

## **Report on Standing Committee on Overseas Admissions 2018**

1. As of 31 December 2018, there were a total of 31 applications for the admission of overseas counsel to practise as a barrister in Hong Kong on an *ad hoc* basis, as compared to 23 in 2017. Of the 31 applications, 7 were for criminal cases.
2. This year the Standing Committee consented to 27 applications, 6 of which were criminal cases. It opposed 4 applications, including 1 criminal case. Of these 4 applications, the Court allowed one and dismissed one, with 2 pending.
3. The total number of applications allowed by the Court was 23 (of which 6 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, Charles J. Chan and David Boyton.

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.

Graham Harris SC  
Chairman (Criminal)

Stewart Wong SC  
Chairman (Civil)

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