

Report of the Standing Committee on Practice Development 2019

1. The Standing Committee on Practice Development (“**the Standing Committee**”) held 3 meetings during the year. Members of a range of seniority volunteered to assist in the planning and organization of the following events.

Bench and Bar Dialogue

2. The Standing Committee continued its “Bench/Bar Dialogue” initiative which seeks to encourage exchanges and sharing of views, knowledge, experiences and good practices between the Bench and the Bar.
3. On 10 October 2019, Mr Joseph TO Ho-shing, Magistrate was invited to share his views on common pitfalls of conducting trials at the Magistrates’ Courts and on the proper use of Puncta when conducting trials. About 19 members and pupils attended the event. There was a lively exchange and sharing of ideas and knowledge between Mr To and the audience.
4. Further talks will be arranged next year that will cover other aspects of barristers’ practice including areas related to Arbitration and Company law.

“Career Path and Crossroads” Series

5. The Standing Committee also held its first session of a new series of talks, namely, the Career Path and Crossroads series, with existing members or former members of the Bar of a diverse range of career history who will be invited to share their career paths and insights in professional development with other members.
6. The first talk of the Career Path and Crossroad series was held on 27 November 2019 in the Jurors’ Assembly Room. The speakers were Mr Richard Khaw S.C. and Ms Maggie Wong S.C. They shared their career paths and insights in professional development with other members.

Working Group on Sports Law and Practice

7. The Working Group on Sports Law and Practice (“**the Working Group**”) was established in December 2018, with a view to explore and expand practice areas and opportunities for the Bar in the sports field.
8. The Working Group continued its work this year and met with other stakeholders, including the Department of Justice, the Law Society and Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre, to develop sports arbitration in Hong Kong. The next steps would be for the Working Group to draft the arbitration rules for consultation.
9. Core members of the Working Group also reached out to some sports bodies to gauge their interests in participating the proposed sports arbitration model. The response has been positive so far.

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