

Report of the Special Committee on Practice Promotion

It has been a busy year for the Committee. On 24th January 2008 the Court of Appeal handed down its decision in *Kwok Hay Kwong v. Medical Council of Hong Kong [2008]3HKLRD 524*. This decision has significantly clarified the law relating to practice promotion/advertising as it applies to professionals bound by Professional Codes of Conduct.

Accordingly the Special Committee was tasked

“To consider and report to the Bar Council on whether any and if so what changes should be made to the section on the Code of Conduct relating to advertising, touting and publicity, with particular regard to the decision of the Court of Appeal in Dr. Kwok-Hay Kwong v. The Medical Council of Hong Kong CACV 373 of 2006”.

The Special Committee has submitted its report to the Bar Council. The Report has recommended significant changes to our Code of Conduct in relation to practice promotion to ensure that our Code is compliant with the law as explained in the *Kwok Hay Kwong* case. The Report has been endorsed by the Bar Council and copies have been circulated to all members. The same will be discussed in the forthcoming AGM when the proposed amendments to the Code will be put to a vote.

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