

## **Report of the Committee on Family Law (CFamL) for 2025**

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During 2025 CFamL has undertaken the following activities:-

In July 2023, at the invitation of the Chief Judge of the High Court the Chair and Vice Chair of CFamL, Mairéad Rattigan SC and Eugene Yim were nominated by the Bar Association to be appointed as members of the Family Procedure Rules Committee (“**FPRC**”). The FPRC is chaired by the Hon. Mr. Justice Jeremy Poon with other members being representatives from the Judiciary, Law Society and Department of Justice. The inaugural meeting of the FPRC was held on 26 October 2023. The work of CFamL on the FPRC remains ongoing with CFamL being tasked from time to time with providing comments from the Bar on various batches of the draft family procedure rules as and when they are drafted by the DOJ and Judiciary.

In April 2025, at the request of the Bar Council the CFamL conducted a review of a draft letter to the Hong Kong Government on Collective Responsibility on Child Protection that had been prepared by the Hong Kong Committee on Children’s Rights. CFamL supported the decision to issue the joint letter to the Government.

In August 2025 the Standing Committee on Legal Education (SCLE) agreed to seek the views of the CFamL on reviewing and assessing the syllabus for the Family Law Course of the PCLL at HKU and City U following concerns that have been raised by an external examiner. Lareina Chan, as a member of SCLE and CFamL has been appointed by SCLE to form a working group on this and to liaise with CFamL. CFamL still awaits materials from Lareina Chan for review on this.

As Chairperson of the CFamL, Mairéad Rattigan has attended several lunch meetings over the course of the year with the Principal Judge of the Family Court, HH Judge Ivan Wong and other Family Court Judges and Masters to maintain open channels of communication between the Bar and the Family Court Judiciary.

Jeremy Chan, former Vice-Chairperson and member of CFamL, has been tasked on behalf of CFamL, with liaising with and assisting the Family Court Judiciary to revise the format of the Form E. This will update the format of how financial information is to be disclosed in Ancillary Relief proceedings to stay abreast of significant developments in Family Law and various sociological changes such as the evolution of digital assets. Jeremy Chan is also liaising with the Law Society and his work on this is ongoing.

On 28 October 2025, the CFamL organised and held a mock Financial Dispute Resolution hearing (FDR) to give pupils and young members of the Bar a demonstration of how such a hearing should be conducted. This was attended to capacity at Denis Chang's Chambers by 60 attendees made up of pupils and barristers. The mock FDR was presented by members of the Committee including Mairéad Rattigan, Eugene Yim, Bonnie Cheng, Peter Barnes, Madeleine Booth, Vivien Leung, Terri Ha and Cristian Tsang.

On 13 November 2025, CFamL arranged with the Principal Judge of the Family Court, HH Judge Ivan Wong to hold a talk to members of the Bar on the procedure for First Appointments and Children's Appointments in the Family Court. The talk was organised by Eugene Yim, it was held at the Mega Courtroom in Wanchai Court and given by Master Stanley Ho and Master TK Lam. There were 120 attendees including 60 pupils and barristers. At the request of the Judiciary this talk was also opened for members of the Law Society to attend. Mairéad Rattigan and Eugene Yim attended the talk on behalf of CFamL.

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