

## **Report on Committee on Construction Law 2018 (CConstL)**

The Committee was formed, following expressions of interest from members, in mid-2018 and has met together once. Work has been carried out by sub-groups, and in circulation.

### **Membership of the Committee:**

Anthony Houghton SC (Chairman), Thomas Lee (Vice Chairman), Nicholas Cooney SC, Calvin Cheuk (Hon. Secretary), King Wong, Jonathan Wong, Paul Barrett, Derek Fung, Stanley K. Ma, James Niehorster, Harrison Cheung, Julian Cohen, Kim Rooney, Matthew Cheung, Adela Mao, Ronald Pang and Christopher To.

1. The Committee has considered (i) training activities to promote construction law practice amongst barristers and (ii) outreach functions to promote the services of Hong Kong barristers within Hong Kong and outside, for instance under the Belt and Road Initiative and the Greater Bay Area, and (iii) consideration of the Bar Code of Conduct in relation to construction-related matters.
2. With a view to promoting future joint events, liaison work has commenced with:
  - (i) Society of Construction Law Hong Kong (“SCLHK”);
  - (ii) Hong Kong Legal Training Institute (“HKLTI”);
  - (iii) Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (“CIArb”);
3. A draft report on Paragraph 10.11 of the Bar Code of Conduct in the context of construction cases has been prepared (by Julian Cohen, Derek Fung and King Wong) for consideration by the Committee.
4. Initial proposals for a mock / demonstration arbitration have been formulated (by Adela Mao) and will be discussed at the next Committee meeting. The initial proposal is for such a demonstration to be presented jointly with an organization such as the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators. CIArb has come back (to Calvin Cheuk) with a positive response.
5. Discussions have taken place (Thomas Lee) with SCLHK regarding possible free entry to their monthly events for pupils (on a trial basis). The Committee (Calvin Cheuk) arranged for the SCLHK scholarship to be promoted via the Bar circulars.
6. The next meeting of the committee will be arranged for early January 2019.

Anthony Houghton SC  
Chairman  
Committee on Construction Law

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