## **Statement of the Hong Kong Bar Association ("HKBA")**

It was reported that threatening letters containing suspected corrosive substances were delivered to two courts in Hong Kong on 11 and 16 November 2021.

HKBA reiterates what was repeatedly stated in our statements issued on 9 December 2019, 2 January 2020 (jointly with the Law Society), 23 November 2020, 6 December 2020, 29 May 2021 and 9 July 2021.

Any attack on a judge or judicial staff is an attack on justice. Judges must be absolutely free to carry out their judicial duties without any interference, fear or favour. HKBA strongly condemns these acts of criminal intimidation against judicial officers and judicial staff in relation to the above reported incidents.

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