

Special Committee on Legal Education

1. The membership of the Special Committee on Legal Education for 2009 is as follows:

Mr. Edward Chan SC (Chairman)
Ms. Elaine Liu (Hon Secretary)
Mr. Kenneth Kwok SC
Ms. Lisa Wong SC
Mr. Godfrey Lam SC
Ms. Lisa Remedios
Mr. Michael Liu
Mr. Selwyn Yu
Mr. Richard Khaw
Mr. Cheung Kam Chuen
Mr. Michael Yin
Mr. Colin Wong.
Mr. Wong Ka Chun (Director of Legal Education)

2. The bulk of the work of the Committee in this year is to monitor the PCLL programme of the University of Hong Kong, the City University of Hong Kong and also the Chinese University of Hong Kong, being the three universities offering this programme for the training of practicing lawyers. Some members of this Committee also sit on the PCLL Academic Boards of these three universities.
3. Members of this Committee also made decisions on the recommendation to be made to the Bar Council for the grant of exemption on ALE points and also on whether to issue full practicing certificates to those pupils who for one reason or another have not been able to obtain the 14 ALE points during their pupillage upon their undertaking to obtain the missing ALE points within the time prescribed by the Bar Council.
4. Some members of the Committee have also assisted in the advocacy training of pupils and young barristers and also in the advocacy training courses and moot programmes of the universities.

5. With the advancement of technology, most of the discussion and exchange of views amongst members are conducted by e mail exchanges and there was only one formal meeting held during the year to resolve the question of the requirement to repeat the Bar elective subjects for PCLL repeat students of the University of Hong Kong because members could not reach an unanimous decision on this point through e mail exchanges.
6. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all members of the Committee especially those who participated in the vetting of the PCLL teaching materials of the universities for their hard and constructive work and also the Director of Legal Education for his support of the work of this Committee.

Edward Chan, SC
Chairman

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