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Press Release

1. The Bar welcomes the following proposed appointments to the Court of Final Appeal:
 - (a) Mr. Justice Joseph Fok JA of the Court of Appeal to be a permanent judge;
 - (b) Mr. Justice William Montague Charles Gummow AC (formerly a Justice of the High Court of Australia) to be a non-permanent judge; and
 - (c) Mr. Justice James Spigelman AC (formerly the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of New South Wales, Australia) to be a non-permanent judge.
2. The Bar understands that the proposed appointments to the Court of Final Appeal were based on the recommendations of the Judicial Officers Recommendation Commission which were made after the most careful and mature consideration.
3. All the proposed appointees have a wealth of judicial experience and are well respected in the local and international legal community. Upon endorsement by LegCo, their appointments will further enhance and strengthen the ability of the Court of Final Appeal to continue with its fine tradition of upholding the Rule of Law in Hong Kong.

1. 香港大律師公會歡迎下列任命終審法院法官之建議:
 - (a) 任命高等法院上訴法庭霍兆剛法官為終審法院常任法官;
 - (b) 任命前澳洲高等法院法官甘慕賢先生(Mr. Justice William Montague Charles Gummow AC)為終審法院非常任法官;
 - (c) 任命前澳洲新南威爾斯最高法院首席法官施覺民先生(Mr. Justice James Spigelman AC)為終審法院非常任法官;
2. 香港大律師公會了解是次終審法院法官的建議任命, 是根據司法人員推薦委員會經過審慎考慮後所作出的推薦而敲定的。
3. 三位法官都具有豐富的司法經驗, 備受本地和國際的法律業界尊崇。一經立法會確認後, 他們的任命將有助香港終審法院貫徹其優良傳統, 繼續捍衛香港的法治。