## Report of the Committee on Construction Law 2023

1. The Construction Law Committee comprises the members listed below.

Thomas W.M. Lee (Chairman) Calvin Y.C. Cheuk (Vice Chairman) Anthony K Houghton, SC Charles K.C. Chan Paul N. Barrett Derek Chi Keung Fung Stanley Kilian H.F. Ma James Niehorster Harrison C.H. Cheung Julian A. Cohen Kim Margaret Rooney Jacky Hei-Ching Chan Alan H.L. Lo Solomon L.F. Lam Victor T.S. Lui Matthew W.W. Cheung Jonathan Y.H. Chan Kaiser K.H. Leung Keith Tam Adela Mao Mao Ronald Tse Fung Pang Pakco P.F. Chan Christopher Wing To Phillip Rompotis Calvin Siu Lun Law.

- 2. The Committee's priority is promoting the education, study and practice of construction law by barristers, especially junior barristers. The Committee considers this best be done through live events with live interaction.
- 3. The Committee commenced a construction disputes training programme in 2021-2022. The Committee resolved to revise the programme and offer it again in 2023, but this did not get beyond a well-received introductory session in the spring.
- 4. Prospectively, this programme will be rebooted in 2024, and expanded to comprise six talks, each of longer duration. Enrolment going forward will be open not just to pupils and barristers, but also (in co-operation with the Society of Construction Law Hong Kong) to trainees, solicitors and industry professionals. Live talks will be conducted at various chambers or law firms, so as to allow a greater number of participants and some interaction at the conclusion of each.
- 5. The Committee has given consideration to raising with the Judge in charge of the Construction and Arbitration List the possibility of setting up a consultative committee of legal practitioners akin to the TCC Users' Committee in England & Wales (as provided for under paragraph 6 of PD 6.1) to facilitate the smooth running of the list. No decision has been taken on this to date.

6. The Committee continues to explore other options for the promotion of construction law within and outside the Bar. Members are actively involved in the consideration and award of scholarships by the Society of Construction Law Hong Kong to pupils interested in pursuing a practice in construction law.

Thomas W.M. Lee Chairman Committee on Construction Law

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