

Report of the Special Committee on Overseas Admissions 2013

1. As of 6th December 2013, there were a total of 43 applications for the admissions of overseas counsel to practise as a barrister in Hong Kong on ad hoc basis; as opposed to 64 in 2012. Of the 43 applications, 14 were for criminal cases.
2. This year the Special Committee consented to 32 applications; eleven (11) applications were for criminal cases. It opposed 10 applications, of which, 2 were for criminal cases.
3. The total number of applications allowed by the Chief Judge was 35 (of which, 12 were for criminal cases).
4. Members of the Special Committees are:

Civil: Paul Shieh SC (Chairman), Andrew Liao SC, Gladys Li SC, Robert Whitehead SC, Charles Sussex SC, Clifford Smith SC, Anderson Chow SC, Russell Coleman SC, Stewart Wong SC, Eugene Fung SC, Benjamin Chain, Priscilla Wong, PY Lo, Hectar Pun and Douglas Lam.

Criminal: Michael Blanchflower SC (Chairman), Gary Plowman SC, Wong Man-Kit SC, Peter Duncan SC, Alexander King SC, Joseph Tse SC, Selwyn Yu SC and Osmond Lam.
4. We would like to express our thanks to every member of the Special Committees for their valuable time spent in considering these applications.

Paul Shieh SC
Chairman (Civil)

Michael Blanchflower SC
Chairman (Criminal)

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