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### **HKBA Expressed Deep Sorrow over Passing of Former NPJ Sir Anthony Mason**

The Hong Kong Bar Association (“HKBA”) expressed deep sorrow over the passing of the Honourable Sir Anthony Frank Mason, GBM, a former Non-Permanent Judge (“NPJ”) of the Hong Kong Court of Final Appeal (“CFA”), and extended sincere condolences to his family.

“Sir Anthony Mason was one of the first NPJs drawn from another common law jurisdiction to serve on the CFA after its establishment in 1997. During his tenure, he harnessed his exceptional wisdom and devoted efforts to support the CFA in establishing its standing in the common law world, thereby achieving universal recognition in Hong Kong and beyond. His contribution to the then nascent CFA was very significant especially in particular in the area of constitutional law, which in the context of the “One Country, Two Systems” principle and the Basic Law, is of vital legal importance for Hong Kong”, said Mr. José Antonio Maurellet, S.C., Chairman of the HKBA.

The HKBA conferred the title of Honorary Life Member to Sir Anthony in 2012, making him the first NPJ drawn from another common law jurisdiction to receive this honour.

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