

## **Report of the Committee on Criminal Law & Procedure 2025**

This report outlines the work undertaken by the Committee on Criminal Law & Procedure (“**the CCrimLP**”) in 2025.

### *Remote Hearing for CFI Bail Proceedings*

On 30 July 2025, the Judiciary organised a demonstration of the trial run of remote hearings for bail proceedings in the Court of First Instance. Eight members of the Committee attended the demonstration. In addition to receiving a briefing on the arrangements of the remote hearing and visiting the relevant facilities located inside the court building, including the Privileged Communication Room, members tested out the system by splitting into groups and communicated between the Bench, the Bar table and the Remote Witness Room.

On top of the questions raised and feedback given by members during the demonstration, the Committee, with the helpful assistance of Miss Mavis Lam, prepared a written report on the demonstration and included in its comments and suggestions on the usage of the Privileged Communication Room and the handling of documents when using such room.

### *35<sup>th</sup> POLA Summit*

In August 2025, Mr Lawrence Pang, Mr Gordon Chan and Miss Kelly Cheng of the Committee prepared a paper on Retrial and Criminal Justice Systems to facilitate the Bar Chairman in his discussions of the topic at the 35<sup>th</sup> Summit of Presidents of Law Associations in Asia (“**POLA**”) held in India.

### *LPP Identifier on Correspondence Envelopes issued by HKBA to Persons-in-Custody*

In October 2025, the Correctional Services Department (“**CSD**”) made enquiries as to whether correspondence issued by the HKBA to persons-in-custody might be covered by legal professional privilege and if yes, whether an identifier would be placed on the envelope of such correspondence. Ms Vinci Lam SC and Mr Robert S.K. Lee SC, Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Committee, assisted the Bar Council in preparing a written reply to the CSD.

### *Phase 2 of the Expansion of the Sexual Conviction Record Check Scheme*

In October 2025, the Secretary for Security wrote to the HKBA to introduce the arrangements for the further expansion of the Sexual Conviction Record Check Scheme and invited the HKBA to join the Promotional Partner Programme for the Scheme. Ms Vinci Lam SC, Mr Robert S.K. Lee SC and Mr Benson Y.M. Tsoi SC of the Committee provided comments on the same.

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