

## Report on Committee on Competition Law 2017

The Committee on Competition Law has had less public activities in 2017/2018 than the year before.

This is partly because some activities involving the Committee have not been public activities. They included an attempt to secure funding from the HKSAR Government to organize a competition law and practice course for Members of the Bar with a highly regarded faculty of teachers and to subvent overseas exchanges with competition regulators and legal practitioners in the Asia-Pacific region. Both funding applications had to be withdrawn in the event due to the combination of several unfavourable factors.

Another effort, which is ongoing, is to produce a Chinese language book on Hong Kong competition law. Like all writing projects, this venture needs the determination and co-ordination among the co-authors. Renewed undertakings have to be their resolve.

In 2017, the Competition Commission filed the first two applications with the Competition Tribunal for enforcement of the provisions of the Competition Ordinance (Cap 619). Both are first conduct rule cases, one involving bid-rigging and the other involving the combination of market-sharing and price-fixing. Members will hopefully hear more about these and other cases in the pipeline in talks in the coming year.

The Competition Commission and the Competition Tribunal have all along been very supportive of the Committee's initiatives. The Committee will continue to be the conduit for the Bar to engage with the authorities responsible for the cross-sector regulation of competition in Hong Kong. It is still hoped that the Bar's footprint can be expanded to other jurisdictions in the Asia-Pacific region to enable interested advocates to develop their expertise in this field from Hong Kong.

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