)	95 (84 admitted in 2016)

The Standing Committee wishes to acknowledge the assistance of Peace Lau and Jessica Lam of the Bar Secretariat who are faced with a heavy workload and have rendered valuable support to all members. Last but not least, as Chairman of the Standing Committee, I must thank all the other members for their time and contribution to facilitate the work of the Standing Committee.

Jennifer Tsui  
Chairman  
Standing Committee on Pupillage and  
Limited Practice

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