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HKBA confers Life Membership on Graham A. Harris, S.C.

The Hong Kong Bar Association (“HKBA”) today conferred the title of Life Member on Mr. Graham A. Harris, S.C. in recognition of his outstanding service rendered to the administration of justice, and legal profession in Hong Kong including his exceptional contributions to nurturing young barristers.

The resolution was passed unanimously at the Extraordinary General Meeting today, making Mr. Harris the 9th Life Member of the HKBA.

Mr. Harris is an extraordinary prosecutor and defender with widespread practice, specialising in criminal law, with emphasis on “White Collar Crime” and regulatory matters. His top-notch advocacy skills are well-known. Called to the Bar of England and Wales in 1975 and admitted to the Hong Kong Bar in 1985, he was appointed as Crown Counsel in the then Attorney General’s Chambers in Hong Kong in 1984, rising to Deputy Principal Crown Counsel (Consultant) before turning to private practice in 1995. He was appointed as Senior Counsel in 2011.

“Graham is well known for his devoted and selfless contribution to the development of legal profession,” said Mr. José Antonio Maurellet, S.C., Chairman of the HKBA. “He has mentored over 100 pupils at his time at the Hong Kong and England Bar – a record that may be unmatched by many Senior Counsel – and inspired many more by speaking regularly at HKBA’s Advanced Legal Education courses for pupillage, imparting legal knowledge and ethical conduct without reservation, nurturing and inspiring countless successors, and successfully cultivating many barristers who can stand alone in various areas of law. He is also a guest lecturer at a number of universities in the Mainland,” said Mr. Maurellet.

“Graham has been a model and encouragement to many of us. In my eyes, he represents what the Bar is at its best: kind, generous with his time, principled and independent,” Mr. Maurellet added.

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Life Members and Honorary Life Members are awarded by the HKBA to recognise persons who have rendered outstanding service to the HKBA or to the administration of justice in Hong Kong. With Mr. Harris' conferment, a total of 20 barristers has been awarded Life Member or Honorary Life Member of the HKBA.



Mr. Harris at the Bar Mess 2017



Mr. Harris (Credit: Liberty Chambers)